**Weddington Christian Academy**

**Parent Teacher Fellowship Meeting**

**January 16, 2024**

Parents attending were Misty Barrata, Candace Definis, Dania Lee, Kat Lee, Amy Martin, Myelani Mjobi, Jay Peters, Mary Beth Roth, Kelly Simmons, Lauren Thomas, Whitney Tribulak, and Krystal Vaughn. Also attending was Renee Myers.

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

**Completed Events:**

* *Hawk Heroes Breakfast (January 26)*
  + Mary Beth reported that the event was well attended; in fact, it was necessary to pull out extra tables and chairs to seat everyone.
  + Jay Peters, who attended the event, shared that the breakfast was delicious.
  + Two $1000 scholarships were randomly drawn and awarded to the Pettengill and Clifton families. All the parents agreed that this was a lovely gesture by the school.

**Teacher Appreciation:**

* Whitney Tribulak reported on the Teacher Appreciation week in progress. She said the gifts were chosen to be gender-neutral and useful to the staff.
  + Monday: Chick-fil-A gift card in apple case
  + Tuesday: Nothing Bundt Cakes – “Thanks a bundt-ch”
  + Wednesday: Chick-fil-A beverages during staff meeting
  + Thursday: Barnes & Noble gift card in pencil case – “Thank you for making us sharp”
  + Friday: Papa’s Pizza gift cards – “Anyway you slice it…”
* A yard card thanking teachers is on display this week in front of the school, and boxed lunches from Viva Chicken will be served on the teacher workday on February 20.
* Ms. Myers will publish photos of the gift in this weekend’s Hawk Talk. She thanked PTF on behalf of the staff for the gifts this week. Mary Beth thanked Whitney and Valerie Crouch for their work on Teacher Appreciation.

**Upcoming Events:**

* *Family Bingo (February 23)*
  + Jay Peters shared that WCA families will receive emails this week with instructions to pre-order raffle and meal tickets. Chef Bob is offering a dinner of wings and salad.
  + Each class is creating a raffle baskets to include: Movie Night, Crafting, Beach, Baking, Camping, Coffee & Tea, Sports, Game Night, Lego, Tickle Your Taste Buds. Additional baskets and items have been donated by WCA families and local vendors.
  + Families will pick up their meal tickets, raffle tickets, and bingo boards when they check in. Additional raffle tickets can be purchased on site. Raffles will be pulled at the end of the evening. A player does not need to be present to win IF they have completed the contact info on their ticket.
  + At least 20 games of BINGO will be played, with small prizes for each game. A craft table will be available for younger children.
  + Mary Beth will send out a sign-up genius next week for volunteers.
* *Healthy Hawks Fun Run (March 22)*
  + Candace shared that the Fun Run information will be sent home with students on March 6. Students will attend a chapel about the event on that date.
  + Mary Beth asked PTF to remind parents that the Fun Run is organized by PTF, not by a marketing corporation. Close to 90 percent of the money raised stays with the school.
  + Volunteers will be needed on the day of the run. Candace asked for someone to shadow her though the Fun Run process, as she will be stepping down next year.
* *STEAM (March 18-22)*
  + This year’s Invention Convention theme is SURVIVOR. Lower school will design survival inventions for the jungle, and upper school for the dessert. PTF will decorate the school on Monday, March 18.
  + Projects will be displayed during the Fun Run on Friday, March 22.
* *Operation Sandwich (March 28)*
  + Mary Beth is working with Roof Above and the Community Shelter of Union County to determine the number of sandwiches students will make.
  + The school is exploring a safe way to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches in addition to ham.

**Additional Offerings:**

* Candace reported that the Skyzone event has been cancelled. The venue never confirmed.
* Candace also reported that the spring Open Mic has been postponed. The event will be reimaged into an evening Talent Show this fall.
* Lauren Thomas shared that she is organizing a WCA Family Hike on March 8 at Colonel Francis Beatty Park. Information will appear in Hawk Talk.
* WCA Sports Nights
  + Charlotte Checkers on April 6
  + Charlotte Knights on May 17

**Athletic Update:**

* Mary Beth reported a successful end to the basketball season.
* The spring season will include middle school flag football, volleyball, and cheer, along with Seekers in Sneakers and Hoppin’ Haws for elementary school.
* Lauren Thomas asked about the possibility of additional sports for younger students. Mary Beth encouraged her to talk to Mrs. Hastings.

**Other Business:**

* Dania Lee asked the status of the fall book fair. She offered to work with Mrs. Worcester on alternatives to Scholastic.
* She also asked if Summer Refresh would take place this year.
* Candace reminded the PTF of our miscellaneous fund-raising activities, including Chick-fil-A, Papa’s Pizza To Go, spiritwear, and our new addition, Jersey Mike’s.

**Closing Remarks:**

* The next PTF meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 5 after morning carpool at Hemby House.

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