

Minutes

PTC General Meeting

October 8, 2009

1. Call meeting to order
Suzanne Kahn called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.
2. Approval of the minutes
The minutes were circulated and reviewed. A motion was made to approve the September meeting minutes by Karie Mahler and seconded by Suzanne Kahn.
3. Teacher Representative Report -
4. Ms. Clark - Winkelman - Ms. Clark reported Kindergarten is focusing on Fall and Halloween. They are studying bats and spiders. 1st grade is studying the farm and have had their field trip to Wagner Farm. 2nd Grade is studying the weather and communities. 3rd Grade is studying Native Americans and had their field trip to the Grove. They are also starting keyboarding in computer lab. 4th Grade is studying the different regions in social studies. They have begun with flexible grouping for math. Flexible grouping is placing children with similar learning styles into groups to learn math. These groups are formed with the entire 4th grade, not just within one class. 5th Grade is studying North America and is also beginning flexible grouping for Math. The reading support teachers are working with all students within Winkelman directly or indirectly. They are creating literacy stations for teachers to implement within their classrooms. The new art teacher is working with 5th grade with shapes, balance and positive and negative space.
Mrs. Perley - Field. Mrs. Perley thanked the PTC for the district luncheon and the technology gifts. She reported that 6th, 7th and 8th grades will all have field trips this fall. Tuesday October 14th, students will go to Covenant Village to teach seniors about computers. Covenant Village has 11 computer stations. One of the seniors has created a Facebook page after receiving computer lessons from Field students. 35 students from 8th grade will be going on a field trip to Washington DC this weekend. On October 22, students will be visiting Pilsen Village as part of cultural awareness field trip. Student Council is holding a social event Friday, October 23, 2009. A knitting club will be starting at field to knit scarves and hats..... Anyone with extra yarn or #10 knitting needles are asked to donate.

5. Treasurer's Report

Karie Mahler distributed copies of the budget and gave the treasure's report.

Committee Reports

- a. Art Enrichment - Art enrichment is beginning this month in all classes this month. A training session was held on September 24th, 2009 for new art volunteers. Currently, there is one class that still needs a volunteer. It is 5th Grade Ms. Tamillo's class.
- b. Blizzard Days - Jennifer Gemignani gave the Blizzard Days report. Blizzard Days are a fun fundraising opportunity. Kids pre-order Blizzards from Dairy Queen and they are given on designated days throughout the school year. There are 7 Blizzard days at Winkelman and several at Field. Blizzard Day contacts are Lisa Frumm and Jennifer Gemignani for Winkelman and Marisa Boffa, Sue Americus and Karie Mahler for Field. The next Blizzard day at Winkelman is October 28th.
- c. Entertainment Books - Karie Mahler thanked everyone who bought an Entertainment book this year. To date 410 books have been sold which has brought in \$4,100. One student sold 36 books. Everyone that sold a book will receive a prize.
- d. Fall Catalog Sales - the Fall Catalog began Thursday September 17, 2009. As of Oct. 7, 2009, sales were \$10,000. The candy incentives were brought back and have been very successful. Thank you to the office staff for administering the prizes. This fundraising event also compliments another fundraising event which is the Halloween on Ice. Kids who sell 10 items will receive a "Ghost Pass" to the Halloween on Ice event. The Ghost pass is free admission to the Halloween on Ice event as well as coupons for free items at that event. It is a \$35.00 value.
- e. Halloween On Ice - Ruthie Rosenberg reported on Halloween on Ice event. This is the 2nd year for this family fun fundraising event. It is scheduled for Friday, October 16, 2009 from 6-8 p.m. at the Northbrook Sports Center. There will be cosmic skating with a DJ and a separate rink for beginner skaters. There will be other fun activities happening including a magician, a caramel apple bar and a scavenger hunt. It is a family party not a drop of party. 1 Ghost Pass which includes free admission will be given to students who sell 10 items from the fall catalog sale...2 Ghost Passes for 20 items etc...
- f. Membership and Directory - Lisa Chron reported the District 31 directories are at the printer. They are looking to distribute them by the end of the month. 430 directories will be printed.
- g. Parent Publishing - Danielle Pekay is looking for volunteers for Parent publishing this year. Volunteers are needed editing the stories written

