# West Mifflin Middle School PTSA Meeting Minutes November 17, 2022

### I. <u>Welcome</u>

- Meeting called to order @ 7:08 PM
- Reading and approval of minutes- Approved by Mary Ellen Monack Rick Minor seconds.
- Treasurer's Report There were no questions. This will be filed for audit.
- II. <u>Audit Report-</u> not completed yet

# III. <u>Principal's Report</u>

- The Graphics Lab is getting set up for grades 7 & 8.
- Looking for dates to showcase the lab for parents & families.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade job holders will take parents on a tour of the building
- Parents will be invited for a PowerPoint presentation as well.
- Monthly meetings are being held to plan transitions for 4<sup>th</sup> grader, as well as students moving from 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades, & 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grades for next year. One idea is to hold elementary field days at the Middle School to help with the 4<sup>th</sup> grade transition and possibly holding a parent meeting following field day.
- During the Middle School Band & Orchestra Concerts the building will be open for parents and families to walk around and look at the decorated Christmas trees.
- The 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are using a program called Naviance. This is a comprehensive program that helps students develop readiness skills for high school, college, & careers.
- Diagnostic tests are being administered regularly. The data from the tests is being used to help students work on strengths and weaknesses.
- The building scores are @ 69  $\frac{1}{2}$  %. The only school district that has scored better is Thomas Jefferson.
- The school has increased in the following areas: scores on PSSA's, attendance, growth.

# IV. <u>Upcoming Calendar Events</u>

- Holiday Workshop- Only the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders will shop. The tentative date is Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. We are waiting for the company to confirm the date.
- Polar Express- Possible date Dec. 21- will contact Lisa Urban for details
- V. <u>Old Business</u>- Student December give back- t-shirts. Dr. Minford will get all the student sizes.

# VI. <u>Committee Reports</u>

- > Activities
  - Holiday Workshop-
  - Scholastic Book Fair- Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>
  - Skating Party- Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> @ Eden Park Roller Rink

- > Communication
  - *Membership* 125 members
  - **Publicity**-There are currently no changes. We are looking for an App for the PTSA to use with members. We are having a hard time for parents and members to receive all the information. Parents don't always receive papers or other notifications, for various reasons.
- > Fundraising
  - Yeti lottery ticket- not selling as well as anticipated. If anyone still wants to sell tickets, please contact Alicia Bakota-412-977-3765 for tickets. Money/stubs are due by Tuesday, Nov.22.
  - Sarris Candy- this fundraiser will take place in the Spring before Easter.
  - Looking into additional fundraising options. Members are welcome to share ideas/suggestions.
- VII. <u>New Business- none</u>
- VIII. <u>Outstanding items</u>
  - IX. <u>Next meeting- January 2, 2023</u>
  - X. <u>Meeting adjourned @ 7:55 PM</u>