

WMS PTSO MINUTES-FEBRUARY 4, 2009
NIKKI PERK...PRESIDENT
LENORE BISHOP...TREASURER
DAWN POWELL-FITCH...SECRETARY

Attending: Sue Bourget, Debbie Rude, Janet Bliden, Terri McDonald, Tricia Lutz, Colleen Semler, Ute Englmaier, Erin Michael, Beth Freeby and Julie Cartier.

*Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Nikki Perk at 11:32 a.m.

*Terri McDonald approved the minutes and the motion was seconded by Debbie Rude.

*Treasurer's Report was presented by Nikki in Lenore's absence. Nikki also thanked Denny Roehm for his excellent and timely Substance Abuse presentation last month.

*Principal's Report was presented by Larry Killips and included the following points:

-8th Grade Orientation will take place on 2/4 at CHS/NHS.

-5th Grade Parent Orientation will take place 2/10 at WMS 7 p.m. LT

-Aladdin Musical 2/11-14.

-7th Grade Party 2/20.

-Parent Teacher Conferences 2/25-26

-Mid Winter Break 2/27

-WMS Student Achievement scores were discussed and presented in chart form.

-Much discussion centered on the new "Pilot" concept of creating Advisor/Advisee meetings where teachers will focus personally with students regarding academic support, literacy and staff-student engagement. Flex time will be created during the first class period so that struggling students can receive the attention/time necessary to get them 'up to speed' with the others students in class.

-Enrollment is down from 710 to approx. 660 for '09-10 school year. This means operating Budget levels will also decrease by building for the next school year.

-Mr. Roach will be retiring at the end of this school year.

-Denny Roehm presented the new signage purchased with PTSO dollars in the amount of \$364.00.

-Denny also presented the new Waterbottle award as a result of receiving a Classy Deed.

-Texting during school hours continues to be problematic. Students found texting will lose their cell phones for a week.

*DAC Report was presented by Beth Freeby. This committee continues to focus on the construction updates and redistricting numbers. More information may be found online at www.portageps.org.

*Site Base Report was presented by Janet Bliden.

*CIC Report was presented by Debbie Rude. New math books have been selected and the purchase is being considered by the board. State is moving to increase in the rigor of mathematics education so these new math books would help keep our students in pace and current.

*Nikki reminded parents that Teacher Conferences, Feb. 25/26, volunteers are still needed to sign up to man the info desks and can be done by emailing Amanda Ziemkowski at Akspeedy@chartermi.net.

*Nikki also presented the Teacher Conference Luncheon sign up. Donations can be made by emailing Janet Bliden at JanBliden@Yahoo.com.

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*Nikki presented the request from the District to consider a donation to the start up costs for the new 12th Street Elementary. When asked why she explained that this has been a customary request on a District level. A formal request will be made at the March meeting for vote. No dollar amounts have been determined.

*Nikki discussed the March 4 meeting content will include more student safety issues. It was requested that the time of the meeting be moved to evening at 7:00 p.m. so that any/all working parents may attend more easily. The time will remain consistent with the other meetings (11:30 a.m.) because of a March 11, Substance Abuse Meeting at Central Middle School.

The meeting concluded by 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Nikki Perk.