



Young Scholars of Western PA Charter School

PTO Meeting Tuesday November 11th MINUTES

CEO Report - Parking lot plans underway. Mr. B has had several meetings recently with the Engineers and Baldwin Township officials. Temporary parking solutions are being discussed.

Teacher Report - 3rd Grade now has Homeroom Parent. Storybook Character Day was fun, although the parade had low parent turnout. Consider a different time for next year.

Yankee Candles Fundraiser – All orders due Friday. Send out reminder on Wed. via SchoolReach. Christina Kostosky (VP) will send in orders on Friday, then get all checks to Jen for deposit. Karrie and Jen to cut check for Yankee Candles next week. Final gross sales and profit unconfirmed.

T-shirt contest – Finalists selected and sent out to teachers (2 entries from each class). The children voted on the finalists, and the winning design was made by Grant Clarke. Congrats! Order forms for T-shirts, V-neck shirts and long-sleeves to go out next week. Order form will show the final design.

Blood Drive (Sunday November 23rd) - Rachel Majcher (Family and Community Outreach Coordinator) is the contact person. She has enough volunteers at this point. Taking donor appointments. Would love help **promoting the Drive**, by putting flyers around the community (libraries, churches, etc.)

Craft Fair (Saturday December 6th)– Jen Opferman (Treasurer) is the contact person. She's working on recruiting vendors for the show, and is asking us all **to promote it as much as possible** (once again, hang flyers in libraries, churches, etc.). Karrie will call **local publications**, and will also send out a **Facebook Event invitation**. **Yard signs** great idea – having them made is too expensive. create poster board sign to put over YSWPCS yard signs, which are FREE. Anyone can pick up a yard sign at the school.

Barnes and Noble Day (Saturday November 22nd) - Mrs. Day, Ms. Dean, Mrs. McIntosh, Ms. Budziszewski (The Read More Committee). **Still looking for volunteers, for 1 or 2 hour time slots**. Volunteer tasks include wrapping gifts, reading a story, greeting guests, directing them where to go, etc.

INITIATIVES

Create a comprehensive "School Fundraisers List", to include general school fundraising, PTO, Cheerleaders, other school groups, etc. Strengthen communication between the PTO, Rachel and all other fundraising committees, to better support and promote each others' efforts. Google Calendar great idea. Will run past Mr. B.

Continue setting up a PTO table at events. Sell decals for \$1, and T-shirts (\$10 and \$15). Possible bake sale. Should create large poster board signage.

Clearances – Most Homeroom Parents have submitted proof of getting clearances. Mr. B will reimburse. After signing the reimbursement form, he'll send check in the mail. Will remind all other volunteers to **obtain clearances, if they plan on helping at school-site events.**

PTO asked 8th graders to watch younger siblings in the multi-purpose room during the PTO meeting. Seemed to work well. Karrie will call Ginny at Baldwin High School, try to coordinate getting Seniors who are in the pre-school training program that need volunteer hours.

Facebook page and/or message board – Eric. Tabled until next meeting

Volunteer incentives - Pizza or Getaway Catering at December's meeting! Call Lou. Lunch or bowling, toward the end of the year for all volunteers!

Future Fundraising

S.E.E.D. Program, through Shop 'N Save – Christina

Little Passports – Jamie

The Great Amazing Race(Springtime) – Jamie

Steelers/Penguins/Pirates baskets for raffle (gear not tickets) - Jamie

Other Baskets for raffles – Christina and Jamie .

Kids Holiday Shop – Week of December 15th, during school hours. **Will need volunteers.** PTO officers **accepting donations**, and will work with the Dollar Tree on discount items.

“All PTO proceeds are allocated toward fun family-oriented events, Teacher Appreciation Week, and school library media center.”

Thanks for your continued support!!!