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Willett Elementary PTA Association Meeting Highlights, 9/19/23

1. Principal's Report - Principal John Campbell

Mr. Campbell reported that the school year is off to a great start for teachers, staff, and students! Parents are encouraged to look out his Friday email messages which include important information and updates. Willett is still in the process of hiring paraeducators, an art instructor, a music instructor, and other staff members to support the school. The first round of iReady testing is being wrapped up and this will provide data to help teachers.

2. President's Report - Michele McCuen

PTA President Michele McCuen provided updates on successful back to school activities including the Ruhstaller event for staff, 1st Day Staff Luncheon, Chalk the Walk, BTS Night, Movie Night. The PTA is in need of volunteers for roles small and large! Please reach out and get involved.

3. Teacher's Report: Becki Casey

Ms. Casey reported that teachers and staff are greatly appreciative of the food, flowers, and other efforts by the PTA to support Willett. She looks forward to attending meetings and reporting back to teachers and staff.

4. Officers' Reports:

- a. Communications Kate Rich Kate encourages all parents to read the Who's News weekly PTA newsletter and subscribe to the PTA calendar. If you would like to get involved with communications please reach out to Kate!
- b. Bylaws Bob Blair (not present) update provided by Michele McCuen The PTA discussed the pros and cons of holding monthly association meetings. The current schedule of bimonthly meetings can make it difficult to complete PTA business. Monthly meetings would enable processes to be completed faster and also provide more opportunities for people to get involved. After discussion, members voted to hold virtual only meetings on the off months with a goal for these to be quick meetings to conduct business.

c. Treasurer/Budget - Erin Autry Montgomery
Erin provided a detailed update on the proposed budget for the year and members voted to approve this budget.

d. Fundraising - Meg Padovani

Meg and others are looking forward to several fundraisers this year! Please reach out if you have ideas or would like to get involved. Members voted to approve the planning process for a silent auction to take place in early November. Members also voted to approve the annual Willett Jog-a-thon in March 2024.

5. Committee &/or Other Program Coordinator Reports:

a. Yearbook - Katie Lasker

The yearbook team is hard at work on the yearbook for 2023-2024. Many parents have signed up for early bird pricing. PTA members voted to approve the yearbook contract for 250 yearbooks.

b. Teacher Grants - Michele McCuen

- i. Ms. Teaford has requested \$758 for outdoor learning, garden supplies, etc. for TK and K. PTA members voted to approve this request.
- ii. Mr. Simi has requested \$1575 for sports equipment for recess. PTA members recommend using a sign-up genius approach for families to directly purchase items, or supplement this request with funds from the Playground Equipment budget line item if necessary.
- iii. Ms. Susskind has requested \$500 for cross fit gear. PTA members voted to approve this request.
- iv. Ms. Susskind has requested \$225 for science materials for the 2/3 combo class. PTA members voted to approve this request.

c. Community Events

i. Potential 2nd Movie Night in October.
 PTA members voted to approve the plans for another movie night to be held in October. Please join us in planning and hosting another great night for families.

6. New Business:

PTA members voted to approve Connie Beck as auditor for the year. Thank you Connie for your help!

7. Upcoming meetings:

- a. Virtual only: Tuesday October 17th, 2023 at 7pm.
- b. In person and virtual: Tuesday, November 28th, 2023 at 7 pm.