

WARNSDORFER PTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – 3/16/16

AGENDA AND MINUTES

1. Welcome & Approval of Minutes from 2/17/16 General Membership Meeting -
Approved
2. President's Report
 - Thanks to everyone who participated in International Night! It was a wonderful evening. – *Everyone agreed, Great night, successful event*
 - Thanks to everyone who attended our Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast! Rosanna Bechler was our "Volunteer of the Year" for serving as our webmaster this year. – *Rosanna has done a great job and other parents were also acknowledged for volunteering or chairing an event*
 - Thanks to all of those who helped make Theater Week a success! Great show on Monday night. – *Looking for someone to chair next year*
 - Approval of 2016 Nominating Committee – *Approved. Members are: Erica Robinson, Fatema Basrai, Kerry Hennessey, Sharon Kaplan, Michael Ramos and alternate: Laurie Herrick*
 - Approval of 2015-2016 EOY Gift towards beautification of school property – *Approved \$5,000 expenditure*
 - Other updates:
 - School Store
 - Thank you, Sarah Rubenstein for spearheading this project! We had a great first store. Remaining dates are: March 18th, April 15th, May 13th May 20th & June 10th
 - If you have any pictures from class field trips, please email them to Lindy Ryan at lindymryan@gmail.com by spring break
 - Partner in Excellence dinner on April 12th (EBEF major fundraiser)
 - Early ACT, SAVE & the Student Council are collecting shoes for the Dunk Your Kicks fundraiser to raise money for pediatric cancer. Please send in old shoes from March 29th to April 1st
– *Only sneakers please*
3. Treasurer's Report – *Amy did a quick recap on recent funds received; Spirit Wear \$125; School Store \$126; International Night Basket Raffle \$178; Theatre Week \$1,715; 5th Grade Activities \$1,265; Snacks, Flowers and Balloons sold at Theatre night \$600.*
4. Fundraising Report – *Lisa mentioned that since starting the program Warnsdorfer has received over \$2K from Schoola, please keep sending in your gently used clothing items*
 - Spirit Wear still available

5. Events Report

- Scholastic BOGO Sale – Mon, 4/4 & Tues, 4/5 (set up on Fri, 4/1) – don't forget to support your child's classroom library through our Teacher Gift Certificate program – **Volunteers needed, please sign up at Sign Up Genius**
- We are looking for people to chair these upcoming events! Please let us know if you are interested:
 - i. Teacher Appreciation Luncheon – Wed, 6/1
 - ii. Field Day – Fri, 6/3
 - iii. K Pizza Party – Mon, 6/13 with the help of Kerry Hennesey
– **Kerry unable to be there that night, need someone to help out**
- Installation Dinner – Mon, 6/6, please join us! – **Will be at Fresco's**

6. Classroom Liaison Report

- End of Year party on Wed, 6/15 at 9:30am – **Will be on 2nd to last day of school**

7. Principal & Teacher Liaison Reports – **Mr. Castari was not able to attend the meeting. Mrs. Taylor played a recorded video message from him along with a PARCC presentation informing parents what the children should expect. The presentation also informed us of the schedule of tests for all grades. In his message Mr. Castari mentioned he was available to answer any further questions or concerns.**

Mrs. Taylor really enjoyed Theatre week, all the children performed well. She mentioned that the children are enthusiastic about the school store.

8. New Business / Open Discussion

- **Cultural Arts BMX assembly was adjusted due to PARCC testing on 4/29**
- **East Brunswick Parent Liaison Committee will be raising awareness for young adults with special needs finding job placements; Warnsdorfer will partner with them in a popcorn fundraiser sponsored by the Pop-In Café located in the East Brunswick mall, look out for the flyer coming home soon**
- **One parent questioned if we can adjust the approved district snack list since the parties are now in the am; our response was that it's a district decision and the board has asked our school nurse to look into it**
- **Another parent asked if any students opt out of PARCC testing; Mrs. Taylor thought we had one student last year but not sure about this year (In NJ if you wish to opt your child out you now have to write a letter saying that you are "refusing" testing and submit to the school office)**

Upcoming Meetings:

Wednesday, April 20th – 6:30pm – Presentation of 2016-2017 Executive Board Slate

Wednesday, May 18th – 6:30pm – Voting on 2016-2017 Executive Board

In total we had 15 attendees present for this meeting with 1 remote vote, attendance sheet filed.