

Imagine Wesley International Academy  
General PTA Meeting

Date: February 10, 2009

Meeting Location: Imagine Wesley international Academy  
Custer Avenue

Meeting began at 6:32 p.m.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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

**Old Business:**

- Elaine Banks made a motion to approve the minutes from the last PTA meeting. Richard Nace seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- Thanks given to Colleen Minton for all of her work with the Lunar New Year and ribbon cutting festivities.

**Principal's Report:**

- The Lunar New Year festival was well attended with 110 people plus parent volunteers.
- The Education committee is planning an International Fair.
- The brick paver fund raiser will be kicked off soon. Proceeds will buy technology for next school year.
- The IB/MYP consultant recently visited the school. Dr. Harrison was highly impressed with the school's emphasis on high-quality education and social justice. Dr. Toller and James Taylor met with Teach America, a group that makes two year commitments to teaching and usually continue on to become life-long teachers. IWIA might partner with Teach America and add 2-4 of their teachers to the staff next school year.
- 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade are going to see the TerraCotta soldiers.
- February 17, from 7-9, parents can hear noted child psychologist Dr. Adam Cox speak at IWIA.
- February 16 will be a professional development day for staff and Dr. Cox.
- Furniture for the library, offices and cafeteria will be installed next week.
- A group called Men Do Read will be reading to students for an hour as part of Black History Month.
- The 6<sup>th</sup> grade is preparing to go to Alabama for Space Camp.

- Thanks to parents for being the “Carpool Posse” for 2 wks.
- APS has given IWIA a crossing guard for a 60 day trial period.
- James Taylor will be sending requests to parents to sit in on prospective staff interviews within the next 3 weeks.
- Enrollment for the 2009-2010 school year is going well. Lotteries will be in March and there have been over 250 student applications, mostly for kindergarten.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Treasurer’s Report:**

- See handout of Financial Report.
- Elaine Banks proposed a revised budget. Richard Nace made a motion to accept the revised budget. Levi Pickett seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Communications:**

- Jason Renai will be posting the structure of the PTA and instructions on how to communicate with the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.
- If there are any questions about logging volunteer hours, volunteering and/or general information, please go to the website.
- There is a PTA communications board outside of the front office that has important dates and general information listed.
- On the website, one can find how to sign up for the newsletter and archived newsletters. There is a link to the PTO database to log volunteer hours.
- There was discussion about setting up a texting/calling post in order to alert parents of immediate volunteer needs and/or natural disasters.
- Jimmie McGee wants someone to track how much use the website gets.

#### **Planning and Parent Involvement:**

- Robin Cash urged parents to log their volunteer hours.
- Volunteer opportunities are listed on the website. Suggestions for making volunteering easier should be directed to Robin.

#### **Enrichment:**

- A link to the After School survey will be in the next newsletter.
- Colleen has found a recycling company to take away recyclables.
- The committee is planning to have events for parents every month.

**Fundraising:**

- Lisa Chambliss, Elaine Banks and Greg Kershner are heading up the auction committee, which will be held on 3/14.
- The committee is still in need of donations.
- El Baker volunteered to head up the sponsorship/advertising part of the auction. Debbie Sue Miller volunteered to be the new fundraising chair.

**New Business:****Construction Update:**

- The final touches are being made on the new building. Two more speed bumps will be installed. Signs for entrance/exit & speed limit will be installed. A permanent marquis will be installed. More flagpoles will be installed with pulleys so students can change out the international flags.
- Padding will be placed on the walls of the multipurpose room.
- Data ports will be installed in the library.
- Metal rails leading into the multipurpose bldg will be installed, along with more cubbies in some classrooms.
- The gardenias on campus will be replaced with another non-poisonous plant.
- 27 desktop computers have been donated by parents and their companies. Two computers will go in each classroom.
- 6 printers were donated by prospective parents.

**Election Committee**

- Elections for new PTA officers will be held in April.
- The PTA needs a chairperson to lead the Nominating Committee.
- Five volunteers are needed to staff the committee. Anyone interested in serving contact Greg.

MINUTES WERE APPROVED

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan Hills, Secretary Imagine Wesley International Academy