Willow River Parent Group
Meeting Notes
August 26, 2013

Dianne, Kelly, Jody, Kari, Monica, Mrs. Osterhues, and Stephanie Anthony all present

Call to order 3:37pm

1.  Mrs. Osterhues updated parent group on the status of the monitor being considered for the atrium.  The computer base will be located in the parent group supply closet.  Steve, with IT, will mount, but parent group is responsible for maintaining the monitor.  She will get pricing information as well.
    Mrs. Osterhues discussed her idea of wanting to creatively design a frame for the Willow River Statement in the Atrium, and also agreed to giving parent group some time at the first all school meeting for us to talk about fundraising.

2.  Voted to approve Laurel Afinson’s request for $1000 from the Lyceum account.  Dianne motioned, Jody seconded.

3.  Discussed Meet the Teacher night schedule.  Will have a table set up with samples of products that     will be featured in the Chip Shoppe fundraiser this fall, and will be selling Willow River T-shirts.  Jody will prepare the samples, and we will each take 1/2 hours shifts at the table that night

4.  Discussed Back To School gifts for the teachers.  Ideas such as lotions, and hand soap were mentioned, but all agreed to search for ideas under $3. We have additionally requested a list of Teacher/Staff birthdays, as we would like to acknowledge them and demonstrate our appreciation.  Mrs. Osterhues will get the list to Dianne

5.  Board meetings vs. Parent Group meetings
          -Board meetings will be held separately from the Parent Group meetings.
             Different ideas such as a  quick conference call, or meeting for a short
             time before monthly PG meetings, would work to streamline different
             responsibilities and schedules.

         -Ideas were presented on what the format for PG meetings should look like.
           --We desire to reach Willow’s parents, and make PG a positive experience
               and promote community among parents in the school.
           --We will attempt to have a topic of interest each meeting, with the first
              meeting brainstorming ideas of what parents are interested in. Mrs.
              Osterhues is willing to help as her schedule allows, and will ask the
              teachers topic ideas, with possibly having some teachers giving
              presentations.

         -How to get the word out? Kelly is willing to design a flyer to be posted by
           the PG bulletin board, and Mrs. Osterhues will mention it in her email to
           parents.

         -We will offer pizza and lemonade before the PG meetings, for a
          suggested donation of $5.  Kari spoke with several local pizza places in
          town, and Dough Boys was most willing to work with the school, and
          offered Willow an extra large pizza for $11. They have a gluten free option
          available as well, and will need advance notice.

         -Kari will speak with Kristen childcare

6.  Kelly mentioned the idea of utilizing the high schoolers, service clubs, National Honor Society, and      athletic teams, for volunteer opportunities with our school.  This would fulfill our need for volunteers f  for different events (so parents can be with their children), and their requirement for some service hours.  We will be in contact with Mrs. Shoemaker.

7.  Scavenger hunt- Mentor event.  Alicia Decker will organize, and has
       requested last year’s WR t-shirts.

8.  Treasurers report- Sold half of t-shirts at registration.  23 ipads were
        purchased last year.

9.  Conference call for next meeting

      4:45 adjourn