

## WINNEBAGO PTO MEETING MINUTES- MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

Sherri Ginger, President Lindsay Ludwig, Vice President Bonnie Bloomquist, Treasurer

Teacher Chairperson, Rhonda Waggoner Angela Schoeneweiss, Secretary

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Meeting called to order at 6:05

Secretary's Report: February 2016 minutes were read. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Carrie Lemke and seconded by Frank Mandera.

Treasurer's Report: As of March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the cash balance is 49,180.32.

Principal's Reports: Mr. Mandera-AtRisk Student Update: We currently have 6 possible retentions for this school year. Our student atrisk team and classroom teachers have met with parents to discuss student progress. By the end of April, we will plan a recommendation for retention for children, if warranted. ParentTeacher Conferences – February 25: Teacher held conferences with parents that were considered atrisk academically or behaviors. On an average classroom teachers had 8 conferences from 4-7:30pm. Kindergarten PreEnrollment Parents can enroll online using the link on the district web page. We have had great response this year using this online form. PreSchool Screening Starts for 2016-17 Parents can sign up for an appointment on March 16-17 for their child that would be 3 years old at the time of screening. Another screening time will be available in July 2016. CHANGES OF PHONE NUMBERS, ADDRESSES, AND UNPAID REGISTRATION FEES Parents please make sure you have updated the school office if you have changed your home or cell phone numbers since the beginning of the school year. Also, if you have changed addresses during the school year, please make sure you have given your proof of residency to the district office or your child will not receive a registration packet for the 2016-17 school year. Finally, if you have any outstanding registration fees from this school year, your child will not receive a 2016-17 registration packet. Registration packets are tentatively set to be given out on May 2, 2016. OUTSTANDING LUNCH BALANCES It is VERY important to keep your child's lunch accounts up to date. We will not allow students to charge lunches. If you have questions about your account balance, please call Beth Swigart at Simon 3352318 between 7:15 –3PM. LOST AND FOUND ITEMS As we wind down the winter season, we have a large collection of coats, sweaters, hats, boots, etc. Students who have lost articles may check the lost and found on the lower level before and after school, or at other times with teacher permission. Any articles not claimed at the end of the school year will be given to a charitable organization NOTES FROM THE NURSE Erin's Law On March 7th, a representative from Carrie Lynn Children's Center was at Simon to present a sexual abuse awareness program for all grade levels. This is in compliance with the Illinois state mandated Erin's Law. "Erin's Law" requires that all public schools in each state implement a preventionoriented child sexual abuse program which teaches students in grades PreK – 12th grade, ageappropriate techniques to recognize child sexual abuse and tell a trusted adult. Please call Carrie Lynn Center with any questions at (815) 3194150. FIRST GRADE MUSICAL IS COMING SOON MARCH 14 First grade students will be presenting their music program on Monday, March 14, 2016. Mrs. Murray's and Mrs. Unger's classes will perform at 6:00pm. Mrs. Cunningham's and Mrs. Edler's classes will perform at 7:00pm. Both programs will take place in the Simon Elementary Gymnasium. Come and hear the first grade students perform some fun songs about Simon Elementary, baby dinosaurs, loose teeth, and chocolate bunnies! MARK YOUR CALENDARS KIDS CLUB 201617 REGISTRATION NIGHT Kids Club will be holding their first registration night for the 201516 school year on Thursday, March 17, 2015 from 4pm5:30pm in the Simon Cafeteria. You will be able to get a \$10 discount. Account must be current to register for next year. No Kids Club during Spring Break

Spring Picture Day is set for Tuesday, April 5. Information will be sent home the week of March 21 or sooner.

