

Goodwin PTO Meeting Minutes
20 January, 2016
Goodwin Music Room 6:30–7:30

Present: Jen Scanlon-Passmore, Susan Muirhead, Tracy Rittenhouse, Alexia Smith, Richard Weyel, Melissa McLaren, Veronica Barcelona de Mendoza, Meghan Silliman, Kathleen Peirsman, Barbara Mellone, Kristen Zadnik, Marisol Dumeng, Marianne Legassey, Julie Klimkiewicz

Recorder: Alexia Smith

1. Call to order: 6:35
2. Officer's Reports
 - a. President's Report (Jen Scanlon-Passmore)
 - i. Wizards game: sold out (800 tickets). Many families turned away at the door. Amazing event. Will try to get bigger space next year. Finances have not yet been finalized but approximately \$6000 was generated from sales tickets to be divided between 3 schools (will also receive 20% of merchandise sales). Concession stand also busy. Local restaurants provided percentage of sales to PTOs, so overall income will exceed \$6000. Will be looking for feedback. Marianne Legassey and Nurse Anne very active in planning from Goodwin ends. Feedback: overwhelmingly positive event. Recommendations for improvements: reserved seats (which cost more) were not reserved, posters paid for were not automatically given, could improve process for waitlist for tickets. Possibly include a seating coordinator in future events. Bleachers were packed! Bigger venue could help alleviate some of these issues.
 - b. Vice-president report (Veronica Barcelona de Mendoza)
 - i. Communication is going well. Can now search for Facebook page.
 - c. Treasurer's Report (Tracy Rittenhouse)
 - i. Profit and loss statement presented (included below).
 - ii. Most of income from November meeting has cleared. Book fair income lower than previous years but still decent income.
 - iii. Motion to accept treasurer's report by Meghan Silliman seconded by Richard Weyel. All approved.
 - d. Secretary's Report:
 - i. Minutes from last meeting submitted to Goodwin PTO website.
 - ii. Motion to accept November minutes by Kristen Zadnik seconded by Richard Weyel. All approved.
 - iii. Goodwin contact book: flyers will come out in Friday backpacks requesting updates and soliciting information from new families.

- e. Principal's Report (Susan Muirhead):
 - i. School community dressed in Blue Ribbon t-shirts. Photographs taken of staff and students formed in shape of ribbon. Will have photographs enlarged and printed to be hung beneath plaque in hallway. Staff have discussed other events that will take place to celebrate the Blue Ribbon award.

3. PTO Business

- a. Spring Book Fair: need to set date for spring book fair. Best to avoid conflict with Whale Bash. Week of 11 April 2016 was set as the best option. Art Day will be held on the Monday and PTO meeting on the Wednesday. Scholastic currently has dates available. Julie will confirm with Scholastic.
- b. Magician/entertainer: Marisol has been exploring event types. CTasers (\$1500/hour). Discoveries Museum: offer programs "What not to do!" (\$400 plus travel fees of \$100–150). UConn puppeteers. Has requested to see if they are available on the 5th of April. Maybe consider reptiles? Ideally would like to schedule on last week of February or the 6th or 7th of April. First two weeks of May cannot be booked owing to in-school testing. Will continue to explore options.
- c. Request for 7 iPads and reflector apps: to be used by 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade teachers and 3–4th grade special education/enrichment teachers. Full support from board. Would be used solely by teachers in classrooms. Can use iPad to instantly image work and immediately display on Smartboard. Can still walk around students and provide instant feedback to group without disrupting flow of teaching. Approximate cost: \$3000. Motion to fund iPads: Meghan Silliman seconded by Alexia Smith.
- d. Whale Bash: Looking for more parent support to help run Whale Bash and Silent Auction. Melissa McLaren and Jen Scanlon-Passmore met to begin process of soliciting donations for silent auction. Melissa has experience running auctions and will chair silent auction and oversee volunteers. Will need help soliciting businesses divided by categories (Storrs Center, online businesses, parents, etc.). Looking for volunteers.
- e. Swap shop: opportunity to donate gently used clothing and allow families to take any items for free. Could run at Sock Hop (18 March 2016). Use music and art rooms and separate clothes by size. Leftovers could be sent to Bag2School. Organization pays per pound and donate clothes to families overseas.
- f. Trestle tree: Mr Dean will have student teachers to help out at event. Have been using online sign-up sheet. Currently 76 children have signed up. Have slots for 100 children. May need to rotate children for safety issues. PTO should develop a disclaimer for parents to sign on the night.

g. Turn-off TV week: remove from schedule for this year? Decided to keep event and move to 14 March 2016 to coordinate with Sock Hop.

4. Motion to adjourn: Richard Weyel, Alexia Smith seconded. Meeting adjourned: 7:45.

Treasurer's Report

**Goodwin PTO Treasurer's
Report Profit & Loss Statement
Nov 18, 2015 – Jan 20, 2016**

Starting Amount		\$24,363.00
Income		
Book Fair	\$732.17	
Box Tops	\$531.10	
Parent Donations	\$95.00	
t-shirts Goodwin	\$65.00	
Wizards Basketball	\$444.00	
Total Income	\$1,867.27	
Expenses		
Pizza	\$27.12	
Sitter	\$50.00	
4 th Grade Field Trip	\$72.00	
Gifts	\$175.00	
Harvest Festival	\$146.70	
Heritage Potluck	\$29.60	
Ice Cream Social	\$24.11	
Mileage Club	\$41.93	
New Parent Social	\$21.48	
Teacher Grants	\$937.02	
Thanksgiving Feast	\$32.98	
T-Shirts Blue Ribbon	\$1752.43	
Yoga	\$15.00	
Wizards Basketball	\$100.50	
Total Expenses	\$3,425.87	
Profit/Loss		-\$1,558.60
Box Top Balance		\$3435.24
Balance		\$22,804.40