West Deptford Elementary Schools PTO Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2016

Oakview Elementary School

Corresponding Secretary Report - There were several thank you cards:

- Mrs. Linda Clark (GF), Mrs. Angie Wolf (OV) and Mrs. Mary Berault (RB) for the gift card on Administrative Professionals Day
- Mrs. Laughlin (RB) for the hanging basket on nurses day
- Mrs Ardito (OV), Mrs. Kitchin (GF) and Dr. Wajid (GF) for the teacher of the year gift
- Mrs. Darigol, Mrs. Hansbury, Mrs. Monsu, Mrs Purvenas, Mrs Schultes, Mrs, Wentz, Mrs. Barney, Mrs. Cirone and Mrs. Combs for the staff appreciation lunch

Treasurer's Report - Distributed and reviewed - no questions offered.

General New Business

The WDES PTO board is pleased to announce the following nominations for the 2016-2017 school year:
Green-Fields co-president: Melissa Mattie
Oakview co-presidents: Trista Jones and Joanne Miller
Recording Secretaries: Stephanie Strouse and Dawn Ortiz
Corresponding Secretary: Mandy Lopez
Enrichment chairperson: Jen Markowski
Fundraising chairperson: ***Vacancy***

The secretaries at all 3 schools received a gift card for Administrative Assistant Day and nurses received flowers for nurse's day

Vera Bradley wallets were presented to the following recipients of the Governor's Educator of the Year Award, Governor's Educational Services Professional of the Year Award, and Paraprofessional of the Year Award:
Elise Wajid, Karen Berry, Patricia Ardito , Karen Kitchin, Kathleen Pilarz, Kathleen Laughlin and Patricia Mellohusky.

The PTO provided water ice pops at all 3 schools for their field days.

GREEN - FIELDS

Old Business:

The Staff Appreciation Luncheon was Friday, May 6th. Thank you to Cathleen Ryer and Katie Newshel who chaired this event that provided yummy food for all the staff. Thanks to Melissa Magee for getting the gift card donations and all the parents for their food & drink donations.

Farewell "Class of 2016" T-shirts (purchased by the PTO) for all 4th graders were given out this week.

New Business:

Nominations were collected for the Joe Cramp award (which recognizes 4 students in 4th grade for their qualities of kindness and empathy towards their fellow classmates). Ballots will be created and distributed to the staff. Winners will be announced at the 4th grade luncheon.

Philadelphia Soul Choir will be Saturday, May 21st at Wells Fargo Center.

Field day is scheduled for May 25th (K), 26th (3rd), and 27th (4th). The PTO will provide the water ice treat.

The 4th grade Tall Pines trip will be June 7th - permission slips must be in by May 20th.

The 4th grade Farewell Pizza Luncheon will be Wednesday, June 15th. All 4th grade students will receive a yearbook and pen as a farewell gift from the PTO at this luncheon that the PTO sponsors.

The End of Year celebrations will be the last day of school with the traditional Students vs. Staff kickball game. The PTO will also provide bouncy houses, cotton candy, popcorn, and ice pops.

Oakview

Old Business:

Our staff luncheon was Friday, May 6th. Thank you to the volunteers and parents who donated food and drink. As a small gift to each teacher from the PTO, we had each student complete a "What I Love about my Teacher" form which was compiled into a booklet for each teacher. Thank you to the LPC aides who assisted with this project. Congratulations to the staff winners of the gift cards.

Thank you to all parents who donated water for Field day which is now scheduled for May 24th, with a rain date of May 25th.

New Business:

Save the date - our volunteer Thank You breakfast will be Friday, June 3rd in the Art Room.

We are in the process of purchasing some new equipment for indoor and outdoor recess.

Plans have started for the End of Year celebration.

Melissa Magee personally wanted to thank all the parent volunteers who helped make the past 2 years at Oakview so amazing. She is sad to see it end.

Red Bank

Old Business:

Thank you to all who donated for Staff Appreciation Luncheon. The staff had a wonderful assortment of food and goodies. The teachers participated in a raffle for gift cards and baskets.

New Business:

Plans are underway for the End of Year celebration.

Fundraising:

Please continue to collect box tops throughout the summer and utilize Amazon Smiles program.

The Krispy Kreme fundraiser held at Oakview profited $671.50. Orders will be delivered this Friday, May 20th. Thanks to all who helped with this fundraiser.

Chuck E Cheese Family Night profited $306.74. The following classes from each school had the highest attendance at the fundraiser and received a pizza party from Chuck E Cheese: Mrs. Clark (GF), Mrs. Lex AM (OV) , Mrs Cirone (RB). Thanks to all who attended this fun night.

Enrichment: - nothing to report

Principals' Comments:

Ms. Scheetz -
The month of April flew by but we had some exciting events:
The Recycling Magician - courtesy of WD Township - provided an awesome show about recycling that captivated the students' attention.

Seussical the Musical field trip was enjoyable.
Field day was a huge success.
Thank to Nina and Dawn for organizing a wonderful teacher appreciation luncheon last Friday, May 13th.
We have the Zoo trip next week.

Mr. Dougherty –
The Recycling magician was awesome and gave the teachers a nice treat by sending the students back to their classroom completely quiet.
Thank you for the luncheon - everything was awesome.
Thank you for providing the Chuck E Cheese Family night and Art Fundraiser.
Thank you for the recess equipment donation.
Our spring concert will be Friday 5/20 at 10:30 and 1:30.
Field trips: Friday 5/27 - LLD and PreK to PAWS farm. 6/7 and 6/8 - 2nd grade goes to Red Bank Battlefield to follow up on Mrs. Maska's history RTI lessons.
The construction on our addition is really progressing - check social media for our latest drone photos.
WD will provide full day kindergarten starting Sept 2016 which will enhance preparation for first grade.
Field day - 2nd grade will be Tues May 24th, rain date May 25th
PreK and K for OV and RB will be June 1st.
Orientation for incoming first grade will be Wednesday, June 8th at 6:30pm.
Our End of Year celebration will be Thursday June 9th for 2nd graders - "Frontier day".
Kindergarten's Luau will be June 10th. Pre K graduation will be Wed June 15th at 11:30.

(Mr. Corbitt was absent due to 4th grade choir practice.)

Have a happy, healthy and safe summer!