

MEETING MINUTES

November 30, 2023

8:45 am

Call to Order

Approve Minutes from 10/3/23

Nikki Kidd moved to approve. Ashley Graves seconded.

D90 Administration Report: Dr Condon

- Pleased to share that District-wide our schools had great performance on Illinois state board of ed report card. Willard's 2nd exemplary designation. Those titles are difficult to get. It's a testament to our faculty and kids. There are many great things about our report card but there was room for improvement so we are taking a look at some of those areas.
- We changed the date for the literacy instruction forum. Rescheduled to December 5th.
- Safety and Security Committee has formed – composed of 15-17 people, including faculty, staff, board member, RF police and fire, and park district. Working on looking at areas we can improve, and we will have recommendations for the board to consider in January or February.
- Roosevelt principal is retiring – been in the district for 20 years. We are launching a search process this fall. Search committee will have faculty, staff, parent, 2 board members, and planning on having some kids involvement. That will occur between now and January – recommendation late January or early February.

Principal's Report: Christine Gerges

- We're so pleased around this recognition of the great work that happens here and all of the time and effort, having students feel like they belong, and taking risks in learning.
- We're so grateful to PTO partnership, students feel connected largely through the events that the PTO sponsors.
- We are sitting in a beautiful library. Many thanks to PTO and particularly Emily Brown for creating the beautiful graphics you see around.
- Halloween was last week. The parade was tremendous and worked well to have the shorter route. The classroom parties were a great success.
- Parent/Teacher conferences are this week on Wednesday and Thursday. Thursday no school for students. Not too late to signup for a conference. Deadline to signup is tonight at 10pm.
- Grateful for PTO for hosting dinners and breakfast for teachers during conferences.
- Report cards will be available on Powerschool and will also be emailed home. Teachers will often go through them at the conference and then you'll have access to them on Powerschool.
- Lost and Found is full. Stop by right next to Ms. Becerill's room. Items will be donated around the 10th. Feel free to provide suggestions as to the beneficiary of the items, names of groups that could receive the donations.
- Fields trips are up and running.

- If you know someone pre-school age interested in applying for lottery, it will be open till Nov. 18th.
- Thanksgiving break 22nd-24th.

President's Report: Megan Seliga

- We're grateful to family reading night committee. The event was well attended.
- Virginia Sara did a nice job for Green 4 Good with Walk to School week and the costume giveaway.

Treasurers Report:

- No Updates.

V-P Communications Report:

- No Updates.

V-P Volunteers: Rachel Dardis

- Diane reached out that everything went great with class parties but mentioned that room parents were asking for supplies from teachers during the parties, and teachers were helpful, but we should ask in advance, in the future, so they can be prepared. Going to add that to the notes for following parties and add it to orientation notes.

VP-Technology: Nikki Kidd

- Scholarship specific page for website that's going through a review process, so people are more familiar with the process and how to signup for scholarships and so that people know what some of our money goes to, and maybe people will donate additional dollars to support the scholarship programs. We will add specific language on the program pages about scholarships too.
- We're exploring the opportunity to do an Amazon affiliate storefront with purple items with links so that if anyone purchases it, we would make a small commission.

School Board Liaison Report: Katie Avalos

- This Tuesday will be a discussion of school report card and a followup about the 5 essentials survey and some of the limitations of the survey mechanism. Both Joe Cortese and Kris Mackie have been looking into other independent surveys to get a fuller sense of how teachers are feeling and how we can do a better job.

Belongness & Inclusion: Ingrid Payne

- Special Education community group get together at Roosevelt. We could share ideas and build community. We are working with Debbie to get the next one up and running.

- WSSRA ran a pilot with Lincoln and Willard this fall for an afternoon fun club. We're going to be talking to get info on how it went and if we can roll it out in Spring. It's similar to Best Buddies.
- Talking with Debbie about adapted PE for neurodivergent individuals - learning the fundamentals of exercise, so its not just team sports.
- Looking into activities for winter time if you're not part of RF basketball. There's some interest in a detective club.
- Event checklist is finally ready to share. Ms. Costin and Ms. Millon have helped with it. If you're planning an event, it's to make sure you're thinking about everyone. Will send a google document.

Community Fundraising: Megan Seliga on Behalf of Meredith Maienza

- Fundraiser will be January 20th at One Lake Brewery.
- Will put a save the date in the upcoming wizard weekly.

Green 4 Good: Megan Seliga on behalf of Ginny Sara

- For costume swap - 78 costumes, 51 reused, 27 donated to wonderworks
- Possibly make it a community event at the library for next year with Lincoln and Roosevelt.
- Pumpkin Smash - 942 pumpkins collected

Family Care Committee: Ashley Graves

- Coat Drive going on this week and next. We'll donate those to St. Giles.
- We'll figure out dates for food drive- figuring out where to donate. Maybe a competition among the classrooms.

Enrichment Committee: Camille McLamb

- First enrichment assembly of the year is tomorrow. Storyteller Donna Washington travels the country. She'll be providing 2 shows – one for PK through 2nd and one for 3rd and 4th. First show is about literacy and the second show revolves around parables related to social emotional learning topics.
- Will be doing 1 to 2 more enrichment programs for later in the school year.

Yoga Committee: Megan Seliga on Behalf of Dave Driscoll

- We have a date for yoga and signups will be Nov/early Dec.

Willard 5K: Megan Seliga on Behalf of Chairs

- In process of gathering sponsors.

Science Fair: Corina Davis

- We are in the planning process. Talked to Emily about getting funds for a raffle and prizes. Possible March date. Looking into extending the time. Last year 5:30-7:00 can be a little difficult to working families but balancing that with kids not being there too long.

Parent Question: When to send collection request for class gifts? First week of December.

Adjournment: 9:15am