

# Minutes

## PTC General Meeting

February 5, 2009

1. Call meeting to order  
Ruthie Rosenberg called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.
2. Minutes of Meeting-November 6, 2008 -  
The minutes of the November 6, 2008 PTC general meeting were approved.
3. Teacher Representative Report -
  - a. Ms. Clark - Winkelman - the 100<sup>th</sup> day is Friday February 6, 2009. Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade will be celebrating with activities. 1<sup>st</sup> grade is focusing on the mail system and letter writing. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is starting their Mexico unit. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is having Fairy Tale Author's Night, which they are presenting stories written through the Parent Publishing program. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade is going on their field trip. 5<sup>th</sup> grade is working on transition activities. They have received a visit from the Spanish and French foreign language teachers. They also have 6<sup>th</sup> grade pen pals they are corresponding with and then will meet in June. 5<sup>th</sup> grade musical School House Rock is April 24<sup>th</sup>. Family Literacy Night is February 18th and is for all families and will focus on different reading and writing activities. It will take place at Winkelman. Winkelman is thankful for projectors and document cameras and is excited about more in the future.
  - b. Mrs. Perley - Field - Mrs. Perley thanked the PTC for the staff dinners, sweets and technology that they have provided! She also thanked Sue Americas and Karie Mahler for the book fair, which raised about \$400.00 (net). 8<sup>th</sup> Grade is going to Navy Pier for a field trip and they are excited to begin to high school next fall. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade raised \$3,100 for St. Jude's Research with a marathon. Tara Graf raised \$695.00. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade is having medieval night in the spring. An Ensemble Festival will be taking place Saturday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> and will host 85 band students. The PTC is helping fund meals for the Ensemble.
4. Treasurer's Report  
Karie gave the treasure's report. The PTC 2008-2009 includes an additional column in red that describes what is left to pay out this year. There is \$31,885.00 approximately to be paid out this year.
  - a. Gift for Mrs. Pierce -

Mrs. Pierce received a watch and a donation was made to her chosen charity, which focuses on reading literacy.

- b. Winkelman/Field Gifts - Each year the PTC purchases something for each school worth \$2,500. This year Winkelman has chosen to receive a portable sound system and document cameras and Field is currently deciding.

5. Committee Reports

- a. BINGO Night- Bingo Night is set for Friday, February 20, 2009. Volunteers are needed to help with. Flyers have gone in the Winkelman Weekly. It is going to be a great event and everyone is encouraged to attend.
- b. Blizzard Days - Blizzard days are going well. At Field 130-140 kids are signed up for the 3-month package. February 11<sup>th</sup> is the next Field Blizzard day. Flyers are put in the Tiger's Roar. Orders are taken thru Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. Room Parents from the 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be serving Blizzards.
- c. Hospitality - Sue Americus reported on Hospitality. PTC provides meals for teachers during Parent/Teacher conferences. Also the PTC will pick a holiday during the year to put sweets in the teacher's lounges. This year it is Valentine's Day. Volunteers are needed to bake or donate treats for February 10<sup>th</sup> at Field and Friday February 13<sup>th</sup> at Winkelman.. It will be a Valentine's treat theme. If you are interested please contact Sue Americus for Field and Ruthie Rosenberg for Winkelman.
- d. NCDAA Representative - This year the age groups have been extended to include K-8. They will be separated by age level. The kids are asked to create a poster following the guidelines. It has to promote a positive message such as healthy choices, or good behavior. The winner's design will be put on promotional items/posters. There will be a walk May 1<sup>st</sup>, which will begin at United Methodist Church on Western and finish at St. Norbert's in the Gym. If you would like to get a group together to participate in this event, or to volunteer please contact Marisa Boffa.
- e. Parent Publishing - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade has just finished their fairy tale writing and the author's night festival is tonight. 4<sup>th</sup> grade is almost finished. Danielle Pekat thanked all the volunteers that help with this program and appreciates all their work. Debbie Oberman has written a great article that will be published in the Pioneer Press about Parent Publishing. Parent publishing is an excellent program for all involved.

- f. PTC Taste of District 31- Taste of District 31 is set for April 24, 2009 from 6 - 8:30 p.m. Currently 6 countries are represented. The countries/populations represented are Hungary/Germany, Poland, China, Philippines, India, and Greece. Each country is given \$100 from the PTC and they bring food and decorate a booth. There is a Parade of Nations in the beginning. The children from District 31 will provide entertainment at the end of the night. Music representative of the countries will be played during the event. The goal is to have 10 countries represented at this event. Information will be placed in the Winkelman Weekly to ask for 3-4 additional countries to be represented at this event- possibly Korea, the United States and Israel. The PTC encourages anyone who wants to represent any country become involved in this great event. Please contact Linda or Maria Kotsinis if you would like more information or are interested in helping.
  - g. Winkelman Book Club - this program is organized and going well. It was previously Great Books.
6. Old Business
- a. 2009-2010 Positions - There are three executive board members whose terms are ending and a number of chairperson positions that will be available. If anyone is interested in hearing more information please contact any chairperson or executive board member.
  - b. Green Team- The Green Team will be offering lunch bags and grocery bags for families to purchase. A price per bag is currently being obtained. The possibility of offering lunch bags as an item to purchase with school supplies for the 2009-2010 is currently being explored.
  - c. PTC Publicity: Everyone was encouraged to report upcoming events to Nancy-Director of Communication so she can promote the information in the paper and on the website.
7. New Business
- a. Winkelman Funding Request-Winkelman has requested that Author Aaron Reynolds come to present to students. The executive board had given their approval and then everyone at the meeting unanimously approved it.
  - b. Foundation Report - Margaret gave the foundation report. She reported that the Wine Benefit and Auction is Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup> and is going to be a great event. Everyone is encouraged to attend and support District 31.
8. Principal Reports -

- a. Mrs. Kalant - Winkelman - Mrs. Kalant thanked the PTC for providing dinner for the parent/teacher conferences in November. She reported she is pleased with the book club, it is going well! Parent publishing has over 100 students for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Author's Night. Family Literacy Night will take place Feb 18<sup>th</sup>, which will be a fun event for families to attend. 35 teachers will be donating their time to help that night! It will be appropriate for all reading levels. Response to Intervention - the District plan is filtered to the school level. With Life Smarts students will be able to earn \$ by having an adult sponsor them. The money will go to a group of children in Africa to buy tents for them to live in. Children will see how what they do here can help children across the world. Winkelman also has a new school flag. Each grade level participated in the creation of the flag. One will fly outside the school and another will be in the lobby.
  - b. Ms. Murphy - Field - Ms. Murphy reported that Field students recognize the efforts and donations from the PTC. They are excited and taking ownership of the gifts. Field celebrated the Inauguration together. They also mailed postcards to the White House. Every child was given a stone and asked to write a word on it. Mr. Wasielewski is placing them in a frame and will be displayed at Field. Field is also getting ready for the musical, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown". Field is also working with 5<sup>th</sup> grade for transition. Homework Hub has begun. It is a homework resource to help students who may need some extra support. There is one teacher for every 5-students. It is available 2 days before and 2 days after school. The kids are also involved in a Healthy Choices Contest. 2 students each grade will win \$50 gift card and 3 students will win a \$25.00 gift card.
9. Student Discipline Policy Discussion with Dr. Alexandra Nicholson, Superintendent - The issue of bullying was discussed and participants brainstormed ideas to define and address this issue. The district currently has a detailed policy in place.
  10. Adjourn - The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 a.m.