

Withers PTA Executive Board Meeting – Tuesday, September 5, 2017

7:04 pm - Call to Order

Approval of August Minutes

1st Motion – Leslie Sharp

2nd Motion – Misty Bolle

Approved

Treasurer's Report – Misty Bolle

- July/August Income Expense:
 - 7/1/17 Beginning Balance = \$0
 - Total Income = \$40,768.14 carryover
 - Total Expense = \$625
 - 8/31/17 Ending Balance = \$40,143.14
- Final 2016-2017 Budget Income & Expense Report:
 - 7/1/17 Beginning Balance = \$0
 - Total Income = \$147,298.65
 - Total Expense = \$106,530.51
 - 6/30/17 Ending Balance = \$40,768.14

Surplus Requests

- No surplus requests had been submitted for approval.

Prowl Update – Laura Moss

- Have city permits and signs.
- Volunteers have started signing up.
- T-shirts and fundraising packets are in progress.
- Collecting company sponsorships – contact Leslie Sharp or Kelli Love.
- Train-to-Prowl will be held during P.E. this year.

Business/Family Sponsorships – Leslie Sharp

- Jacqueline Brady is handling family sponsorships.
- Leslie Sharp and Kelli Love are handling business sponsorships. We currently have \$10,000.
- 9/22 is the cutoff to be listed (logo) on the Prowl T-shirt.
- Cara Howard has accepted the Sponsorship/Fundraising Chair position.

Code of Ethics – Caroline Wall

- All executive board members need to sign the Conflict of Interest Agreement.

Additional Business – Kelli Love

- PTA Copies
 - For now, copies can continue to be made at the school.
 - We also have an account with Copy Cat in the shopping center at Forest and Marsh, to the left of Sprouts.
 - **Step 1:** Email Copy Cat at contact@dallasprintshop.com or call 214-350-4104.
 - **Step 2:** Information needed when dropped off or emailed:

- Withers Elementary
 - What account copies are for (Prowl, Paw Paw, Homeroom Parent, etc.)
 - Regular/colored paper (indicate which color)
 - Single/Double sided
 - Stapled/Not Stapled
 - # of copies
 - Date and time you would like to pick up
 - **Step 3:** Any copies made will be deducted from your current budget. Submit a check request.
 - **Costs:**
 - Regular paper \$0.05 per sheet
 - Colored paper \$0.06 per sheet
 - Stapled \$0.06 per packet
 - Printed in color \$0.19 per sheet
- **Mad Science Club**
 - Meets Wed, 3:00 – 4:00
 - Enrollment due date is 9/18
 - Julie Strong is the contact
 - Runs 9/20 – 12/13
 - **Lego Club**
 - Meets Thurs
 - Starts in October
 - For Kinder through 2nd grade
 - Contacts are Jacqueline Brady and Ms. Cruz
 - **Electronic Marquee Unveiling**
 - Tues, 9/26 at 6:30 pm
 - Dinner at 6:00, hosted by the LAC
 - General PTA meeting will follow the unveiling
 - **Book Fair – 11/27 – 12/1**
 - **Grandparents' Day – 12/1**
 - **Board positions that need to be filled:**
 - Sponsorship/Fundraising Chair – filled by Cara Howard
 - Recording Secretary – Amy Sample will be moving out of district at the end of September
 - **Voly**
 - You must sign up again each year to participate in field trips, volunteer on campus, etc.
 - A background check will be conducted on each member.
 - Be sure to track your hours. Can enter large chunks of time, rather than going in each time you accumulate hours.
 - Tracking hours helps us meet our volunteer hours metric for the district.

- **Withers website**
 - Dallasisd.org/withers
 - Has important dates, events, and activities – updated by Kelli Love
 - Revamping Faculty/Staff contact page
 - Also revamping Withers PTA website: witherspta.org

- **Thank You**
 - Teacher meal coordination – Megan Stoker and Ashley Romo
 - Boo Hoo Breakfast – Olivia Paradez, Nicole Davis, Neyda Hill, Janelle Hickey, and others
 - Dad’s Club back-to-school BBQ

- **K – 8 School Discussion**
 - The DISD Board has approved creating a Kinder through 8th grade campus at E. D. Walker.
 - We had discussion that we would like to explore having the K - 8 campus at Withers instead, or in addition to E. D. Walker.
 - The majority of the board members and meeting attendees were in agreement to move forward with the discovery.
 - An interest survey will be sent out ASAP and compiled by the end of next week (9/15/17).
 - The next DISD board meeting will be held on 9/28/17.

Principal’s Report – Wendy Miller

- Enrollment was at 422 as of 9/5. One student from Hurricane Harvey.
- District is “leveling” this week.
- District is emphasizing the 1:22 teacher/student ratio.
- The K/1 class, taught by Ms. Tidwell, has 13 kindergarteners and 5 first graders.
- Kindles have arrived – training for teachers will be held this week.
 - Kick-off for Kindles is on 9/14.

SBDM (Site-Based Decision Making) Auction Fund Sub-Committee

- Worked over the summer to determine how to use auction funds.
 - **2016 funds** – new risers, basketball backboards, K and 2nd circle rugs, field trip T-shirts, in addition to field trip funding and computer lab.
 - **2017 funds** – field trip funding, K – 2nd Kindles and charging stations; other funds may be used for projectors in classrooms, and other ideas are being discussed.

Note: the auditorium has new carpet, and the old art deco façade has been removed.

Upcoming Important Dates

- SEPTEMBER 7 – HOMEROOM PARENT MEETING
- SEPTEMBER 15 – LITTLE BOOKWORMS
- SEPTEMBER 12 – PARENT AND CLUB INFORMATION NIGHT
- SEPTEMBER 21 – PROWL KICK-OFF PEP-RALLY, FUNDRAISING PACKET DISTRIBUTION
- SEPTEMBER 22 – TRY DI FOR COMPETITIVE (GRADES 3-5)
- SEPTEMBER 23 – GARDEN CLEAN UP 8:30 AM – NOON
- SEPTEMBER 25 – TRY DI FOR RISING STARS (GRADES 1-2)
- SEPTEMBER 26 – SBDM MEETING 4:30PM, STRATEGIC PLANNING

- SEPTEMBER 26 – GENERAL PTA MEETING, LAC DINNER & MARQUEE UNVEILING
- OCTOBER 7 – WILDCAT PROWL 5K

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

Attendees:

Amy Sample (Recording Secretary)	Laura Moss
Kelli Love	Megan Stoker
Leslie Sharp	Mary Faybik
Cara Howard	Mariela Arreguin
Christy O'Brien	Caroline Wall
Lauren Bailey	Rhonda Hatfield
Olivia Paredes	Jenna Wertz
Sandra Horton	Heather Hall
Lizbeth Guerrero	Minerva Parras
Brittany Carpenter	Sarah Lary
Ashley Blakeslee	Misty Bolle
Laurie Quinlan	Wendy Miller
Lilliana Navarro	