Mr. Monohan- ***Upcoming Events:***

- There is 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade McNair Music Movie Night is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, from 6-7:40pm in the McNair Music Room, where they will be showing Happy Feet.
- Students in grades 3-5 will continue roller skating in PE classes through Friday, March 11.
- The third quarter grading period ends this Friday and report cards will be sent home with students on Friday, March 18.
- Third graders will be taking a field trip to Severson Dells next week.
  1. Tuesday, March 15 (Mrs. Coy and Mrs. Engelkes)
  2. Wednesday, March 16 (Miss Johnson and Mrs. Alde)
- Fourth graders are participating in the St. Jude Math-a-Thon through Friday, March 18.
- We will be holding our annual AR Reading Challenge with Simon Elementary on Thursday, March 24.
- There is NO SCHOOL on Friday, March 25 through Friday, April 1 for Spring Break. In addition, there is NO SCHOOL for students on Monday, April 4 due to a School Improvement Day for staff. Students will return to school on Tuesday, April 5.
- Spring Picture Day is scheduled for Thursday, April 7 (More information will be sent home when the date gets closer)

***Erin's Law:*** The Carrie Lynn Gaines Center will be visiting 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms on Tuesday, March 22 to present a sexual abuse awareness program with age-appropriate techniques to recognize child sexual abuse and the importance of telling a trusted adult. Erin's Law was mandated by the state of Illinois in 2013 requiring schools to provide this information to students in grades K-12. (This was rescheduled from Tuesday, March 1)

***Spelling Bee Update:*** Our fifth grade classes recently held their spelling bee to determine which one of them would be representing our school at the Regional Boone Winnebago Spelling Bee on the evening of Wednesday, March 16, at Harlem High School. Congratulations to Angelina Cascio for correctly spelling the word familiar, which earned her the opportunity to participate in the regional competition with other 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students from across the two county region. Congratulations, also, to Corey Brown, our runner-up. A special thanks to the Winnebago PTO for sponsoring the registration fee for this program.

***PBIS Update:*** We just held our second Dollar Hat Day. On the first day of each month, students who do not have a Pride Patrol hat may wear a baseball hat or beanie style cap and pay a dollar to wear the hat in school all day. The money earned from this venture will go towards our PBIS

fund. Since implementing this two months ago, we've made an additional \$38.00 towards our PBIS prize fund.

**Illinois 5 Essentials Survey:** The Illinois 5Essentials Survey will be administered online on behalf of the Illinois School Board of Education by the University of Illinois Chicago. The 2015-2016 Illinois 5Essentials survey window is open through this Friday, March 11. We encourage you to complete the parent survey, which takes about 10 minutes. You may skip any questions you do not wish to answer, but you must click submit survey at the end.

**Title One and STAR Enterprise:** February data meetings were held to review student performance and progress of students who's interventions were recently changed. We are currently reviewing curriculum and intervention materials to begin planning for next year.

Monetary Requests: None at this time.

Fundraiser Reports: Box Tops: Ginnie Cunningham-No updates at this time.

PTO Painting Night: Lindsay Ludwig-March 11<sup>th</sup> from 6-9. Check out Facebook/Winnebago PTO for more information.

Basket Raffle: Jenny Rossel-May 4<sup>th</sup> from 5-7:30 at the Winnebago High School.

Committee Reports: Family Fun Night: Alicia Glaser-Flyer is going out this week. March 18<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 at the McNair gym.

Yearbook: Jamie Dimke-Price is up to \$20. You can pay with a check or order online.

School Kits: Alicia Glaser- Contract is confirmed. More information is to follow as we receive it.

Wish List Items Presentation- Wish List Committee

Old Business: Open Officer Positions

Co-President- 2-year Term

Secretary- 2-year Term

Treasurer- 2-year Term

Open Chair Positions

Teacher Chairs

DARE Chair

Children's Bazaar- Co Chair

Fall Fundraiser- Co Chair

Open House/Back to School Chairs

Spiritwear Chair

Building Head Parents

New Business: None at this time.

New Ideas or Suggestions: None at this time.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:53.

Respectfully submitted, Angela Schoeneweiss