

Imagine Wesley International Academy

Date: October 21, 2008

Meeting began at 6:44 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

A quorum was established to conduct official business.

Old Business:

- Carla Willard made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. The motion was seconded by Levi Pickett.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

- As of the end of September, the PTA had 424 members.
- The Autumn Moon Festival was a success.
- The last Dine Out was successful as well.
- See handout.

Fundraising Report:

- Hotoberfest volunteers earned the PTA a donation of \$1500.
- The next Dine Out will be October 29th at Holy Taco.
- Quinnie encouraged parents to pay in advance for Dress-down Day.
- The Annual Fund will be started this month.
- The Auction will be March 14th. They are accepting donations now.
- Sign up for your Kroger Loyalty Plus cards to benefit the school.
- Diane Hillary, Chair of the Sally Foster Fundraiser, announced the winners. Chandler Searcy was the top seller, Brice Johnson was the second place seller, and Brooklyn McDaniel was the third place top seller. Class winners were Ms. Elkins and Mrs. Kraften's classes. Garret Horton won an Ipod, Nadia Cunningham won a digital photo camera, and Kallen Reynolds won a gift certificate. Both Gabriel Elson and Henry Trace won inflatable arm chairs.

Membership Report:

- Lawanda Holliman gave Genifer's report.

- The PTA has 463 members.
- There are 4 winners of the class campaign: Mrs. Kraften, Miss Lanier, Mrs. Elkins, and Ms. Durdin.

Planning and Parent Involvement Report:

- Robin Cash reminded everyone to register on the volunteer database and to get a background check.

Communications Report:

- The website will be up in early November.
- Early bird orders for the yearbook will be discounted \$5 until December 12th.
- Stephen Pruitt is writing monthly submissions for the Porch Press

Enrichment Committee Update:

- Chinese New Year will be coordinated with the ribbon cutting on January 31st.
- The Health Education and Environmental Education Committees are gearing up for many more activities this year.

New Business:

Principal's Report:

- ITBS scores out Friday with report cards.
- Monday, October 22 is Conference Day.
- October 28-31 is Middle School Book Fair. Proceeds go to new material for the Middle School.
- 5th Grade is studying at Jekyll Island.
- Last week in September, the Georgia State Bio Bus gave presentations.
- Chinese Biologist from Zoo Atlanta visited with students.
- September 23 is Professional Development Day.
- The Task Force for Academic Achievement has the following goals: 1) two award ceremonies per year 2) honor roll 3) improve CRCT scores 4) improve writing.
- Red Ribbon Week is the last week in October and is to educate children regarding the dangers of drugs and nicotine and to teach them to make healthy choices.
- The school is focusing on “shared values” which are: justice, integrity and fun. To advance shared values, the school will participate in United Nations Day, Chinese New Year, shared holidays, faculty meetings and PTA performances.

- To ensure parent satisfaction the school has had open houses and curriculum nights. The Uniform Committee has raised \$3,500 for uniform scholarships. The front office staff will be having weekly meetings to ensure quality customer service and family handbook will be created and hopefully will be out in January.
- Economic Sustainability Task Force: FTE counts were 240 last year. This year the FTE count was 463. New money handling procedures are being discussed by the task force. The task force is encouraging recycling and the WaMu Student Banking Program. 37% of students qualified for lunch assistance, which qualified IWIA as a Title I school, making it eligible for additional funding.
- New School Development: Nicki Gilstrap has been helping with traffic on Custer Avenue. She has had “no parking” signs placed on Custer. Construction of the new building is proceeding on schedule. The kindergarten will be moving into the new building after Christmas break. The multipurpose room should be completed in early February. New trees and benches are being planted in the courtyard. Fencing is being installed in front of the school. Covered walkways will be installed soon. On October 3, staff will attend a workshop for Apple Computers. Twenty-five (25) Apple laptops are on order for the library and Middle School labs. There are two new teachers in kindergarten: Casey Boren and Arlene Aarp along with two new kindergarten para-pros. New school counselor and two substitute teachers on staff every day. New textbooks and new musical instruments have been delivered. On February 16, a brain function psychologist will be making a presentation to the staff. On February 17, the psychologist will make a presentation to interested parents. Fourteen (14) security cameras are installed on the premises. Two teachers have resigned- one is a 3rd grade teacher and one is a middle school math teacher. The library will be fully functioning by the holiday break. IWIA is looking at buying additional land for basketball courts and soccer fields.

A motion to adjourn is given by Carla Willard. It is seconded by Colleen Minton.

MINUTES WERE APPROVED

Date _____

Signed _____

Susan Hills, Secretary Imagine Wesley International Academy PTA