

Winnebago PTO Meeting Minutes – December 13, 2016

Lindsay Ludwig - Co-President, Jamie Dimke – Co-President, Treasurer – Nichole Whitehead,
Secretary – Michelle Dykstra, Teacher Chairperson – Rhonda Waggoner

Meeting Called to order at: 6:05

Secretary's report: No November minutes were available. They will be read and approved at the January meeting.

Treasurer's report: As of Dec 13, 2016, the cash balance is \$42,754.06

Principal's Reports:

Mr. Mander-

At-Risk Student Update: With the 1st report cards sent home on December 2, we will be meeting with our problem solving teams to assist with students who might need extra assistance. We will be adjusting some of our reading and math intervention groups. Starting this month, we will be starting Tier II behavior interventions for students identified with 3 or more referrals from the previous month. Miss Spickler will be providing the intervention for these students.

These students will receive targeted behavior interventions that will focus on behaviors that were documented from the previous month. Miss Spickler and I sent home a parent letter to notify parents that their child will be receiving TIER II intervention.

At the end of 4 weeks, a progress update will be sent home to parents and Miss Spickler and I will review the next month's SWIS data for continuing with students, adding students, or dropping students.

Lost and Found: Please put names on all coats, sweaters, hats, boots, etc., so items found can be quickly and easily returned to their owners. Students who find lost articles are asked to bring them to the lost and found areas at Simon. Students who have lost articles may check the lost and found on the lower level bulletin board next to nurse's office 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.

Music Programs: Mrs. Volkert and 2nd grade did an awesome job with the holiday musical on

Monday, December 12

Concerts for Kindergarten and First Grade students will be later in the school year.

First Grade concert will be Monday, March 13

Kindergarten concert/celebration will be Friday, May 24 (pending on school closing due to weather).

Preschool Screening – Winter 2017: Winnebago CUSD #323 will conduct preschool screenings for the 2016-17 school year on Wednesday, February 1. These children may be eligible to attend the Winnebago School District Preschool for the 2016-17 school year.

The preschool screening is to determine eligibility for our preschool program and for you to have a better understanding of your child's strengths and areas for improvement. We encourage everyone with preschool aged children (ages 3-5) to participate in screening regardless of your interest in the preschool program.

The screening will assess your child's developmental skills in the following areas: academic concepts, gross and fine motor skills, speech and language, social, behavior, self-help skills, and vision and hearing.

Screening appointments take approximately one hour. Children have to be three years old at the time of the screening on February 1.

The screenings will be held at Dorothy Simon Elementary 309 S. Benton St. Winnebago, IL 61088. Please call 815.335.2318 to make an appointment.

December Events

12/12 6pm and 7pm 2nd Grade Musicals in Simon Gym

12/13 AR Prize Day

12/13 Inuit presentation-Mrs. Edler and Mrs. Stevens

12/13 6pm PTO Meeting @ McNair

12/16 10:00-10:30 Extreme Team Assembly - sponsored by PTO

12/19 Winnebago School Board Meeting

12/21 11:45-12:20 Mrs. Bartscher's class gingerbread house building

12/22 All Day 2nd Grade Ag in the Classroom - Polar Express Day,

gingerbread house decorating

12/22 All Day Kindergarten "Winter is Here!!!" Day

12/23 First Grade Polar Express Day

12/23 AM Simon Sing A Longs - part of music class

12/23 12:40 Early Dismissal (no PM EC/PreK)

12/24-1/8 Winter Break

PTO Holiday Bazaar: Holiday Bazaar was held on Saturday, December 3. We had many volunteers to help out with students buying gifts for their family members. Special thanks to our PTO for doing such a great event for our kids and families.

A Note for Next Year...I want to let you know that the 2016-2017 school year will be my last in the Winnebago School District as the principal at Simon Elementary. I have accepted a principalship at Perry Elementary in the Belvidere School District for the 2017-2018 school year. This decision is not an easy one, but at this time it will be better for my family and more possible opportunities for professional growth. I have worked with amazing parents throughout the years. Parents who volunteered countless hours to assist with all of special events provided for our children. I have appreciated the time we have worked together through some difficult times but more frequent great times. I am going to enjoy these next six months working with you. You all are amazing parents and children. I am very fortunate for 13 years to be working with such dedicated administrators, teachers, parents, community members, and most of all the wonderful children at Simon Elementary.

Mr. Monohan-

Upcoming Dates and Information

☐ There will be an Early Dismissal at 1pm on Friday, December 23, to begin the winter break. Students and staff will return to school on Monday, January 9.

☐ Thursday, February 9, 5 th grade Band Concert, 6:30pm, WHS Cafetorium

☐ Monday, February 13, 3 rd grade Choral Concert, 6:30pm, WHS Cafetorium

The Learning S'more at McNair Family Night was held on Thursday, December 1. Students had opportunity to attend fun activities, including guest readers, art, music, and Legos, while parents attend informational sessions on topics such as safety, choosing just right books, Title One and RtI, PBIS, and Eureka Math and families will be able to visit the Mobile YMCA in our gym, the book fair in our library, Winnovation in our cafeteria and Minute to Win It games in classrooms. All who attended left with a S'more treat bag to make their own S'mores at home and many positive comments were received from students, parents, and staff about the evening.

Classrooms have planned several different activities for this month to celebrate the holiday season. Third grade will be celebrating Dr. Seuss with a Grinch Day, fourth grade will be making Christmas crafts, participating in an ornament gift exchange and enjoying hot chocolate and a treat right before break, while fifth grade will be participating in learning stations in Science, Social Studies, Math, and Reading focused on Winter Holidays Around the World.

Northern Illinois' RAMP will be bringing their iBelong program to McNair's 3 rd -5 th graders between January and March. This program was presented last year in grade 3 and one 4 th and one 5 th grade classroom and was so well received that we decided to bring it back for everyone this year. The program's focus is on the fact that students (and people) with disabilities are no different than anyone else. They also presented a half hour school wide program on Friday, December 2, to promote International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

Our PBIS committee is selling calendars to raise funds for our PBIS program. The calendars are \$12.00 and each month highlights a classroom. If interested, please stop in the McNair Office.

McNair End of the Year Awards

As mentioned previously, McNair will no longer be holding end of the year awards ceremonies in late May as we have in the past. Rather, students in grades 4 and 5 will be recognized quarterly with our new honor roll recognition, where we recognized 141 fourth and fifth grade students with High Honors and Honors as a result of their first quarter grades.

Targeted Intervention Update

All students will be taking the STAR Reading and Math tests between Monday, December 12

and Thursday, December 22. These results will be used to determine which students will receive intervention support beginning in January, as well as the type of intervention and frequency of the intervention.

Monetary Requests:

First grade, Rekenreks \$282.92 for 44 - Approved

Fundraiser Reports:

Spirit wear delivered this week

Chocolate Fundraiser Jan 30th – Feb 17th

Committee Reports:

YMCA night will be Sun January 22, 6-9pm

Family Fun Night- Chair position still open

Christmas Bazaar- This year was a great success, one of the best yet! Thank you Inga Danko!

Old Business:

Open Chair Positions:

Yearbook Co-Chair

Fall Fundraiser Co-Chair

Family Fun Night

New Business:

Meeting Adjourned at 6:53

Respectfully submitted, Michelle Dykstra
