

Wilkes PTO Meeting Minutes Feb 22, 2010

Meeting called to order by President Kat Gilmore at 9:20am.

Introductions and Attendees: Sally Kidder Davis, Kat Gilmore, Carrie Defoe, Trish Franznick, Sheryl Belt, Erin Jennings, Marisa Lanning, Julie Yunt.

Just Know Co: Sally Kidder Davis

Sally gave a presentation on the Just Know Coalition. The Just Know Co. is a small group hoping to expand. It started in 2003 out of concern for the prevalence of abuse of alcohol and drugs by teens. Ken Crawford brought Just Imagine together to form Just Know. Through the years, Just Know has brought in various speakers to speak on child safety and has expanded its support to all children as well as parents. Some of the speakers they have presented are; Madeline L'Engle, Linda Lantieri (program for kids of 9-11), and Jeanne Beagle. This year Just Know will screen the movie "Race to Nowhere" at the High School Commons. The movie illustrates the mounting pressure today's children go through. The screen date is March 1st and the cost is \$12 per person. Also featured will be "Getting to Calm" by Laura Kastner April 24 at Island School, limited seating available for this event.

Just Know also sponsors events at Yonder for people who work with kids. Just Know is a dynamic and active group supporting kids and parents. Sally spoke to the PTO to help generate interest in these upcoming programs. For more information please visit the website at Justknow.org. They are also looking for sponsors and volunteers for upcoming events.

District on-line resources: Lynn Ukich.

Lynn wanted to bring to our attention the amazing resources available through the school that parents and kids can use at home. Lynn is teaching kids the tools to research using these sites. All the links can be accessed through the Wilkes Home Page (however, several of the sites need passwords so please check in with Lynn Ukich to obtain a password). From the Wilkes Home page, go to Library Resources. One may search any library in the district from the site. Research for school papers may be done on this site. For example, using Penguin in search box, the site brings up appropriate source sites and library books, videos, and other site already screened by the library. The sites have a search modifier to find age appropriate content, so one can search for appropriate content for younger kids as well as High School aged students.

With information like an encyclopedia, videos, bibliographies, dictionary, primary source material, the range of options is astounding. Culture grams even has kids area for countries. Contact Lynn Ukich for more information regarding passwords. The Wilkes PTO web site will have links and information coming soon.

Science Fair: Marisa Lanning

The Science Fair is rolling along, the students already had their SF assembly and we look forward to March 25th to see all the great ideas they come up with.

All of the Science material INCLUDING THE SIGN UP FORM is entirely online and can be accessed from the Wilkes Website. We are still in need of Interviewers for March 25th (time 10:30am – 1:45pm). If anyone has questions they may contact Marisa at marisalanning@hotmail.com or the Wilkes office. The PTO budget for the Fair is \$200.

Auction- Budget: Kat Gilmore

Kiana lodge fees are set. The budget is \$1900, down from last year. This year there will be no open bottles of wine on table, instead, one drink ticket will come with the entrance tickets with one bar open for purchase of further drinks. Kat will retain the seating arrangements going back to 25 tables of 10, with dessert dash. This year there will be a different audio.

The budget was approved by voice vote.

The Wilkes PTO will again volunteer at the Ordway auction to help with Check out. Ordway will do the same at Wilkes. Kat will follow up on Teachers experience.

Volunteer of the Month: Julie Yunt

The volunteer of the month is Ariel Montgomery for all of her excellent work on the school Auction Art projects.

Principal's Report: Sheryl Belt

The BI school district is waiting for legislature to act on school budget before it can look at its budget. Budget committees have met to go over possible budget scenarios, but cannot act until know how much will be cut.

The plans for a new Wilkes are already happening. Meetings have been scheduled for focus groups to go over aspects of the new school and the public is invited. Designs will come out later in Spring. The following focus groups will meet; March 27:- 8:30 and: Tuesday April 13th. Principal Belt will send out reminders via ListServ. The school district will mail out postcards to neighbors to talk about traffic issues. The committee is plugging along making great progress especially with conservation plans.

Seniority list has been reviewed for teachers to include past experiences.

Wilkes is looking into have Tom Ahearne give a small presentation on the lawsuit during the auction. The PTO will send a thank you note in recognition of his efforts on behalf the schools.

Board Reports.

President: Molly Nikunen has resigned as Secretary. Marisa Lanning is approved by voice vote as new secretary.

Jill Queen and Maureen Daniels gave a thank you note to the Wilkes PTO for all our help with the Art Docents. Kat Gilmore would like to add that Jill Queen, Maureen Daniels have done an amazing job with the Art Docent program.

Pres. Elect: Julie Yunt is working with the BSF on the Ed Viesturs presentation. The public may make reservation online or through phone. Would the various school PTO's like to sponsor a table? Ace, T& C, several financial institutions, and Island Fitness, are sponsors.

Looking at a lovely fresh breakfast with homemade ingredients. Space for 400 (40 tables of 10). Vicki Marsing coordinated with Ferry to run spots on the ferry video.

Treasurer: A full copy of the budget will be on line and a hard copy can be found at the office PTO board. Disability awareness was erroneously marked as contingency in the budget; it should be its own line item. Clarification of Advertisement expense and Paper Products expense. Need to review Paper Products procedure to get a better accounting of expenses.

Secretary: will hand off the sign to Kat Gilmore. Communications will be shared between Marisa Lanning and Julie Yunt. Looking for a new member take over Secretary for next year. Will Mentor for this year to get a good grasp of what the Secretary job is all about. The PTO is looking for a few fine folks to be part of the PTO Board. It's an excellent way to stay in touch with your school and community. If you have any interest please contact Kat Gilmore at kat@juggling.com, Julie Yunt at Julie.yunt.@gmail.com, or Marisa Lanning at marisalanning@hotmail.com.

Volunteer of month: Ariel Montgomery for all of her tremendous work on the auction Art. Thank you!

Meeting adjourned at: 10:40am

Submitted by Marisa Lanning - Secretary