



West Lafayette Elementary School

Parent Council Meeting

December 10, 2019 6:30 pm

1. Meeting Called to Order - **About 35 in attendance**

2. Dr. Rocky Killion

- Rocky thanked everyone for coming and introduced School Corp. Attorney Bob Reiling to discuss the lawsuit.
- School plan is to develop the building into an early childhood education center. The current law reads that if not occupied by a k-12 school, then a charter school can purchase the building for \$1.00.
- The issue came to light about 3 years ago when the development projects were approved for the buildings. Happy Hollow was appraised at about 1/10th of what it should have.
- The school board decided to file a lawsuit. Attorney Doug Masson created the lawsuit paperwork which asks the judge to grant a hearing with the Supreme Court.
- The law has been passed in 5 other states.
- Dr. Killion: The judge had challenging questions. First was what do taxpayers think? Since Happy Hollow was paid for out of our property taxes, he thinks taxpayers should support it - trying to get as many signatures as possible in hopes of the Judge granting a hearing.
- Why now and why not wait until there is interest in the building? Because it takes time. The Indiana code regarding this law is vague. If we invest in an Early Childhood Education Center in this building, the charter school can buy it for \$1.00 since the current law reads that it must be occupied by a K-12 school.
- At time of meeting we had gathered about 300 signatures. The goal is about 1000.
- In summary, it's the opinion of Rocky and school attorney that it's unwise to invest in the building until we are sure someone can't come and buy it.
- The goal is to change the law for everyone, not just our school corporation.
- WLCSC voted #20 in the nation by Newsweek for the top STEM schools out of over 19,000.

Those only there for the petition portion of the meeting were excused.

3. Semester Wrap Up

11 in attendance

- Treasurer's Report
Zack Antalis: We are in good shape. Funded our teacher grants with cash raised from fundraiser and scholastic dollars. Ordered and paid for new playground equipment.
- Beginning of year: K and field trip t-shirts, school supply kits, parent kick off coffee
- Staff Appreciation - Chair Brooke Kitchel - 2 already - 1 lunch from Arni's and a diy snack mix bar. Looking for chair for next year.
- Fall Carnival - Chair Jessica Trosky - about \$1700 raised (no raffle this year)
- Book Fair - Over \$11,000 worth of books sold to our students
- Teacher Grants and Grant Fundraiser - Chair Sarah Jacquier - \$6870 raised - funded about \$5400 in cash plus \$1200 with Scholastic Dollars
- Purchased new cafeteria coat racks - \$1000.00
- Movie Night - \$300.00 raised
- Playground Equipment - \$15,000 - plan for March install

4. Upcoming Information and Events

- K/1 Movie Night in the works - Late January. Will pinpoint date. Also second 2/3 Movie Night - February
- Month of April - Crew Car Wash Fundraiser
- Art Show - April 17, 2020 - Live performances and artwork displayed and BOGO Book Fair Opening Night. Katie Wilson chairing.
- Staff Appreciation Week - May 4, 2020
- Final Fun Day - May 20, 2020
- Chairs Needed for 2020/2021 year:
 - Carnival
 - Teacher Grants
 - Movie Nights
 - Staff Appreciation Lunches
 - Crew Car Wash Fundraiser
 - Final Fun Day

5. Questions and Answers

Feedback/Suggestions about streamlining and being more consistent with social media/skyward email/newsletter. How do we get information out to everyone in all places? It's been a constant struggle.

Feedback about further evening meeting so working parents can attend.

Question about where to find meeting minutes. It was discussed maybe we start posting them to Facebook.

6. Adjournment