

**Westfield Middle School
Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)
Tuesday, November 15, 2011**

Meeting commenced at 7:05 pm.

Attendance: Mela Puscas, Laurie Spejcher, Linda Wolf, Debbie Kling, Lauren McDonald, Donna Carusiello, Sherrill Worcester, Gregg Elstien, Viorel Puscas.

Gregg Elstien of "All Pro Dad" is looking for a way to get more dads involved. A survey may go out with the progress reports to test interest.

Minutes from October 18, 2011 approved by Lauren, seconded by Debbie.

Teacher Liaison/Student Council Report: *Lauren McDonald*

Only three 'wish' lists were submitted by teachers; they are not sure what to ask for. E-readers are of interest for the IMC; there will be a more definitive answer in January 2012 after more discussion. Perhaps the PTO could match funds from grants. Compass Learning is being used as interventions for any student; it should show by improvements on MAP tests in January 2012. Student Council is running their clothing drive. Sharing Tree and its field trip is coming up. One goal is to maintain the number of kids involved during the 2nd half of the year. The Bags Fundraiser raised \$400 donated to the Lymphoma/Leukemia Foundation. Possibly get more dads involved next year.

Treasurer's Report: *Linda Wolf*

So far, \$5,900 has been deposited from the Magazine Drive. Very successful for the first year with Great American.

Principal's Report: *Debbie Kling*

Magazine Drive BMX Bike Show will be on January 19, 2012. Will be getting dates confirmed for the Limo Lunch and Minute-to-Win-It. During American Education Week lunch and snacks will be provided for the staff and faculty, cards were sent to the Board of Education and bus drivers. The 8th grade EXPLORE Test will be taken on Saturday, December 10, 2011 at Lake Park East starting at 7:45 am. Westfield Holiday Concerts are on December 5th and 6th. MAP testing will take place in January for all students, because it gives more time to improve each individual to move to the next level. MAP scores predict ISAT scores. District goals were passed out. Westfield is now 6th out of 56 middle schools in DuPage County. Parent Teacher Conferences will include the students in order for them to become involved in their own progress. Westfield's 2012 Graduation will be held in the Lake Park High School auditorium which will limit the number of tickets each family receives. Graduation pictures will happen in February 2012.

President's Report: *Mela Puscas*

PTO will provide dinner for both nights of conferences from Home Run Inn costing \$300 which is \$150 under budget. Sabrina Carollo is looking for a way to promote MANNA gift card fundraiser. MANNA order forms can go home with the hot lunch forms on Tuesday, November 29th. The magazine drive now has raised \$6,496 not including the booklet sales. Forty percent goes to PTO. Ideas for fundraisers could be McDonalds, Extreme Trampoline, Family Movie Night.

Meeting ended at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Spejcher, PTO Secretary