



Willet PTA Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 16, 2011
7:00 P.M., Home of Joy Klineberg

- I. **Call to Order and Roll Call**—called to order at 7:03 by Navi Bains.
- II. **Reading and Approval of Minutes June 2011 meeting**—These will be presented for approval at the September PTA meeting.

Attendees: Navi Bains, Barbara Archer, Kelly Clark, Jessica Drushell, Joy Klineberg, Kari Fry, Melissa Stem, Helen Hadani, Pam Moeller, Stewart McConnell, Chris Fletsch, Heidi Perry, Christina Yeung, Barbara Tangaan

III. **Principal's Report**—Heidi Perry

- Ms. Perry is very excited to be back for a new school year and to have the kids back at school.
- Enrollment is at 530 students.
- The staff returns Friday, and will meet as a staff Monday.
- The school has several new staff including a psychologist, Natalie Watkins, a new math specialist, a new counselor Jill McElroy who will be at Willet for 5.5 hours per week for families and students needing support. Ms Perry gave special THANKS to the PTA for providing the funds to allow the new counselor, Jill McElroy, to join Willett. Ms. Perry has also hired a new 4th grade teacher and a new 1st grade teacher after screening many resumes for each position. These hires will be announced after approval by the Board. We have also hired an Occupational Therapist, Allison Rooney, who has been at Willett in the past. We also have a posting for an Instructional Computer Specialist.
- Ms. Perry and Joy are meeting with someone from UC Davis about doing a Willett day at various sports events. We will likely start with an Aggies football game and will make tickets available to our families at discounted prices.
- Sept 16 UC Davis football players are coming on campus to read to our kids.
- Please save items that you might normally give away at this time of year. On September 24 Willett will hold a tag sale at the District office to support Outdoor Education.
- Preliminary STAR scores are in, and it appears that Willett dropped 10 points in API to 924. Our scores dropped in second and fifth grades and went up in 4th grade thanks to significant explicit intervention.
- Facilities updates: Removed flower beds in front of B10 and B11. This area will eventually have backpack hooks installed. We will also concrete around the holes in the quad and around the kindergarten fence. Tree Sacramento will be replanting 3 trees on our playground. Thanks to the parents and students who helped install the shed last spring.
- Paper Parade if 4-7 pm on Sunday. The PTA team will set up Friday afternoon.
- We are speaking to the district about placing a surveillance camera on campus due to regular graffiti-ing. Parents should call the police if they ever see graffiti on campus.
- Please do the homework survey if you have not already completed it.

Treasurer's Report—Jessica—

- We have a balance of \$10, 325.69
- She will be going to finance training and will be meeting with our prior treasurer, Kimberley, tomorrow.
- Cari will look into whether we need to approve budget at back to school meeting and who needs to be part of voting to approve the budget.
- Barbara will make copies of the bylaws for everyone.
- Heidi moved to approve the checks and Cari seconded this motion. All on the executive committee approved.

Officer/Coordinator Reports—

- Chris' Fundraising report: Direct Fundraising letter will be given to parents on registration day. After we collect those funds at the start of school, we will make a decision about whether or not Innisbrook will be needed. He has also talked to Great American fundraising and we'll discuss that if needed at a future meeting; Marla Dolcini is considering possibly becoming casino night organizer...Responses from our fundraising survey suggested that the majority of respondents were interested in a direct donation campaign. A majority also said they would attend casino night. We will decide upon Casino Night after assessing the success of the direct donation campaign

Old Business

Budget approval—We will revisit this item at our next meeting.

New Business

Paper parade: we will need volunteers for PTA table. The event starts at 4. Navi and Joy will each work at the table. Chris will make posters for the direct donation campaign explaining what we fund, how much we need, etc. We will have a cashbox available at the parade. Barbara will email him the final fundraising letter. The deadline for the direct donation campaign will be the end of September. We are considering a contest for the first classroom where everyone turns in their PTA forms.

Joy will order new t-shirts for sale this year. They will be black with a green owl. Ms. Perry asked that we have a Sharpie available at sales for kids to write their names in their shirts and sweatshirts.

The first few Who's News will be in print. Thereafter they will go exclusively by email. Wednesdays will be the deadline for entries into Who's News.

PTA meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of every month in the staff room. All are welcome!

Adjournment ---- We adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Upcoming events and important dates:

August 21 Paper parade

August 22 Kindergarten Orientation

August 23 First Day of School; PTA Welcome Back Coffee

August 31 Back to School Night K-3

September 1 Outdoor Ed meeting; Back to School Night 4-6-----

September 5 Labor Day Holiday

September 15 School Pictures