

Willow Road PTA meeting minutes October 26, 2016

Guest Speaker: Senator Todd Kaminsky discussed the Green Acres PILOT. He'll keep us updated along the way.

Approval of minutes for September's meeting: by Lisa Modica and Michelle Goetz.

Treasurer's Report: Opening balance as of September 1st was \$10,071.94 Deposits of \$2,117.00 Expenses of \$1485.92 leaving an ending balance as of September 30th with \$10,703.02.

Correspondences: (2) One from the 5th graders thanking the PTA for the books donated to the library and one from Mrs. Cirakoglu and Mrs. Brochhagen also thanking the PTA for the books, "We will put them to good use".

Administrative Report: Mrs. Ambrosio loves everything she is seeing. She enjoyed the "Books Alive" assembly. "It was great seeing the children interact and their excitement". She was completely amazed with the Fall Festival. She said there was a tremendous amount of work involved but everything come together and it was a wonderful day. Pumpkin Patch was a lot of fun. Kids were able to go out and pick their own pumpkin. Book fair: she loved the display in the showcase for the book fair. It was great seeing the children pick out their books.

Kindergarten: Due to the robust enrollment of kindergartens there will be a 6th class forming. Notices have been sent home to parents and loose ends are being tied up and will be finalized shortly. Field trips have started and first graders went to the farm today. Every class will be going on at least one field trip this year. She loves the trip shirts worn by the students! Thank you to Mr. Delutri for planting the flowers left over from the fall festival at our entranceway.

Committee Reports: **School pictures** were held. Kids looked adorable. It went very well. Re-take date is scheduled for December 2nd. **SEPTA** is looking for members. The next meeting is December 7th. **Fall Festival:** Went very well. A LOT of work was involved. We received all positive feedback. If anyone has any other ideas or suggestions for next year please let the PTA know. Great amount of parent volunteers. We made a profit of over \$3300. We budgeted to make a profit of \$2000 and we went over \$1300. **Pumpkin Patch:** Kids had a wonderful time. They loved it! They weather was beautiful and it was a great day. **Fall**

Catalogue: It is scheduled to end this Friday, sales are coming in very slowly. We will be extending it but haven't decided on a date yet. We have less than \$1000 in sales so far.

Book Fair: Going on right now. Kids are excited to buy their books. The committee did an amazing job decorating. This year the teachers were able to make a wish list with books they would like for their classroom with money donated to their class from families. **PARP:** PARP store started in October. Kids love it and are excited to read so they can get a great prize..or two! **Arts in Education:** October 14th assembly "Books Alive". Kids and teachers really enjoyed it. Some students were able to participate. This assembly turned books into a play.

School Clothing: Orders were dropped off last week. Gross sales were over \$4000 and once we get the invoice we will know how much we made. We should receive the merchandise by the end of next week. We will be doing another clothing sale in the spring, usually in March.

Reflections: Flyers were sent home this week. Mrs. Marianne is helping the children. She's

enjoying hearing everyones story and loves their ideas. Every student can participate. **Council Delegate:** The Bond vote was discussed, District #13 will go up about \$52 a year if it is approved. **High School:** Homecoming was last week. It was a great day despite the weather. Parent / Teacher conferences are coming up in November. Halloween Happenings is this Friday from 4:00-5:30. It is open to all children in our community. It's a lot of fun for the kids. November 9th is a special meeting where the bond will be discussed. Microsoft 365 will be incorporated with the teachers for the students only for internal use. They also have Parent Portal where some teachers use to keep the parents updated with their child. **6th Grade Report:** First fundraiser was a bake sale / book sale at the fall festival. Over \$500 was raised. Thank you to all the volunteers that supported this event.

Planning a "Fun Night" this year on Friday, November 18th. It's going to be at a comedy club. It's open to everyone.

**Thank you to everyone who attended this meeting tonight and we
look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on
November 29th at 7:00pm**