



Young Scholars of Western PA Charter School

PTO Meeting Tuesday March 1, 2016

Meeting Minutes

CEO Report

- International Mother Language Day was Friday February 19th, at Bethel Park Community Center –maybe change location next year. Ideas? – Good turnout. Feedback: Good food. Loved student performances. Location maybe too far? More activities for kids. Contact: Ms. Rachel r.majcher@yswpcs.org
- Jump rope for heart – raised \$950-\$1500 dollars- kids loved the activity stations. We will do next year – puppies theme really helped too.
- OPEN HOUSE DATES: Saturdays March 5th, 12th & April 2nd, 12:30pm. Wednesday evening March 16th, 6pm.
- March 15th Saturday high schools will visit the school – 5pm -6pm
- New High School is work in progress. Looking for locations. Possibly in McKeesport. Winning name: Western PA United Charter School . Open Meeting Thursday March 10th 7pm at YSWPCS.
- March 31st Science Day for school. Contact A letter will be sent home and in a letter training / and activities information. Donors Choose website could have had better search keywords. *****Asking for 6 parents /volunteers, during school hours** Contact: Mrs. Michaels s.michael@yswpcs.org
- Saturday sessions going well. Kids with high attendance will get tablets
- Spring break boot camp coming up
- Spelling Bee winners go to city championships
- School Expansion: 3 proposals, for 3 drawings. All will include 8 additional classrooms. more details at the board meeting – all are welcome to come Thursday MARCH 3,2016
- Baldwin Township asking for help to “beautify” the baseball field, into more of a park setting. Landscaping? Gardens? Walking trail?
- **Parent survey- Thursday is the deadline- Please complete- emailed 71 RESPONDED- homeroom parents – volunteer spots for a reminder.**

Teacher Report – Mrs. Richards, Ms. Remziye

- Homeroom parents discussion. Roles? Needed? Suggestions? In-class parties: Storybook Character Day, Winter Celebration, Friendship Day, Field Day
- Discuss date for Family Game Night / Ice Cream Social
- Discuss date most teachers available for potluck dinner, week of May 2nd
- Student Council, students grade 6-7, volunteers. – second year – They run the planning for dances and other activities throughout the year. They are working on yearbook, will look into ads to offset printing costs – keep the cost of yearbooks down. PTO will give funds to them for upcoming dance- Date TBA. Contact: Ms. Vardoulis t.vardoulis@yswpcs.org

- Christina Kostosky will be the liaison between student council and PTO. This will allow updates and information to be presented to PTO/Middle school Parents. Christina will post Student Council info on PTO bulletin board.

Community Outreach Report – Rachel

- IMLD & Jump Rope for Heart – see CEO Report
- Tribune Review came in Wednesday March 4th, on Dr. Sues Birthday, when kids dressed in PJs. Mr. B will announce when article is printed.
- Update: flower bulb fundraiser- EXTENDED DEADLINE- you can order online. <http://groups.dutchmillbulbs.com/youngscholarsofwpacharterschool.php>

Treasurer Report – Kim

- Current balance \$2,300
- Recent spending: Valentines Day Dance, gloves for all students

Upcoming expenditures: Teacher Appreciation Week, Pizza Party for KB (highest selling class for Yankee Candles fundraiser), One student was the highest seller and will get a award and a special hat to wear the day, pizza party is going to happen. DJ for Student Council Spring Fling Dance, Ice Cream Social (date tbd), Field Day June 9th, 8th Grad Graduation Breakfast and cake, Possible Fall Festival next school year

Upcoming events **(VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!)**

- 1) Teacher Appreciation Week (May 2 – 6th)
- 2) Scholastic Book Fair (May 16-20th)school hours Monday –Friday
- 3) Family reading night (May 19th) science theme
- 4) Ice Cream Social (tbd. May?)
- 5) 8th Grade Graduation (Saturday June 4th)
- 6) Field Day (Monday June 8th)

2) Committees

a. Homeroom Parents

- Fundraising- Pittsburgh Popcorn Company – March 3- 31, 2016- last fundraiser for PTO for the year. This fundraiser will go towards the fall meet & greet- TBA
- Pizza Party for highest-selling Yankee Candles class –which is Ms. Midwood’s Class

7) General Items for Review

- a. Volunteerspot.com feedback <http://vols.pt/8q2yT9>
- b. Yswpcs.pto@gmail.com Karrie and Christina

Open discussion

- Middle school parents want *MORE –FREE TIME—MOVIES – SNACKS –ACTIVITES-DAY - - -6-8TH –BRIAN BREAKER – will be discussed by CEO