

Wamego Middle School PTO  
November 28, 2011

In attendance: Amy Schwein, Travis Hardenburger, Brittany Birch, Vici Jennings, Lori Rice, Laura Fails, Katie Fritz

\*Special guest Audry Phillips from Three Rivers spoke with us about the Safe Route Grant that Three Rivers has obtained from KDHE. This mini grant covers the expense of collecting data associated with walking safety in our community. One year ago, Vision Wamego sited the lack of sidewalks in certain parts of Wamego as a big problem. Three Rivers will be distributing surveys to community members and will be at the schools during arrival/dismissal times to catch students and parents.

There is no funding once the process is complete to make changes. It will be up to the community to address these needs at the city and county government levels. Audry will be presenting at the next BOE meeting. There will be a public forum at West on December 13<sup>th</sup> and at the Wamego Public Library on December 15<sup>th</sup> for anyone wanting more information or to be involved in some way. The survey results will be completed by February 1<sup>st</sup>. The information will then be presented to the city and county planning committees as well as EcoDevo. Audry will get some email verbiage to Vici Jennings to be used in the daily bulletin as a Messenger email.

\*Brittany Birch spoke with us about the upcoming Scholastic Book Fair. She and Kelley Nordberg are seeking volunteers to work designated shifts during the sale. They are needing help on 12/5 from 2:30-4:00, 12/6 from 4:00-8:00 and 12/7 from 2:30-4:00. Lori Rice will put a volunteer sign up on the WMS PTO Blog or you can contact Brittany at [birchb@usd320.com](mailto:birchb@usd320.com) if you would like to help. A sign up sheet was passed around and will be made available at Site Council as well.

### **Correspondence**

Several thank you notes were received from teachers and staff regarding the meal that PTO provided during Parent/Teacher Conferences.

### **Finances**

The financial report was submitted via email by Jen Faulker. Amy Schwein will be picking up the check at Pizza Hut from our recent fundraiser. That event raised \$1043.00. Outstanding bills include the water bottles and a reimbursement to Amy Schwein for the holiday pretzels for the December dance.

## **Old Business**

### ***Family Fun Night***

There are participant surveys which need to be completed and turned in this week. The feedback that we heard that night was very positive. Travis Hardenburger reported that some of his students focused in on "wear your gym clothes" and "work out" from the announcements. We will keep that in mind when we promote the next event. Vici Jennings will be applying for this grant for the spring. The new grants are now \$350. Any unspent funds from this event can be carried over to the next event.

Thank you notes were written by the members present to all the volunteers and presenters.

### ***Water Bottles***

Water bottles are in and available for purchase. We are selling them for \$10 each. We should end up with a profit of \$508.80 after selling all 120 of this first order. Vici Jennings will send out a picture with order contact information via School Messenger and promote them as a Christmas/stocking stuffer item. We will see how many are left after Christmas and come up with a post Christmas marketing plan if necessary. Amy Schwein will be the point of sale contact person.

### ***Dance Snacks***

PTO will again be providing bottled water and a snack for the December 16<sup>th</sup> (rescheduled date) dance. Holiday pretzels have been purchased for this and donations of water bottles are being sought.

## **New Business**

Super Secret Teacher/Staff surprise will be available on December 20<sup>th</sup>. We will send out an email requesting donations for the needed supplies. Travis Hardenburger and Brittany Birch were sworn to secrecy.

Next meeting will be Monday, January 23, 2012 at 6:00pm in the WMS Library.