**Weddington Christian Academy**

**Parent Teacher Fellowship Meeting**

**October 3, 2023**

Parents in attendance were Misty Baratta, Val Creech, Candace Definis, Kam English, Dania Lee, Amy Martin, Myelani Mjobi, Jennifer Potter, Mary Beth Roth, Kelly Simmons, Courtney Stephenson, Whitney Tribulak, and Krystal Vaughn. Also attending were TiLisa Durham and Renee Myers.

The meeting took place in person at WCA. Mary Beth Roth thanked everyone for their attendance and opened in prayer.

**Expansion Report:**

* Candace Definis reported that the marketing campaign for the expansion will roll out on October 11. It will include a social media blitz, additional website info, and banners at the intersection of Providence and Weddington Roads. A community event will be held on Tuesday, November 2 at 7 pm in the FLC.
* Dania Lee asked about the progress of the WCA Annex. Candace explained that the school is waiting for sewer permits from the county. Kelly Simmons asked if classes would move into the Annex as soon as it arrived. Candace said they would.
* Candace asked everyone present to share the social media posts and advertise the school by word of mouth.
* Misty Baratta asked about the progress of the security guard. Ms. Myers reported that details are still being worked out, but in the meantime, the panic buttons were being installed today.

**Completed Events:**

* *FALL STEAM & Book Fair (September 11-19)*
  + Mary Beth Roth thanked Mrs. Reeder, Mrs. Leebrick, and Ms. Schaaf for the beautiful STEAM Week.
  + Mary Beth reported that total sales for the book fair exceeded $6,000. However, due to ongoing issues with inappropriate content and too few books for older readers, WCA will look to move away from Scholastic for next year’s book fair. Dania Lee suggested Brave Books. Mary Beth said that Mrs. Wooster is considering several options.
  + Parent response to the Back to School night was very positive. Jen Potter suggested moving the book fair registers out of the MPR to allow better traffic flow during events.
* *Grandparents Day (September 15)*
  + Mary Beth asked for feedback from Grandparents Day. Jen Potter shared that her parents had a great time. She encouraged PTF to bring grandparents into the school whenever possible. Candace Definis shared that her mother-in-law enjoyed the fifth-grade play, and Val Creech said that hers asked about a giving opportunity.
  + Jen Potter thanked PTF for putting together the goodie bags for the grandparents. Amy Martin reported that several grandparents would have preferred to get their coffee on the way into the building.
  + PTF will target another event for grandparents in the spring, to include a giving opportunity.

**Upcoming Events:**

* *Fall Open Mic (October 20)*
  + A sign-up genius was published in the September 30 Hawk Talk. Jen Potter encouraged everyone to sign up. Ms. Myers encouraged students to consider lesser-known talents and to make sure of video when appropriate. Parents whose children are participating are invited to attend.
* *Autumn’s Canvas Art Festival (October 20)*
  + Mary Beth Roth encouraged everyone to attend the Autumn’s Canvas Art Festival. The event will feature crafts inside and games outside. A bagged dinner will be available for pre-order from Chef Bob.
  + Several volunteers are required for the event. A QR code for the sign-up genius is on today’s agenda. Mary Beth encouraged middle school students to help with the crafts.
* *Veteran’s Day (November 8)*
  + WCA will celebrate Veteran’s Day on Wednesday, November 8 with a special chapel, veteran display board, and collection project for the VA hospital in Salisbury, NC.
* *Week of Giving (November 13-17)*
  + Candace Definis announced that the 2023-24 Hawk Fund would kick off with the direct ask campaign during November’s Week of Giving. The goal for the direct ask is $25,000.
  + WCA students will participate in two community service projects, donating canned goods for the Union County Community Shelter and shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.
  + PTF will also host a Spirit Week. Students will have the opportunity to wear themed clothes rather than uniforms. The themes of each day will be determined later.
  + The week will end with a Thanksgiving picnic and performance for the families of the JK and Kindergarten students.

**Athletic Update:**

* Mary Beth reported that the volleyball, cross-country, and soccer seasons are drawing to a close. She thanked Coach Linda Hastings and the other coaches for a great fall sports season.

**Teacher Appreciation Update:**

* The first Teacher Appreciation luncheon will take place on October 10.
* Teachers will receive a Harris Teeter gift card in November for Thanksgiving.

**Closing Remarks:**

The next PTF meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 7 after morning carpool at school.

The meeting was adjourned.