**Weddington Christian Academy**

**Parent Teacher Fellowship Meeting**

**November 7, 2023**

Parents in attendance were Misty Baratta, Val Creech, Dania Lee, Kat Lee, Amy Martin, Jacquline McCullough, Myelani Mjobi, Tracey Persica, Jay Peters, Amanda Poettker, Jennifer Potter, Natasha Robinson, Mary Beth Roth, Kelly Simmons, Courtney Stephenson, and Krystal Vaughn. Also attending were Adell Keen 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:**

* Mary Beth Roth reported that a community interest meeting for the expansion had been held on Thursday, November 2. Several new families attended. The WCA Annex is still awaiting county sewer permits.

**Completed Events:**

* *Teacher Luncheon (October 10)*
  + Ms. Myers thanked PTF for the Panera lunch that was served on the teacher workday.
* *Fall Open Mic (October 20)*
  + Jenn Potter shared that the Fall Open Mic had been the smoothest one yet. Parents agreed that the student MC and performances by WCA teachers were good additions. The sound system and the new room arrangement also worked well.
* *Autumn’s Canvas Art Festival (October 20)*
  + Mary Beth thanked Kat Lee for her work on the Art Festival. Even though Kat could not attend, her thorough preparation made the execution very smooth. Parents agreed that the event was a lot of fun for younger families. Mary Beth also thanked Tracey Persica and Krystal Vaughn for their help with the popcorn machine.
* *Middle School Fall Fest (October 28)*
  + The Fall Fest was a new event this year for middle school families at Hall Family Farm. Mary Beth thanked Jay Peters for her work on the event. Suggestions for next year included holding the event earlier in October, posting a schedule for the evening, and reserving a closer pavilion.
  + Mary Beth shared that as the school expands, it will be necessary for PTF to divide more school events by age. These two successful fall events were an excellent start.

**Upcoming Events:**

* *Veterans Day Chapels (November 8)*
  + Students are celebrating Veterans Day this week. Special chapels will be hosted on November 8, with Mark Mauriello speaking in upper school and Steve Rusinko in lower school. Students are invited to wear red, white, and blue with their chapel uniforms.
  + WCA students are collecting items for the VA Hospital in Salisbury. They are also making cards to be delivered with the gifts next week.
* *Week of Giving (November 13-17)*
  + Mary Beth reported that this year’s Hawk Fund campaign would begin on November 13 with WCA’s Week of Giving. The first phase of the Hawk Fund is a direct ask to WCA families. Natasha Robinson asked about the Hawk Fund goal. Mrs. Keen replied that the goal is 100 percent participation by our families.
  + The Week of Giving is also a Spirit Week for students which includes opportunities to serve the community:
    - November 13: Career Day (Thankful Tree)
    - November 14: Decade Day (Canned goods for Community Shelter)
    - November 15: Crazy Sock Day (Chapel about Community Shelter)
    - November 16: Sports Day (Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes due)
    - November 17: WCA Spirit Day
  + On November 17, the JK and Kindergarten students will perform for their parents at 9 am in the WMC sanctuary. PTF will serve coffee and pastries.
* *Christmas STEAM (December 7)*
  + WCA will celebrate “The Greatest Gift” with our Christmas STEAM Day. Mary Beth thanked Ms. Schaaf and Mrs. Leebrick for their leadership in these special events.
  + PTF volunteers will be needed to help decorate the gym, serve hot chocolate, and wrap crafts for students to take home. A sign-up genius will be published in Hawk Talk and distributed to the room parents.
  + Kat Lee volunteered to create a banner for the foyer.
* *Christmas Performance (December 15)*
  + Students in grades 1 through 8 will perform for their parents on December 15 at 9 am in the WMC sanctuary. PTF will serve coffee. Natasha Robinson asked if the event could be recorded. Mrs. Keen will investigate it with the tech team.
  + Dania Lee asked if the WMC kids’ Christmas program could be publicized, as several WCA students are taking part. Mrs. Keen asked Ms. Myers to include in Hawk Talk with WMC’s other Christmas offerings.

**Athletic Update:**

* Mary Beth reported that the basketball season was underway.
* Mrs. Keen shared that the administration has been searching for partners for lower school sports programs. It has been a challenge to find organizations whose messaging is consistent with WCA values. Jen Potter suggested investigating Performance 360, Legacy, and Upward offerings. Val Creech expressed interest in organizing a track program for spring.
* Mary Beth shared that additional parent sports volunteers will be necessary as WCA expands into high school.

**Closing Remarks:**

* The next PTF meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 5 after morning carpool at school.

Jen Potter closed in prayer, and the meeting was adjourned.