



# Young Scholars of Western PA Charter School

**PTO Meeting Tuesday March 3, 2015**

## **MINUTES**

### 1) CEO Report

International Mother Language Day Report:

- Huge success! Over 200 attendees! Great community-building event.

Things to potentially add for next year

- Encourage potluck, with food from different countries.
- Parents can get free admission if they bring a dish.
- Have different booths with international art.
- Crafts from different counties. Invite different ethnic group with community in advance and have them have a table from their country of origin with food and crafts.
- Have the kids stamp the passports at each table.
- Kid friendly activities and food alternatives.

Snow days makeup:

School may be open on Monday April 6<sup>th</sup> and/or Friday May 22<sup>nd</sup> 6 for snow make up days.

Parent breakfast: (Mondays and Tuesdays 8am). A great opportunity for parents to stop in and share their ideas, suggestions, questions, etc. in a casual, breakfast environment. Mr. B (CEO) and Rachel Majcher (Community Outreach Coordinator) are always available Mon and Tues mornings, plus your child's teacher if requested.

2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Award ceremony: Scheduled for Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup>. Parents are invited to attend:

K-2 1:15pm-2:00pm

3-8 2:15pm-3:15pm

### 2) Teacher Report

- Sarris Candies Fundraiser for the Cheerleaders Annual Dinner was a huge success! Thanks to all who contributed!
- Upcoming fundraisers: Student Counsel (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students) will be selling carnations during Teacher Appreciation Week (May 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>)
- Students that are in flag duty at the moment are graduating, and teachers need 5<sup>th</sup> graders or older kids or scouts to take down and raise the flag every morning.

### 3) Treasurer Report

#### 4) Standing Committees Updates

- a. Spring Break Dance – Friday March 27<sup>th</sup>. 6:00pm – 9:00pm.
  - Potluck dinner
  - DJ, Hip Hop dancer (performance and instruction in small groups) plus, hula-hoop champion performance!
  - Cost breakdown
  - Need Volunteers:
    - General setup & decorations (3pm-5pm)
    - Take-down (8:30pm-9:30pm)
    - Craft table (during event, for 30 minute increments)
    - Potluck dinner table (during event, for 30 minute increments)
    - PTO table (during event, for 30 minute increments)
    - Donations of any kind welcome, especially games
- b. Cookie Dough Fundraiser
  - March 2015
  - All ingredients Halal
- c. Seussical Musical! Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup>. Evening Family Event. Sponsored by the Drama Club.
  - PTO will sell carnation flowers and t-shirts. Purchase a carnation for your performer to show them how proud you are!
  - Volunteers needed! Contact Ms. Toomey [r.toomey@yswpcs.org](mailto:r.toomey@yswpcs.org)

#### 5) General

- a. Extra T-shirts and long-sleeved shirts available (\$10 and \$15)
- b. Baseball field renovations contribution. Waiting to see contract between YSWPCS and Baldwin Township
- c. Construction cones purchased, to create a walkway from the school sidewalk to Dewalt St. during parent pickup. Further discussion about setting up and removing daily.

#### 6) Education Initiatives / Family Events

- a. The Great Amazing Race, Sunday April 19, 2015

Fun, family-oriented event, at Settler Cabin State Park. Proceeds go toward Pediatric Cancer. We would like to pull together 10 teams of 2 from the PTO (teams typically consist of a parent and child, but can be any 2 people), and from the school. Every 10 teams that participate in the race will get money for their school or organization. Jamie will email more information to PTO.

<http://www.greatamazingrace1.info/pittsburgh.html>

#### 7) Questions / Comments / Suggestions

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