Willow River Parent Group
Meeting Notes
November 18, 2013
6:30 pm

20 Adults, (with approx 32 children), Board and Mrs. Osterhues present

Call to Order 6:34 pm

Board Reports

     President- Thank you for support of Fall Fest, was a success!
     VP- Nothing to report
     Secretary- Nothing to report
     Treasurer- All expenses are with in budget
     Volunteer- Culvers & Holiday Workshop coming up.  Need a Wolfie for Freestyle.

Prairie Fire Theatre-   Jessica Bratsch, January 6-10, 2014, Pinocchio

     Prairie Fire Theatre is a professional theatre group based out of Baxter, MN.  The group provides a director, scripts, and costuming.  Casting for the production is Monday evening, followed by nightly practice, with a live performance on Friday during school for students and Friday evening for parents. Last year was the first year Willow participated in the program, and there was a good response, having 74 participants. It is considered a very well done program and provides students with the opportunities for making strong relationships with their peers. This is a very powerful experience for students. WRPG is responsible for helping to provide food for the students and staff, as well as covering the cost of lodging for the directors.  Parent Volunteers will also be needed to help assist students with homework and serving food during practices.

Dining in the Dark- Michaela Smith and Jack Pomeroy, February 4, 2014

     7 year old, Jack Pomeroy, gave a presentation on his idea to coordinate an event to raise awareness of the visually impaired within our school community.  He is a part of the Foundation for Fighting Blindness.  Having a visual impairment himself, he has benefited from the program, and was inspired by a 12 year old boy from St Paul to organize a dinner/fundraiser, in which participants Dine in the Dark. The idea is be able to experience a small piece of what life is like for someone who is blind.  With the help of Michaela, there are several activities that are planned for people to experience blindness.  Jack would like to raise $500.  WRPG can support him by getting the word out and participating in this amazing event!

Camp St. Croix-Mrs. Dobberstein

     Mrs. Dobberstein gave a fantastic presentation on the experience of the 5th grade class this fall.  A very detailed powerpoint, gave parents a great understanding of how important this experience is for these students and why PG works hard for the fall fundraiser to be able to support this event. Mrs. D extended a huge thanks for supporting this program.  Our support helps to take a huge stress off of families and teachers. This was an amazing bonding experience for the students and thanks to the huge support from parent volunteers!

Coordinators needed for next year:

     Book Fair
     Chip Shoppe
     Music and Art Show

Box Tops: Julie Mccorkel

     -Currently collecting Campbells labels for education. Please cut out UPC and
            keep PV attached.

     -Also collecting Family Fresh Receipts and Milk Moola

     -Saving pop tabs for Mrs. Draper’s 4th grade class.  They are collecting pop tabs
            to be used as a remembrance of people who had died in the Holocost.

Teacher Requests

     Busing for field trips
     4th Grade Razz kids program
     2nd Grade reading program

Discussed Upcoming Events:

     NO SCHOOL, November 27-29
     Early Release, December 5
     Freestyle,  December 5
     Culver’s Night, December 16, 5-8 Kari explained shifts and are in need of parent
         volunteers
     Holiday Workshop, December 18-19, kids make crafts for parents, need parent
         volunteers

NO PG MEETING IN DECEMBER

Adjourn 7:30