Willow River Parent Group
Meeting Notes
February 17, 2014

13 Adults (+children), Mrs. Osterhues present

Call to Order 6:30pm

1. 5th Grade iPad presentation- Mr. Knoke

iPads are used daily by the 5th grade students, with rotations of use by each of the 3 classes.  Apps such as App captions, Telegami, Google Earth, Timeline have been extremely useful in helping students prepare presentations.  Mr. Knoke shared videos made by students during their study on Endangered Species.  Parents questioned internet safety for students and Mr. Knoke assured parents that the district has a good firewall and any questionable sites that are opened, the school district is notified.

2.  Board Reports
Volunteer Coordinator: Help is needed in providing a few more items for the
                                            Staff Appreciation Buffet.
                                            3 more volunteers are needed for the Junior Achievement program. The               program has volunteers teaching students a pre planned lesson. A complete packet is provided and is a very positive experience for the parent, as well as the students.

3.  Talent Show- February 28
Phone calls have been made regarding the dress rehearsal and Dianne will be in touch with the 5th grade teachers, asking for interest in any students to help run the program.

4.  Book Fair-February 20-21
PG has accumulated lots of scholastic dollars. Volunteers are still needed to help run the fair.

5.  Music and Art Show- April 11 Genie Castro
         Celebrating 10 years! Theme is By Local. Jody Youngman is working with local artists to come and work with students to help them understand the artist’s particular “skill”.  Each artist will also feature their artwork in the program, and the first half hour of the show will feature a local musician.
         It was discussed as to how to make this event more profitable. The Music and Art  Show is a community wide event, and typically very well attended. Some ideas as to how to raise some extra funds were to have an open guitar case set out during musical performances and a “make and take” art project for a price of $5.
        They are still looking for someone to organize food served at the art show. Typically Girl Scouts serve food and parents donate food.
        Kelly will find a parent volunteer for each classroom.  Each class will be responsible for making a project as a class to be auctioned off at the show.

6.  Teacher Request
        Thank you letters from a Mrs. Nelson’s 3rd grade class were sent around the room thanking PG for the funds to purchase math medals

7.  Mentor/Mentee dinner
        Will be held an hour before the next PG meeting.  Agave Kitchen will cater food.

8.  Dining in the Dark
        Big success! Raised over $600, Jack was viewed as a celebrity among his peers.

9.  Upcoming Events
EARLY RELEASE, February 20
NO SCHOOL, February 21
Culver’s Night, February 24
Talent Show, February 28
Freestyle, March 7

Ajourn 7:25