**Weddington Christian Academy**

**Parent Teacher Fellowship Meeting**

**January 16, 2024**

Parents attending were Misty Barrata, Val Crouch, Candace Definis, Ann Johnson, Dania Lee, Kat Lee, Jacqueline McCullough, Jay Peters, Jennifer Potter, Mary Beth Roth, Kinsey Sheehan, Nicole Simoneaux, Lauren Thomas, Whitney Tribulak, Krystal Vaughn. Also attending were Adell Keen and Renee Myers.

The meeting took place in person at Hemby House. Mary Beth Roth thanked everyone for their attendance. She gave a New Year’s devotion, and Ms. Myers opened in prayer.

**Administrator’s Report:**

* Mrs. Keen announced the hiring of Heather Mindel as the new high school administrator. She encouraged any interested parents of 7th and 8th graders to meet with Mrs. Mindel.
* There is no further news on the delivery of the annex. Cody Simoneaux is working with the contractor, the church, and the county to try to facilitate the sewer permit for the annex. Lauren Thomas asked about alternative spaces to house the expansion if necessary.
* Mrs. Keen reported that 10 new families and 14 returning families have registered for kindergarten. Community registration began this week.
* A daily police presence has begun at WCA. For the remainder of this year, off-duty police officers will be on campus. Starting next year, WCA will have a designated officer, shared with the Town of Weddington. Families will pay a security fee of $40 per month in 2024-25.

**Completed Events:**

* *Veterans Day*
  + Local Vietnam veterans Mark Mauriello (upper school) and Steve Rusinko (lower school) spoke at chapel on November 8. Student-donated cards and gifts were mailed to the VA hospital in Salisbury, and a thank you note has been received.
* *Week of Giving*
  + Mary Beth reported that WCA students donated 388 pounds of food and 126 Operation Christmas Child boxes during the Week of Giving. Students enjoyed the Spirit Week.
  + WCA families donated $16,900 during the Hawk fund and an additional $5,200 after a year-end appeal in December.
* *Christmas STEAM*
  + Mary Beth thanked the volunteers who helped with WCA’s “The Greatest Gift” STEAM event in December. Students enjoyed two craft projects, a snowman lunch, and a hot chocolate bar.
  + Ms. Myers complimented the Christmas decorations provided by PTF.
* *Thanksgiving and Christmas Performances*
  + JK and K performed for parents on November 17, and grades 1-8 on December 15. Several parents commented that they loved being in the sanctuary for the programs.
  + Mrs. Keen thanked everyone who ordered from the Cozy Coffee truck on December 15.

**Upcoming Events:**

* *Hawk Heroes Breakfast (January 26)*
  + Students are invited to bring their father (or other male role model) to breakfast.
  + The Methodist Men will help Chef Bob prepare eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes, and pancakes. Bradd Blocker will present a short devotional.
  + Students will create worksheets about their Hawk Heroes to display.
  + Mary Beth asked for help breaking down the extra tables after breakfast.
* *SkyZone Day (February 20)*
  + Candace Definis reported that PTF is working on a Spirit Day at SkyZone during the teacher workday on Tuesday, February 20. Twenty percent of all admission paid by WCA students will be donated back to the school. This will also be a fun opportunity for students to spend time together.
* *Family Bingo (February 23)*
  + Jay Peters announced that Family Bingo would be expanded this year to include a raffle and silent auction. Each class will create a themed basket of donations to be raffled. Whitney Tribulak will help assemble and stage the baskets. Additional stand-alone items may be offered via silent auction.
  + Raffle tickets will be sold ahead of time and at the event itself. TiLisa Durham is exploring the best way to capture payment. PTF’s goal is to raise enough money to pay the expenses for the Bingo event and add $2,000 to the Hawk Fund.
  + The date has been changed from February 16 to February 23 to avoid travel conflicts with the long Presidents Day weekend. Mr. Deiter has volunteered to serve as MC.
  + Based on parent feedback, more games of “simple bingo” will be played, with small prizes provided by PTF. Kat Lee will set up a craft table for younger children.
  + There was some discussion about the possibility of a bake sale. PTF will continue to consider the best timing of a bake sale this spring.
  + Chef Bob will provide a “wing night” dinner with a salad bar option. Dinner will be pre-ordered and paid through the lunch portal.
  + Jay asked for volunteers to solicit silent auction items, as well as on the day of the event.
* *WCA Sports Nights*
  + Candace presented the opportunity for a WCA night at the Charlotte Checkers on April 6 or 7 and/or a night at the Charlotte Knights on May 17 or 19. Both events offer fundraising prospects as well as community building among WCA families.
  + After some discussion, PTF decided to offer both events. Exact dates will be announced.

**Teacher Appreciation:**

* Val Crouch shared some options for gifts for teacher appreciation week (February 5-8).
* A lunch will be served on the teacher workday on February 20.
* Mary Beth reported that all teachers and staff had received gifts for Thanksgiving and Christmas, and that birthday gifts are ongoing.
* Chick-fil-A will provide breakfast on one of the final teacher workdays in May.

**Athletic Update:**

* Jay Peters reported that the winter sports banquet will take place on February 12 at 6 pm in the Old Fellowship Hall.
* Pot luck dinner will be served, and all athletes will receive a framed team photo.
* Jay asked for volunteers to help set up and clean up the event.
* Families were encouraged to attend the remaining home basketball games.

**Closing Remarks:**

* The next PTF meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 6 after morning carpool at Hemby House.

Mary Beth Roth closed in prayer, and the meeting was adjourned.