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Middle School Library

Meeting Minutes

- **Attendance:** Wendy Schaub, Nicole Hewitt, Liz Charles, Evelyn Ceesay, Hollie Pedersen, Scott Marsden, Jim Finley, Amanda Kriescher, Laura Radke, Kellie Huth, Theresa Duckart, Kari Vannieuwenhoven, Vanessa Talus, Kate Bodart, Adrienne Burns.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - Evelyn shared a copy of the current budget.
- **School Updates**
 - Scott Marsden: Mr. Brehm is out of the office for approx. one month due to surgery, we wish him a speedy recovery.
 - Jim Finley: Based on the first 6 weeks of classes, the number of disciplinary issues is considerably down from years past. The staff appreciates the hard work that takes place outside of school hours to ensure all students do their best in class and around school.
- **Old Business - Updates**
 - Cross Country Concessions – Athletes and spectators appreciate the selection of items to purchase. It's a great event that PTO will continue to help support.
 - 'W' yard signs: We will continue to sell for \$10. We will also offer them during upcoming parent/teacher conferences.
 - New Box Top Coordinator: We are still looking for a volunteer to take this on, please contact the PTO via email for more information.
- **New Business**
 - Conference food (10/19) – Mac's is being provided by PTO to both schools. The staff will have mac & cheese, salad, beverages. Bread/butter and desserts are being provided by Amanda, Vanessa, Kari, and Kate – THANK YOU! The food will be delivered at 3:30 and donated items can be dropped off at the front office of each school.
 - BADL league play 11/11 and 11/18 – Jim: We are awaiting confirmation from Fastbreak to ensure there will be league play on the specified dates. Jim will confirm and report back.
 - Food: Donations from Festival Foods, Oh Snap, and Costco. Other items will be purchased by PTO.
 - Volunteer sign up: We will utilize a Sign Up Genius or Google Form. Request will also be sent to staff to assist with volunteering ***This is separate volunteer event from Fastbreak and does not count towards the Fastbreak volunteer requirements***
 - Cash Drive – Hollie: Continued discussion on how to effectively raise funds. The goal is to purchase a piece of playground equipment for the IS and then add on at the MS. Scott will work with a playground company to develop a drawing and estimated cost. A subcommittee will be

formed in the coming weeks to brainstorm fundraising ideas. The goal is to have a plan in place for the Cash Drive to run prior to the Parent/teacher conferences on Feb. 18th.

- o Gaga Pits – Liz: The IS and MS will each have a 26-foot moveable Gaga pit, fully funded by the PTO. The Phys Ed team will be able to utilize, and each school will have a designated area. The items will be delivered before Spring.
 - o ‘W’ Window Clings – Wendy: Cost is \$2, and we will sell them for \$5. The clings will be sold during basketball concessions in November, and we can also sell through the front offices/with students.
 - o RaiseRight holiday gift cards – Wendy: Consensus is we will do this again this holiday season. Watch for information in Tuesday Notes and sent via email from both IS and MS. Theresa Duckart will take the lead with organizing and distributing the gifts to staff.
 - o Tax Filing – Wendy, taxes have been successfully filed.
- **Open Floor**
 - o No new topics/questions.
 - **Giveaway**
 - o West De Pere blanket from Kenny Rose Boutique and a West De Pere large thermos from a WDP family. Scott picked a random number based on total attendees – Winner was Amanda Kriescher.
 - **Adjourn**

o Next meeting is Tuesday, November 14th at the Intermediate School Library