

Plover Whiting PTO Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 6:00 in LGI Room

1. Welcome. Attendants: April, Jennifer, Laura, Lorraine, Alyssa, Brad, Steve, Krista, Suzy, Staci, Marcie, Angela, Jessica, Kellyn
2. Spiritwear Distributed - done,
 - a. went home on Thur, 12/5
 - b. had a small check given to us
3. Truck or Treat Recap
 - a. Ended up inside, was a bit crazy, need to have a plan for next year if going to be an option
 - b. Candy was donated, went well
 - c. Lots of non PW families... maybe not on FB or a wrist band
4. 3rd grade highlight (Mrs. Warfield, Mrs. Schulfer and Mrs. Kortas)
 - a. Increasing independence in reading, going from learning to read -> reading to learn
 - b. Introduce switching to help students begin to understand that concept of working with different teachers
 - c. Multiplication is heavy in 3rd grade. Learning what multiplication is, then how it relates to division. Fact families and how numbers are related. Recalling facts more quickly as the year goes on.
 - d. Spelling, students grouped into 3 different groups. One group is working with UFLI, other groups are working with more vocabulary groups.
 - e. Focusing on fluency.
 - f. Begin to work on typing skills so that students are able to type during the Forward test.
 - g. Fiction, Non-Fiction, Folk Tales
 - h. Science - uses Mystery Science curriculum, inquiry based lessons
 - i. Social Studies - US History and important documents. Democracy. Three branches of government. Portage county history after Winter Break. Then vs now. Economics to end the school year, visible vs invisible money.
 - j. Field Trips - UWSP Women's Basketball game, Sylvan Hills (Feb), Heritage Park (spring), Sculpture Park (May), Little Plover River Park (End of the Year)
5. 4th grade highlight (Mrs. Behnke, Mrs. Theyel, Mrs. Schroeder)
 - a. Math - finish up the multiplication unit, using mnemonic devices to understand

- b. Social Studies - WI Regions and WI First People
- c. Writing - personal narratives using the writing process, will move into opinion/persuasive writing is next
- d. Science - Mystery Science is the curriculum being used
- e. Language Arts - reading strategies, introduce new vocabulary words each week, reading fluency passages each week
- f. Spelling - flexible grouping, working on vocabulary for 5th grade
- g. Save a Turkey project - students were able to present to entire 4th grade group
- h. Field Trips - Dubai Cranberry Company, UWSP Women's basketball (next week), Boston School Forest (end of Jan), Madison (May 20), a few smaller trips in the spring (Little Plover River, Food and Farm Exploration Center, Cheese Factory, Feltz Farm, Public Works Department)

6. UWSP Education Day

- a. Dec 19
- b. First time in another community was 500 students, currently at 1500 students
- c. Noon tip-off
- d. Education department is leading the educational things

7. Treasurer's Report

8. 2024-2025 Budget - approved

- a. Look into storing some of the money in a Money Market account instead of just letting it sit in the checking account
- b. Keep Pagemasters as a budget line, not a funding request, similar to movie licenses
- c. Historically there were two different budgets, one for classrooms another for large impact amount
- d. Have more of a rigid schedule with due date that is solid
- e. Funding carryover - what do we want? Historically it was around \$10,000. Have to have between \$2,000-\$4,000 but

9. Race Wrap Up

- a. Funds raised \$20,053.67 / \$20,000 goal

10. Funding Requests (available budget: \$18,000-\$23,000)

- a. Add an IL due date for the funding requests where ILs would be able to look at all requests from teachers. Do not want the building to take on the

responsibility of deciding how the PTO spends their funds. Also able to look at school funding.

- b. Revisit at the end of the school year
- c. Playground requests - all or nothing, cannot add anything unless there is inclusive playground equipment. What is the "big" picture hope?
- d. The playground was half funded by the district and then we paid them back, could we do that now to have it done this year?
- e. If we are going to use the Dec meeting for approval, it can get dicey with subscriptions that are due before December. Approve the year before so that it can be ready to go the year that is due, then there is no break in service
- f. Lots of discussion around how to spend money
- g. Building is going to contact IXL to figure out payment. Hopefully they will be flexible about when payment happens.

h. Approved  24-25 Funding Requests , total cost \$23,147

- i.  2024 Funding Request - Wildcat Ways Committee.pdf
- ii.  2024 Funding Request - Kyle Phy Ed Equipment.pdf
- iii.  2024 Funding Request - Schulenburg Brainpop Jr K-3.pdf
- iv. [Scoreboards for Volleyball and Basketball \(2\)](#)
- v.  2024 Funding Request - Inclusive Orbit, Playground.pdf
- i. Backup plan is to go to the district and ask for \$5,000 loan to cover the coverage difference to be able to cover IXL
- j. Funded through PW Budget:
 - i.  2024 Funding Request - IXL.pdf
 - ii.  2024 Funding Request - 1st ELA/Math Supplies.pdf
 - iii.  2024 Funding Request - Library Supplies.pdf

11. Future Events:

- a. Holiday Store - December 16/17
- b. February Conference Meals 2/17 & 2/27
- c. Ice Skating Confirmed: Thursday, March 6 - 6-8pm
 - i. Concessions will be open
 - ii. Not a drop off event
 - iii. There will be a sign up for a head count - note sent home with a qr code for [PW Family Skate Night Survey](#)
 - iv. Already paid for

d. Steam Fair - April 17

i. Karla Lockman is the organizer of this event

12. Principal Notes

13. Next Meeting - February 11 - 6pm

a. 5th Grade Highlight

b. Will Scheder - School Board Member Joining

c. Principal share out data review report