

Wilkes - PTO Minutes

October 16, 2009

Meeting Called to Order by Julie Yunt – 9:00 a.m.

Minutes approved for September PTO Meeting

Introductions – Rebecca Palmer was present (Early Childhood Coordinator) who is working on becoming a principal and was shadowing Sheryl Belt.

Volunteer of the Month – Michelle Allen – thank you for all you do especially with the “inaugural” Wilkes Triathlon which was a great success.

October Agenda Items

Yearbook – Christine Brown presented on behalf of the 2009/10 Wilkes Yearbook. Wants to publish yearbook in color which will cost 3-4 more dollars per book – in order to save a few dollars we will keep the book to 64 pages rather than 72 pages. We are hoping to have parents sponsor a yearbook for teachers. Board approved changing to color pages.

Bond – Marisa reported on the meeting with Tamela van Winkle. “Signs are Good” so signs were being posted at various street corners and entrances to neighborhoods, etc. Two schools in Washington State have been built in the same cost neighborhood that Wilkes is asking for through the bond. Bainbridge Review had a great article in favor of the Bond as well as an article by Robert Dashee (sp?) that was incorrect in its facts stating that 2 schools were built for 39 million when in fact that was only half of the costs. There have been good turnouts for the evening information meetings. Mostly “NO” voters turning out to walk through and gather information.

The Board approved donating up to \$500 to cover costs for candies and stickers for Halloween evening “Vote Yes” and getting the word out to the community.

Foundation – Vicki Marsing was thrilled to announce that they were able to give \$530,000 to the School District which was 50% more than the previous year. They had 450 new donors last year as well. They are delaying the Phone-a-Thon until after the Bond Vote (Nov 2) – it will now be scheduled for November 17, 18 and 19. They will need 150 people to make calls.

Halloween Carnival – Sarah Bullock happy to announce that the carnival is ready and many high school students and middle/intermediate students have volunteered to help. All the proceeds will go to support outdoor education.

Triathlon – Michelle Allen reported that the Triathlon was very successful – raising over \$15,000.

Sally Foster – Janet Usellis Forms due 10-16 but orders can be taken online all year.

Mathology – Sheila Meidell explained the “Mathology” school wide enrichment program which she has researched and explored for a few years and tested on a few classes last year and this year. She asked the Board and the Board approved supporting funds for the supplies needed.

Principal’s Report – Sheryl Belt “BOND, BOND, BOND” that’s what we are about right now! Absentee rates are down at this point.

President Elect – Julie Yunt reported that Lisa Comacho won the volunteer drawing 2 auction tickets and popcorn for her child’s classroom.

School Directory Status – final at printer on October 16, 2009.

Treasurer’s Report – Trish Franznick reported on deposits made from the Triathlon, eScrip and Directory.

Meeting Closed