

Imagine Wesley International Academy
PTA Board of Directors

Date: January 6, 2009

Present: David Lee- VP
Colleen Minton- VP Enrichment
Susan Hills-Secretary
Genifer Stewart- VP Membership
Elaine Banks- Treasurer
Lawanda Holliman-Chairperson, Prospective Parents Committee
Jennifer Kraften-Teacher Representative
Stephen Pruitt-Chairperson, Community Relations
Jason Renai- Acting VP Communications
Robin Cash-VP Parent Involvement
Janna Hicks-Co-chair, Media Relations
Samara Michelle- After-school program
Beverly Wilkes- Chairperson, Hospitality Committee
David Walker- Legal Council

Meeting Location: Imagine Wesley International Academy
Custer Avenue

Meeting began at 6:40 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

A quorum of 14 was needed and was established to conduct official business.

Enrichment:

- The Chinese New Year celebration will be January 31, 2009, in conjunction with a ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the completion of our school construction. More volunteers are needed to help with the festivities. Some of the festivities will take place in the new multipurpose room. If it is not completed by January 31, the indoor activities will have to move to the hallways of buildings 1 and 2. Teachers should decorate their doors. Colleen will email the staff about decorations.
- Samara Michelle, Director of the Journey after-school program, requested a moment to speak at the PTA meeting. They are planning an open house Thursday and would like to have another one in February. Journey will no longer be taking drop-ins. Drop-in students created problems for both parents and staff. The school administration will handle this point forward.
- The Health and Wellness Committee received very little support for its Flu Shot Campaign. They are looking into a Blood Drive for parents, the dental bus visit, and a free REI program geared towards getting kids and families

outdoors. Lawanda Holliman suggested a State Farm-sponsored Bike Rodeo. She will look into it on behalf of the committee.

- The Education Committee is looking into many future activities. They are planning an educational movie night for parents, a CPR and first-aid training event for parents and students, and an educational program for children intended to teach children how to escape potential abductors. They would also like to plan a CRCT preparatory night for parents.
- The Environmental Committee is currently applying for grants.
- Tin Lizzies would like to cater the next BOD meeting.

Fundraising:

- Quinnie has resigned as VP of Fundraising. David Lee will contact Quinnie to find out about our progress with the auction and other fundraising events.
- Any parties interested in the VP of Fundraising position should contact Greg Kershner.

Treasurer's Report:

- See handout of Financial Report.
- Elaine does not expect the PTA to meet its projected revenue prediction. She will work on the budget in preparation for an amendment to be voted on in February.

Membership Report:

- There are 491 members.
- The prize for the classes who won the 100% PTA membership competition will be entertained by the Bubble Man as soon as the weather clears.

New Business:

Teacher Representative, Jennifer Kraften:

- The copier began working again today at 1 pm. Mrs. Kraften will email Alex for the name of the outsourcing printer company. Elaine will look into the cost of outsourcing the school's printing needs vs. the \$1,500-\$2,000 lease fees that the school pays on the current machines.

Planning and Parent Involvement:

- A recycling program will soon be underway. The PTA can apply for a Coke grant for recycling bins.

Media Relations:

- The students brought in 300 cans for the Can-a-Thon.
- Some of the Chinese New Year celebration might be filmed for TV.

Prospective Parents Committee:

- At the first meeting, 90 people showed. Another meeting will be held at the school this coming Thursday.

Community Relations Committee:

- Stephen Pruitt is still writing stories for the Porch Press. He is looking for story ideas for the rest of the school year. People with story ideas should contact him. A suggestion was made to write a “Day in the Life of…” piece that would compare a Kindergarten boy with a Kindergarten girl at the school. Janna Hicks is interested in publishing the articles in her Mom’s blog.

Communications:

- Email archives are now on the website.
- 200 yearbooks have been ordered from the distributor but only 50 parents have pre-ordered. Colleen will send Jason information she has about advertising in the yearbook.
- At the next PTA meeting, there will be no performance. Instead, there will be a question and answer session with James Taylor. Susan will receive the questions via email by Friday. Jason Renai will send out an email to all parents.

Executive VP, David Lee:

- David Lee, Greg Kershner, Colleen Minton, Rebecca Gray, and James Taylor had a meeting where they discussed how to drive better administrative/parent relationships. They will form an Advisory Board to discuss issues that need to be brought to James Taylor’s attention. It will be made up of teachers, staff, and parents. They will also form a Judiciary Committee that will hear complaints. It will be made up of administration, PTA members, parents, and teachers. Issues will be discussed with at least one member of the committee within 24 hours and brought before the whole committee within 48 hours. The PTA can support the administration better by doing the following: 1) Improve communication, 2) assist with carpool and the brick-pavers fundraiser. There was also discussion of on-going teacher development. The Executive Committee members would like to see stronger support and development of the teachers.

MINUTES WERE APPROVED

Date: _____

Signed: _____
Susan Hills, Secretary Imagine Wesley International Academy