

**PTO Meeting Minutes**  
**September 24, 2009**

**Attendance:**

Mr. Jordan (Principal)  
Ms. Alexion (Curriculum Specialist)  
Mr. Leshar (Teacher Representative)  
Ms. Arleen Thomas (5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher)

**Parents:** 16 present

**Children:** 8 present

**PTO Executive Board:**

Julia Coleman Co-President  
Jen Razzi Co- President  
Gwen Harpel Vice-President  
Mimi Bourgeault 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Chris Rementer Treasurer  
Erika Wimms Internal Secretary  
Andrea Jackson Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm in the school library by co-president and chairperson for the meeting, Ms. Julia Coleman.

The following was discussed:

**Welcome Announcements:**

- Board introductions
- Teacher Representative introduced- Mr. James Leshar (6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher)
- 2009-2010 Theme: “Unified”
- The PTO thanked everyone for attending Back to school picnic and open house
- Chairperson Focus: “Willow Hill, You and the PTO.”
  - YOU are the success of your children. Get involved in your child’s education. Studies show this is proven to improve your child’s academic standing.
  - Volunteer opportunities are available eg: the school Library
  - Overview of the activities of the year

**Principal Report:**

- Mr. Jordan welcomed everyone back to school for the New Year.
- RtI (Response to Intervention) initiative re-introduced.
- Reading Support to begin 9/29.
- Mr. Jordan asking for help with morning drop off
- Do not drop off before 8:30 am
- No double parking in circle
- No school 9/28 in observance of Yom Kippur
- Mr. Jordan introduced two new staff members:
  - Mrs. Kimberly Seslow – Learning Support
  - Mrs. Jessica Weldon – Secretary
- PSSA results from 2008-2009 school year to be mailed in upcoming week
- School Wide Positive Behavior Support Program (SWPBS) expectations reviewed:
  - “Think first before you make choices”

- So far showing 50% drop off in out of school suspensions and office referrals

**Treasurer Report:**

- This was an interim report
- Board to meet and make budget in October 2009.
- Treasures report accepted

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee:**

- Will be raising funds for trips, parties, memory books
- Committee heads introduced
  - Co-chairpersons:
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Sharon Jamison
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Abbe Farber
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> Amanda Wolfinger
  - Treasurer: Valerie Yancy
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade committee reminded of need to select a secretary or someone to double in this capacity.
  - Also, a Calendar of events were requested. Committee member present, Abbe Farber, said will have this for us.
- 10/10 Car wash 10/17 rain date
- Calendar of events after 10/5 meeting

**Fundraisers Review:**

- Fall Catalog
  - Kick off assembly 10/6
- Chick-fil-A: October 19, 2009
- Kid stuff books end October 8, 2009
  - \$25 each \$12.50 to school
- Spirit wear sale to begin in November

PTO thanks Mrs. Rawley and Mrs. Borger for the new beautiful planting garden outside cafeteria area. In memory of Jen Bolten former Willow Hill reading specialist.

**Upcoming events:**

- 10/1 School store begins
- 10/2- 10/4 School district Fall Fun Festival
  - Volunteers needed
- Fall Catalog Sales: 10/5-10/20
  - 10/6 Fall fundraising kick off assembly
- 10/8 Whingo night: doors open 5:30pm, games 6-8pm
- 10/10 6<sup>th</sup> grade car wash
- 10/15 @ **9:15am PTO Meeting in the Cafeteria**
- 10/16 Spirit day: "Think Pink Day"

- 10/16 Cheer-a-thon for Breast Cancer 3 day walk **7:30 to 8:30AM at the School**  
Meet @7:30 am to pass out water bottles and cheer walkers on!

The next PTO Meeting will be Thursday, October 15 @ 9:15am in the school cafeteria.  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Submitted,  
Andrea Jackson  
Recording Secretary  
WH PTO  
2009-2010