**Weddington Christian Academy**

**Parent Teacher Fellowship Meeting**

**March 4, 2024**

Parents attending were Misty Baratta, Val Crouch, Candace Definis, Amy Martin, Tracey Persica, Jay Peters, Jen Potter, and Mary Beth Roth. 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 Event**

* *Teacher Appreciation*
  + Mary Beth thanked Val Crouch and Whitney Tribulak for their leadership of Teacher Appreciation. PTF received a lot of good feedback on the gifts, as well as the February timeframe. Ms. Myers thanked PTF on behalf of the staff.
  + The spending for Teacher Appreciation went over budget, but the savings on Family Bingo will cover the expense. Mary Beth recommended a larger appropriation for Teacher Appreciation week next year.
* *Family Bingo*
  + Mary Beth thanked Jay Peters, Jen Potter, and Whitney Tribulak for their leadership on the Bingo event, especially in the absence of Candace Definis at the basketball tournament.
  + The classrooms created 18 baskets which were raffled off at Bingo. This fundraiser covered all the expenses from Bingo and netted more than $1900 for the Hawk Fund.
  + The event was a rousing success. Notes for next year:
    - The craft table will not be repeated, as parents did not supervise their children.
    - The paper runners on the table were a big hit for drawing.
    - Kids loved being able to select from the prize table when they won.
    - At least 40 tables should be set up.
    - The event may be shortened to end at 7:30 pm, with fewer games played.

**Upcoming Events:**

* *Family Hike*
  + WCA’s first Family Hike will take place this Friday, March 8. The event has not been publicized on social media for security purposes, but it has been featured in Hawk Talk.
* *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 desert.
  + PTF will decorate the school on Monday, March 18. Volunteers are also needed to hang student art and package student take-home gifts on Thursday, March 21.
  + Projects will be displayed during the Fun Run on Friday, March 22.
  + Two sign-up geniuses (one for volunteers for STEAM and the Fun Run and a second for STEAM materials) have been created.
* *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 and a pep rally on Thursday, March 21.
  + Candace and Ms. Myers have developed a communications plan to include daily emails and social media posts during STEAM week.
  + The My Fun Run website has been updated this year with a more user-friendly interface.
  + The My Fun Run website indicates a goal of $200 per student, but the PTF’s primary goal is participation. All classes with 100 percent participation will receive a pizza lunch.
  + All students, including 7th and 8th graders, will run instead of volunteering this year. Students will receive popsicles and a temporary Hawks tattoo.
* *Operation Sandwich (March 28)*
  + Mary Beth shared that students will make 2000 ham and turkey sandwiches on Thursday, March 28. Sandwiches will go to the Union County Community Shelter and Roof Above.
  + The EC class will participate by putting stickers on the bags and mustard packs inside.
  + A sign-up genius for materials and volunteers will be publicized. Mary Beth stressed the need for volunteer support on the day.

**Athletic Update:**

* The boys’ basketball team became the CSAA Division II State Champions on February 23. Moving forward, all athletic teams will participate in the CSAA tournaments.
* The flag football season is underway, and the brand-new WCA cheerleaders cheered the team to their first victory on March 4.
* Lower school students will enjoy the Seekers in Sneakers and Hopping Hawks clubs this spring.

**End of Year Events:**

* *Testing Celebration* 
  + Mary Beth shared that Mrs. Leebrick is exploring options to celebrate the end of the IOWAs.
* *Middle School Spring Fling (April 27)*
  + Val Crouch reported that the dance will have a New York theme. The dance committee is working with Kat Lee on decorations, and a DJ has been secured.
  + Because dinner will be served this year, the price of the dance will be raised to $35.
  + The dance will be chaperoned by staff rather than parents this year. A few parents may work behind the scenes.
  + More details will come as plans develop.
* *Mother’s Day*
  + The date and format of the WCA Mother’s Day event is still TBD.
* *Field Day (May 17)*
  + Buck’s Ice Cream Truck has been booked for the third year in a row.
* *Graduation (May 21)*
  + PTF will provide décor and refreshments for K, 5th, and 8th grade graduations.

**Possible Field Trips (New Business):**

* Val Crouch shared her conversation with Mrs. Keen about the possibility of an overnight middle school field trip in the fall. Mrs. Keen had suggested that she discuss it with other parents and bring a proposal to her.
* PTF brainstormed this idea, with members sharing what other schools have done in the past.
  + Charlotte Christian does a day trip to Charleston in 5th grade, an overnight to Washington DC in 8th grade, and a trip to Breckenridge in 12th. The 12th grade trip is designed to let students practice life skills such as budgeting and scheduling.
  + UCPS does a day trip to Raleigh in 4th grade and an overnight to Washington DC in 8th.
  + Covenant Day School does fall retreats at Windy Gap.
* After some discussion, PTF decided to recommend a day trip for 4th or 5th grade students, a weekend in Washington DC for 8th grade students, and an appropriate mission trip for 12th grade students when the time comes.
* Mary Beth will schedule a time to meet with Ms. Keen to share this recommendation.

**Closing Remarks:**

* The next PTF meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 9 after morning carpool at Hemby House.

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