**Weddington Christian Academy**

**Parent Teacher Fellowship Meeting**

**August 22, 2023**

Parents in attendance were Misty Barratta, Val Crouch, Candace Definis, Kat Lee, Amy Martin, Kalene Mastenbrook, Jay Peters, Jennifer Potter, Mary Beth Roth, and Krystal Vaughn. Also attending were Adell Keen, Renee Myers and TiLisa Durham.

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

**Administration Report:**

* Attendance is roughly 150, with a few outstanding applications remaining.
* There is no update on the arrival date for the modulars. There is some site-work that will be required before they can be installed. A community ribbon-cutting/barn-raising event will take place when they do arrive.

**Completed Events:**

* *New Family Outreach*
  + Amy Martin said the middle school event on August 3 was a big success. Due to rain, the students met at the school for ice cream and games. Candace Definis added that the uniform fitting was an additional opportunity to meet new families.
  + Mrs. Keen expressed her thanks to Kinsey Sheehan for reimagining the popsicle event for JK and Kindergarten on August 1. Mary Beth added that in the past, this event included all new students, but this year PTF had decided to try something new. Misty Barrata said that it was a welcoming, low-key event appropriate for the age group.
* *Back to School*
  + Mary Beth shared that the original plan for a school picnic after the drop-in had to be altered due to excessive heat. Candace reported that PTF had received a discount on a future inflatable since the slide was returned early. Mary Beth thanked Kristal Vaughn for handling the popcorn and Jocelyn Jacob for taking over the uniform swap.
  + Jen Potter and Val Crouch asked if it might be possible to stagger the drop-in times for next year. They expressed that the event felt chaotic. Mrs. Keen encouraged them to consider the purpose of the event, which is to drop off supplies, rather than a time to engage the teacher. It is also a time for new student orientations, which would make staggering the grades difficult.
  + Jen asked about the possibility of school supply kits. Mrs. Keen said that many families prefer to purchase their own supplies. Candace mentioned that our new spiritwear company, 1st Place Spiritwear, offers school supply kits. She will inquire with them.
  + Candace also reported that 188 pieces of Spirit Wear had been ordered, raising $400 for athletic fund. She reminded everyone that the sale runs through September 14. Val mentioned an issue with washing sweatshirts, and Candace encouraged her to reach out to the vendor. They have been very receptive to quality issues.

**Upcoming Events:**

* *High School Interest Meeting*
  + Mary Beth invited everyone to attend the high school interest meeting on Thursday, August 24 at 7 pm in the youth center. The meeting will be geared toward middle school parents, but all are welcome to attend.
* *FALL STEAM & Book Fair*
  + Mary Beth reported that she had spoken to Ms. Schaaf and Ms. Leebrick about the Fall STEAM event. PTF support will be needed for decorating and preparing snacks and materials. Parents will view the STEAM projects on Thursday, September 14 at 6:30 pm.
  + Kat Lee shared that she is working with Mrs. Worchester to determine parent needs for the book fair. Extra help will be needed for Back to School night, Grandparent’s Day, and the younger classes. Mrs. Worcester will also need help setting up the book fair and evaluating the books sent by Scholastic.
  + Mary Beth shared that was an important year as WCA is evaluating the future of its relationship with Scholastic. Jen Potter suggested redeemedreading.com as a tool to help screen books for inappropriate content. Candace also suggested asking Scholastic if we can make a trip to the warehouse ahead of the book fair to select books.
  + All volunteer needs for STEAM and book fair will be communicated by sign-up genius.
* *Grandparents Day*
  + Mary Beth shared that the format for Grandparents’ Day was still being considered. Further details to come soon.
* *Fall Open Mic & Autumn Treasures*
  + Kat asked for volunteers to help run craft stations at Autumn Treasures. The suggestion was made to use upper school students to help as well.

**Athletic Report:**

* Mary Beth reported that all three sports teams (Cross Country, Soccer, and Volleyball) had begun practice and that all uniforms had been ordered.
* Val asked if homeschool students could participate in WCA sports. Mrs. Keen explained that this is an option when additional players are needed to field a full team.

**Staff Appreciation:**

* Mary Beth shared that the staff had received “goody bags” with the back-to-school treats. She plans to host the first staff luncheon in October.

**Closing Remarks:**

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

The meeting was adjourned.