



# WILLARD PTG

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## Willard PTG meeting

February 3, 2020

### Attendance

Susan Wagner, Liz Nadzo, Liz Colgan, Rebecca Lamaitre, Matt Lucey, Tracy DeTora, Peony Keve, Janet King, Tricia Brusco, Robin Baughman, Erika Woodhouse, Courtney Whalen, Meagan MacNutt, Jenny Reis

### Welcome/ Recap of the Month (Susan Wagner)

- Susan Wagner welcomes everyone to PTG board meeting. Minutes were approved via email for January meeting.
- Presidents are working on bringing composting to the cafeteria. Susan will be going to the Thoreau School on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> to learn about their composting process. Looking for a parent to be in charge at Willard. This parent will help kids to understand what needs to be composted.
- Family game night was a huge success
- End of the year volunteer appreciation party will take place June 4<sup>th</sup>
- Before and After school programs are up and running. The full classes (Robotics with legos, Kids Test Kitchen, Yoga). Three classes did not run due to low enrollment. Looking for feedback for these new programs. Looking forward we will need to figure out inline skating this spring.
- Spring Fling event is scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup>. Spare change will be a part of this event. The event will be breakfast for dinner, dance party and a raffle.
- Laurie Hunter will be at the March 2<sup>nd</sup> PTG meeting.
- Book Fair is moving to a new vendor. The Silver Unicorn in Acton will be providing the books. The tentative date is Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Spelling Bee will be April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sharon Hane is the liaison for judges and Matt Lucey is confirming that we have filled the positions.
- Science Fair has 50 children signed up for the fair this Sunday, which is a great turnout.
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade committee working on pool party date

- K registration is April 7<sup>th</sup> (2 sessions) and April 14<sup>th</sup> (1 session). Meagan will have flyers for the popsicle party at the K registration.

#### Principal Update (Matt Lucey)

- Strong response from the community to support family in crisis at HS
  - Willard is continuing work with social emotional learning and making connections with each student in the school
  - District strategic plan to reduce anxiety and pressure for students
- Students enjoying STEAM lab
- SAC meeting this afternoon on RTI
- Faculty meeting today to review master schedule
- Middle school will begin next year to have heterogeneous groups for math
  - Gives kids a chance to ground themselves in 6<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Middle school teachers are coming to elementary schools to learn how to teach mixed learners
- MCAS schedule has been posted to the school website
- DARE is scheduled to come for the 5<sup>th</sup> graders at the end of the year

#### Social Committee update (Meagan MacNutt)

- West Concord Liquors gave a huge discount for the Willard social. Encouraged people to support the business whenever they can.
- Jess Hart, the owner of Orange Theory Fitness, holds fundraisers at her studio. Thoreau School has held a fundraiser there. All of the proceeds are donated to the school. Willard could have a Friday class at 6:30pm and charge \$50 per person. The studio holds 36 people. Meagan is working on a date.
- Family Game Night:
  - This was Rudd Coffey's last year as emcee. Looking for a new emcee for the future
  - Next year will be Sue Reynolds last year
  - Old Willard carnival prizes were used

#### Quietspace update (Erika Woodhouse)

- The quiet space committee has made a criteria list of what PTG events need a quiet space.
- Working to have descriptions of all the activities so families can decide if they will be appropriate for their child. Gathered information from the community.
- Will have a designated quiet space for the Spring Fling, as they did for the International Festival.

- For the Science Fair it would be helpful for some children if they could present where it is a little less crowded and loud. The committee will be using the Staff Lunch Room to provide this. Susan will communicate with the Science Fair committee and they can review the list of children signed up to present and see if any students might benefit from a quieter space.

#### Annual Appeal update (Peony Keve)

- Annual appeal goal has been met with a company match of \$1,700.
- All tax letters have gone out via email. Please let the PTG know if you have donated and not received a tax letter.
- With paypal and American online giving it is sometimes difficult to tease out the company match information.
- Committee is working on paypal to get the costs reduced.

#### Treasurer Report (Liz Nadzo)

- Met with Matt Lucey and Erica Josselyn about the library budget. Needs to be better record keeping for how the money is used that is from book fair profit. Erica will create a spreadsheet on how she is spending the book fair money. Liz is working to look at the historical information too.
- Susan asked if should consider giving money to the other specials too. Matt Lucey stated that in the past CEF money has been used by specials.

#### Staff Appreciation update (Robin Baughman)

- This Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup>, the staff will be treated to a barista bar that makes coffee and tea drinks to order. Parents are donating sweets as well.
- March will be a taco bar lunch
- April the administrative professionals will be treated to a Panera boxed lunch
- May will be a spring lunch for teacher appreciation day.
- The bus driver breakfast is being planned.