

Westfield Friends

Parent Council Meeting Minutes

23 November 2009 7:30pm

The meeting began with a moment of silence.

Headmaster
Bill Probsting

Welcome and introductions.

Clerk
Tracy Gaffney

Treasurer's Report:

Class Balances:

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| 8th grade: | \$1941.59 |
| 7th grade: | \$2,026.98 |
| 6th grade: | \$2,670.68 |
| 5th grade: | \$1,963.35 |
| 4th grade: | \$2,422.00 |
| 3rd grade: | \$2,221.27 |
| 2nd grade: | \$1,389.10 |
| 1st grade: | \$1,320.66 |
| Kindergarten: | \$891.90 |
| Pre-K: | \$470.00 |

Co-Clerk
Beth Lorenz

Treasurer
Suzanne Baldwin

Secretary
Steve Kasperson

Income:

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| Scholastic (Net): | \$1,535.70 |
| Swing Fling (Balance): | \$3,813.54 |

Expenses:

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| Calendars: | \$820.63 |
| Playground Equipment: | \$17,663.52 |
| Scholastic (Lower School): | \$19.70 |
| Scholastic (Upper School): | \$79.60 |

Headmaster's Report:

The playground equipment has arrived, to be installed on Monday, 30 November. The ground will be covered with organic mulch, which the children will help spread.

Nine different High Schools have come to recruit 8th grade students this fall. Because of this interruption, next year all of the schools will visit on a single evening, which will be open to both parents, and the general public.

The Scholastic book fair netted around \$1,000 less than last year. There are numerous possible reasons, including not being synchronized with the parent/teacher meetings, numerous ill children, and no "hot" new book titles. In addition, Scholastic lowered the cut to the school from 35% to 25%. It was discussed changing from Scholastic to doing two Barnes and Noble book nights.

Some people prefer to not go to a store to support the school, however B&N is considered attractive if the school integrates activities, as it did last year. The concept of book sales is considered important to the school, especially the idea of younger children seeing older students being interested in books. What is particularly attractive is if the older students can “sell” books to their younger peers (“I really enjoyed this book when I was your age”, etc.).

The Scrips forms were sent home last week. You can go to the web site to see the possible choices, and then you can write them on the form. Then deliver the form back to the school. People are encouraged to consider their recurring expenses when ordering the cards, for things such as groceries, clothes, and office supplies. They are also a great way of purchasing gift cards for the holidays.

Upcoming Activities:

Holiday Shop - 7 December 2009

Chaired by Kate Wilson and Kathleen Mininno

The 5th grade will be helping. Non-denominational gift donations are welcome.

Cookie Walk - 18 December 2009

Chaired by Sally Wilson

This is a popular New England tradition, where you purchase an empty container, and then fill it up with a selection of cookies that are laid out on tables. Cookie donations are welcome, and do not need to be home-made.

WFS Clothing Sale - 18 December 2009

Chaired by Kris Propp

A selection of clothing with the WFS logo will be offered for sale.

Spaghetti Dinner - 25 February 2010

Chaired by Monica Moeller

The spaghetti dinner will have the 8th grade students doing the set-up, serving, and clean-up, as well as providing entertainment.

Game Night - TBA 2010

Chairs Required for 2010:

Book Fair

Calendars

Harvest Festival

Upcoming meeting date:

Monday, 14 December at 1:00pm

The meeting was closed with a moment of silence.