

# MINUTES

## Marion Walker Elementary PTO Executive Committee Minutes

August 13, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Tara Ripka at 6:42p.m.

Next meeting will be September 9, 2015 at 7 p.m. at Marion Walker Elementary School Library

### In attendance

*(I don't have the list.)* Heather Huntsinger, Tara Ripka, Denise Shivey, Kim Kneas-Hilliker, Kim Belcher, Tonya Januszki, Jane Haranin, Bikem Oskin, Patty Correll, Katie Baney, Sharlene Yontosh and Cindi Brininger

### Approval of Minutes

Secretary's Report approved

Katie Baney (1st)

Wendy Thomas (2nd)

### New Business

- Meeting dates for 2015-2016 school year – 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.
  - Sept. 9
  - Oct. 14
  - Nov. 18
  - ~~Jan. 13~~
  - Feb. 10
  - March 9
  - ~~April 13~~
  - May 11
- Thank you notes were received from students.
- Budget – Cindi went though the Budget and answered some questions.
- Bikem will talk to the lady that does the district calendar to see when she needs the information in order to get MW events on the district calendar. Need to establish event dates earlier.
- We Donated \$200 to the Governor's Park playground.
- The slide has been put in at the playground. We may need to add mulch.
- Think about Parent Council Meetings. If you have any issues please let Tara know.
- Ronald McDonald Fund requests can possibly be written by Pam Viainina, grant writer.
- Volunteer Survey – Bikem will edit it and send it out early. Who ever hands it back will get a free ice cram. Hand it out by 9/3 and return by 9/18.
- New volunteer guidelines are on the district website.
- Field Day at the school vs. Walker Township Park – We are to talk to our friends and let Mrs. Yontosh know what we hear. She will then make a decision.
- Kindergarten Parent Orientation will be Aug. 20th.
- PTO donation of \$25 was sent in and given to Cindi.

### Committee Reports

- Field Day — Kids should design their own T-shirts.
- Fundraising — Great American will be done in the fall and Sentsy and Marianna's will be in the Spring.
- Field Day T-Shirts. If we raise the cost of the T-Shirts we could raise more money. Raise the cost of the adult t-shirts. Field day at the School versus the Park – Give the fire station the money from the bus to use the firehouse of the church across the street to use their space. Mrs. Hamilton wants to move the Field Day
- Newsletter — Add all labels, target, and Coke rewards info to newsletter.
- Family Reading Night, Sunny D & Book Distribution (Wendy Thomas) — There was a \$15 book order that came back from the book order. Sunny D labels will be mailed a little earlier.
- Membership Drive — Will be sent out early and end on Oct. 2.
- Yearbook — We have not gotten a bill.

- Scripps — We will send them out in Nov. & Dec. It will be added to the Newsletter Tara will look into the Weis cards.
- Barnes & Nobel Day — We are going to try to do it again.

**Mrs. Yontosh**

- Getting the school and classrooms ready.
- Two teachers transferred from Bellefonte Elementary. One for kindergarten and one for 4th grade.
- We have an open cafeteria position.
- We have an open classroom aide position.
- Joy Miller is the new school Psychologist.
- Act 168 – “Pass the Trash Law”
- Business Technology position. We will share with the four buildings. Position will teach keyboarding skills at an earlier age.
- Departmentalizing the 4th & 5th grades. Met with parents last night.
- Professional Development will look into safety.
- New science books were received.
- Revising Language Arts
- I&E Time will be set aside everyday for 30 minutes for specific subjects. It will replace RTII
- Lanyards will continue to be used for lunch, breakfast and books.
- Computer lab is now the speech class.
- There are Chromebook carts for every grade level. We are 600 ChromeBooks away from being a 1:1 district.
- Move the money from the Promethean Boards. Four were purchased by Mrs. Yontosh by using the Governor’s Excellence award money.
- We have four Kindergarten classes; three 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th grade classes and two 2nd grade classes.
- Sarah Marcon is taking over for Mrs. DeFonzo while she is out on maternity leave.
- PSSA scores are starting to roll in. We are seeing well above state averages.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by  
 Wendy Thomas (1st)  
 Patty Correll (2nd)

Submitted by Bikem Oskin