

Wilkes PTO

Minutes – September 11, 2009

Meeting was called to order by President Kat Gilmore at 9:00

Introduction of new PTO Board

1. Thank you cards from recipients of PTO monies.

2. Volunteer of the Month – Julie Yunt

Julie worked tirelessly and came up with the idea of the “Save our Teachers” campaign last spring and worked with all the PTO’s around the island to make it a great success. Thank you Julie!

3. **Superintendent Faith Chapel** was present at the meeting to discuss the BOND issue that will be presented again on the November ballot. The last vote was defeated by 19 votes.

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The District website has been updated with factual information regarding the BOND.

4. **Margaret Powers – BOND Issue** Get the message out/keep it positive. Margaret , Clif McKenzie have worked to simplify the message. They have created a brochure with very specific points which will be mailed out. They are also in the process of setting up more portals of communication, ie. Facebook, emails, text messaging, etc. The current website is also being updated. Beginning October 14th we will have Moms/Dads (please no kids) at the ferry terminal (volunteers needed) holding signs asking everyone to please vote YES.

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5. **Dan Iglesias – Emergency Preparedness** Dan updated on his progress with the Emergency Preparedness Cabinet. Removed the expired materials and will replenish with new items. Do we want to continue with the same procedures or have children/parents send in individual bags for each child.
6. **Dan Iglesias – Political Involvement** Dan has reached out to the City Council to ask about getting kids more involved in the community. Not something that the schools would run but would help and certainly support. He is going to reach out to the upper grades as well.
7. **Halloween Carnival** To be run by 4th grade. Everything is a go! Proceeds will go to Outdoor Ed.
8. **Triathlon Fundraiser** Would like to make this stand out as one of our major fundraisers along with the annual Auction. An opportunity for the kids to be more involved in helping the school (something they can be proud of). Get the parents out to cheer the kids on in Math/Reading/Exercise.
9. **Sally Foster** We will continue with the Sally Foster Gift Wrap Fund Raiser. We will begin Sally Foster – October 5.
10. **Communications/Newsletter - Marisa**

Due dates: September 25, October 30, November 27, December 18. Weekly bulletins: each Friday is deadline.

If you wish to get communications you must be on List Serve.
11. **Wilkes Wear** Get your order in.
12. **Spirit Days** Every Friday kids are encouraged to wear school colors blue/gray/white.

13. **Sheryl Belt – Principal’s Report** Sheryl was glad to report that the transition back to school went relatively smoothly . Great enthusiasm from the teachers. Sheryl and all the teachers are being extremely careful to help the kids make sure to wash, wash and wash again as we battle our way through the flu season (an early one this year!)

14. **Treasurer’s Report** - Nothing to report

15. **Alternative Fundraiser** - Get the word out that eScrip is available.

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