**Wallingford Elementary School**

**Parent-Teacher Organization**

**April 13, 2021**

**AGENDA**

**Call to Order 6:05pm**

**Approval of minutes from 3/9/21 meeting**

**Committee Thank You’s**

* Our Weekly/Monthly Working Committees: Treasurers, Secretary, WES Mail, Website, Car Line, Homeroom Parents and Coordinator.
* Spring Book Fair: Sarah Rodowicz, Colleen Glackin
* Hospitality (Conference Lunch): Anamarie Jones, Christina Gaffney

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| Audra Bach | Jency Weeks | Jeanette Kaplan | Dawn Dankanich |
| Candice Rogers | Beth Benzing | Melissa Carden | Mary DiSilva |
| Gabriel Savage | Colleen Thom | Erin Stancill | Janine Berstein |

* Restaurant Night: Courtney Kelly
* Sustainability for Earth Day: Erin Stancill, Katie Poland, Renee Joyner and Jess Trout
* Citizenship: Erin Thomson
* Lost and Found: Jess Trout
* Spirit Wear: Jency Weeks, Kellie Garson
* Nominating Committee: Patty Briganti, Lauren Shank, Erin Stancill, Michele Henriques, Sally Robbins, Gina Lazzari

* Special Guest Paula Saidman from SHMS Home and School - 6th grade kit - includes everything we need for $75.00. It is color coordinated. It will be done through a store. We will have till June to order.  It will be available in August. It will be all done online for payment.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Submitted by Fran Yan

**This report spans: 3/9/2021 - 4/11/2021**

We started the period with a cash balance of **$49,773.84**

We had deposits of **$0**

And withdrawals of **($4,685.06)**

Leaving us with a balance of **$45,088.78**

**Highlights**

Deposits:

No Deposit for this period

Withdrawals:

$1,998.97 – Library

$1,183.19 -- Staff Appreciation

$475.65 – Visiting Author

$422.50 – Bingo Night

$404.78 – Wish List

**Reminders**

Deposits have all been labeled, please continue to do so

**Total Expense vs. Deposits SYTD – 07/1/20-4/11/21**

Beginning Balance: $39,621.57

Expenses: (**$24,969.67)**

Deposits:  **$30**,**436.88**

**Net YTD:    $5,467.21**

Ending Balance: $45,088.78

**Committee Reports (Committees at work have the opportunity to report, share good news/feedback, ask for help/advice/input**

* **Swarthmore Pizza WES Spirit Night** - *(Candice reported for Courtney)* - April 20th - 4pm to 9pm. Eat in, take out and delivery. Will be on websites, Facebook, etc.
* **Spring Book Fair** - *(Candice reported for Sarah Rodowicz)* - It was easier since things were shipped to each person directly. Ordering has been down this year, but they had a great selection of books. She will work with Ms. Chaffetz in the future. We went with this company so we would get more money back. We will likely use Follett in the future.
* **Spring Spirit Wear Sale** - *(Jency Weeks reported)* - 42 items were purchased during the spring sale. There is a request for water bottles.  They plan to do it in the Fall. Those have to be preordered and sold. Have to order 200 bottles. People also asked about hand sanitizer which they can't get at a clothing store. She is wanting to get the kids involved to help guide the styles for the future. She is thinking about doing a small video AD, having students draw the best raccoon, etc.

* **Sustainability** - Earth Day initiatives - *(Erin Stancill reported)* Upcoming tree sell - almost sold out! They hope people will take pictures when they are planted and share them with us. There are a lot of people signed up for Earth Day clean up on Saturday, April 24th. Crayon and marker collection have also started and will run until April 23rd.

* **Grounds and Greens** - Earth Day clean up at WES - *(Colleen Thom reported)* - Will need help weeding the garden in the front. They are also working at other times on the atrium and flower beds. If you are free then please contact them.

* **Citizenship** - Shoe Drive - *(Candice reported for Erin Thomson)* - 2500 pairs of shoes are needed to reach our goal. Just as a reminder they accept slippers, flip flops, sneakers, dress shoes. Male, female and kids. It will end May 28th.