- by the children K-5. Also typing volunteers are needed. This is something that would be great for grandparents to help with as well.
- h. Winkelman Book Club- The Winkelman book club will be similar to last year. Grades 1-3 will have a 5 week session and grades 4-5 will have a 6 week session. It will take place during recess this winter. Sign up sheets will be sent out the first week in November.
 - i. Wildcat Times - The Wildcat Times is for 4th, 5th and 6th grades. The first meeting is October 14 2009.
6. Old Business
- a. 2009 Positions -
 - i. Co-Chair School Store - Sandy Hill is looking for a co-chair for the school store...the school store is open during lunch hours on Thursdays at Winkelman.
 - ii. Co-Chair Sports Challenge - Suzanne Kahn is looking for a co-chair for the Sports Challenge. The Sports challenge is a new event. It is a volleyball tournament with 4 teams of students, parents and teachers. They will play 4 games and have a half time show with entertainment from Winkelman students. The event will take place at Field Middle School and is scheduled on Friday, April 23, 2010. Look for more information to come.
 - b. PTC Publicity: Everyone was encouraged to report upcoming events to Nancy Wasielewski-Director of Communication so she can promote the information in the paper and on the website.
7. New Business
- a. Winkelman Vision/Hearing Screening Volunteers - Jan Kaplan is looking for volunteers for the Vision/Hearing Screening at Winkelman.
 - b. United Center Suite Seats Auction - Suzanne and Michael Kahn have generously donated their United Center Suite for a Bulls or Blackhawks game. The suite has a 20 seat capacity. This generous donation would raise money for the programs of the PTC. A suggested seat price could be \$230.00. The PTC is currently discussing details and how this will be promoted and sold.
 - c. Foundation Report - Margaret gave the Foundation report. She shared the first 5 k Run/Walk was held on Sunday, October 4th. About 250 people attended. A number of Winkelman teachers attended. It netted about \$6,500. The Foundation's winter benefit is scheduled for February 6, 2010.
8. Principal Reports -
- a. Mrs. Kalant - Winkelman - The benchmarks for reading and math have been completed. The reading support staff is helping all students. They are creating literacy stations for classrooms. Third, fourth and fifth grades are beginning flexible grouping in Math. The groups are determined by MAP, ISAT scores and teacher assessments. Officer

Friendly and the Glenview Fire department have made presentations. October is fire safety month. Kraft Foods is sponsoring a program where employees come and meet with all 23 classrooms 1st - 5th grade and discuss business/money, banking, careers, goals, services and GNP. The skills targeted are critical thinking, projecting, role playing, problem solving and team building. October 27th is a cultural arts presentation by Amazing Arrivals. Red Ribbon week drug awareness starting. Parent/teacher conferences begin November 16th. Watch for information on Edline. Glenbrook Hospital has begun construction. Hospital Road will be closed from October 19th - November 20th. During construction, the new emergency evacuation site for Winkelman students will be Apache Day Camp.

- b. Ms. Murphy - Field - Monday is the end of the first term. Leadership day is coming up. The seventh grade will be going to Covenant village for their service learning project. They will also be making wooden toys for foster children. Students will also be making blankets and hats for underserved children. Field has also practiced their second fire drill and also had a lockdown drill which involved the police department. Eighth grade graduation letters will go home this week. Ms. Murphy said the PTC has revolutionized the way teachers use technology. Everyone is encouraged to sign up for Edline if they haven't already. It encourages parent/student communications.
9. Superintendent Report - Dr. Alexandra Nicholson reported that the compliance review from the state will begin. Teachers and administration have worked hard in preparing for this during the past year. There will be a stakeholder strategic planning meeting to develop the 3-5 year strategic plan. All are invited to attend. November and December they will be doing a SWOT analysis. (Strengths/Weaknesses/ Opportunities/Threats) A strategic planning team will be working on the vision, mission and goals for the next five years. The new Director of Business Services is working on a financial projection. She will be presenting this during the October Board of Education meeting.
10. Adjourn - The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.