* **Hospitality** - Teacher Appreciation - (*Candice reported for Christina Gaffney)* - Teacher Appreciation Week is May 3rd to 7th. Still working on some of the logistics for the teacher meal. It is typically a breakfast, but we may consider doing it as a lunch this year on the asynchronous Wednesday. Mr. Savage is checking with the teachers to see if they would be comfortable eating together. They will be offering baskets again. You can sign up on the sign up genius that will be emailed out next week. We have not decided if we will assign teachers or keep it general yet. We also plan to send communication through the Homeroom Parents to have students brings flowers in for their teachers.
* **Nominating Committee** - (*Erin Stancill reported)* - They have found a couple who are excited to work on the website! They need another 5th grade parent rep, 2 people to run the car line and 1 more person for directory.

* **May Day** - *(Candice reported for Committee)* - We are hoping May Day will happen in some form this year. Mr. Savage is meeting with the Pandemic Committee this week. 5 out of 6 Committee people are on board for planning something.
* **Staff Retirements** - *(Candice reported)* - So far we have Norma Long (Secretary) and Ms. Scardillo (1st Grade aide) retiring. We are brainstorming ideas for them. Usually we do a reception, but not sure that will be doable this year with Covid restrictions.

* **Spring Direct Appeal** - *(Candice reported)* - We sent the letters out yesterday. Hoping to raise enough money to buy an ADA picnic table for the playground, a regular picnic table and a bench for the playground. They are hoping to raise enough money to cover costs they didn't expect to spend this year.

**Principal Report: Mr. Savage**

* Norma is in her 38 year and is retiring.MS. Scardillo is almost 40 years here.
* It is the elementary kids 3rd week of full in person. Thank you to the staff for helping   
   them get adjusted.
* Teachers are settling into routines. It is the closest thing to normal since March 2020.
* They are working on streamlining Carline and walkers. He is working with Chief Splain.
* A schedule will be coming out shortly for PSSA. The OA students will come in on the     
   opposite days that the in school kids will be taking them. A transportation survey will   
   be going out to tell the school if it needs buses for the OA kids and they will be   
   coming in the morning.
* Looking forward to spending time with the winners of the Bingo night raffles.
* Looking to do something in the realm of “field day” for all students. This could be class by class in the gym or another way.
* Planning kind of modified plan for the 5th grade dance held in the parking lot by classes. Hoping to do it by the 3rd week of May.

**Open Floor (A time to share new ideas, ask questions, general discussion)**

* Beth Benzing - typo in email for 4 kids with Covid. It should have been 1. She asked the protocol for students who are home?

Contact tracing within school.

Contract tracing at home

Letter to parents and call Dr. Palmer.

Looking back at 48 hours of who they were near.

Technically, don't come online till day four, so the Teacher has time to load assignments.

* Melissa Carden - Expressed concern over the traffic at pick up and drop off. She is worried about the walkers and bikers by the train station, since there is increased traffic. The problem is coming out of the school backlot along Kershaw. Chief Spain had someone come out recently by the train station and said he only saw about 8 kids move through that area. Suzanne said there will be a sidewalk going in on Possum Hollow. Mr. Savage will take a look and see how things look at dismissal one day.

* Ms. Kaplan thanked the parents for being amazing. She said she has worked with   
   teachers at other schools and WES is the BEST. Also, thank you for the mini-grants items. They have already started using the mats outside when the kids need a dry place to sit for snack. She said WES is a very special place.

**Introduction of School Board Candidates:**

* *Kelly Wachtman - Region 1 (since 2017, 2 years as VP)*
* *Kevin Henry - Region 1 - (his kids went to WES)*
* *Rachel Holbert - Region 2 - (2 sons 1 in college and 1 Senior in HS)*
* *Amy Caruso - Region 1 - (children went to WES)*
* *Suzanne Guille - Region 1- New to the area and PA.*

**Q&A for candidates:**

- Mary DiSilva asked Kelly Wachtman - Her son in middle school said he did not have plexiglass on his desk and she asked if this was standard since we were told most desks would have the plexiglass attached. Kelly said all should have it and she will check.

**Adjournment - 7:20 pm**