



Wards Creek School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

The Wards Creek Elementary Advisory Council Meeting commenced in the Wards Creek Media Center on October 24, 2019 Sarah Diotte made a motion to call the meeting to order and Kim Pagan seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and carried forward. The meeting started at 3:36PM. Kristen Walker recorded the minutes for this meeting.

II. Review/Approve Notes (September 2019)

Sarah Diotte approved the minutes and Christy Watson seconded the approval.

III. Guest Speakers

a) **Will Butler, MAMFC; District Mental Health Counselor**

Mrs. Adolf sent a funds request to SAC. It is for HeartMath. This works for students that have anxiety, ADD and other diagnoses. Students are hooked up to an ear monitor to get their pulse. Students are then asked to breathe and watch their breathing. Students are able to learn how to calm their body to learn how to self-calm. Students will re-experience with appreciation and love instead of fear. This program is scientifically based. Once students will know how to do it and how to use the strategies, they will not need to use the program.

b) **Jennifer Lusk: Student Light House Leaders**

We had three lighthouse leaders join us to talk about their roles. Next month will be safety patrol. Mrs. Lusk and Mrs. Mitidieri facilitate the group of 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. They are examples of leaders. The lighthouse leaders explained how they help our school community. At their meetings they plan how they can help the future of our school. They give feedback to help the school improve. At the end of the year Mrs. Lusk sends out an email asking for recommendations and then students are required to fill out an application. The team consists of 20 kids.

IV. Funds Request: Leanne Adolf

They are looking to buy 5 more sensors and monitors. Modules are \$625 and Finger Sensor is \$125. We have about \$16,097. We are looking for something with longevity that we can use throughout the years. Lisa Urban makes a motion to approve the funds request.



Unanimous decision to approve the request. Parents are interested in purchasing or using at home. Mrs. Mitidieri will look into how this will work and will let us know at the next meeting.

V. Old Business

a) **Finance Report**

We will wait to see the funds come out of our account. Our goal is to not go over 50% of our budget each year. We will wait to see if we have any additional funds from school recognition money.

b) **Leaders with Character Assembly**

It went well. We have a couple things to change and add. We have our next one in December or January.

c) **Torch Party**

We had a great DJ and the Pacetti Bay officer came to help. Next Torch Party is in January. Students will vote and not know what to it is until they show up.

VI. New Business

a) **Report Cards – October 10/29**

Report cards will be available on HAC. If parents do not have access, they can ask Tammy. There is a tutorial of how to use HAC once you log in. Next round of iReady is in December. Report Card envelope will be empty.

b) **District Focus Group Representative**

Looking for a volunteer to go once a quarter to meet with Mr. Forson. If interested, let Kristin Fanning or Bethany Mitidieri know and they will get you the information.

c) **Warrior Ball**

Black and Gold theme with a fun kid twist on food. There will be music, photo booth, red carpet, food and raffle baskets. The event is limited to 500. November 1st will be the cut off for presales.

VII. PTO Agenda



- a) They are thinking of moving to an online system for spirit wear next fall. We could possibly have more options as well.
- b) Come support the school for tropical smoothie night from 3-7. McDonalds is the next spirit night on Tuesday November 12th from 5-8pm.

VIII. Any Questions/Concerns

- a) No Questions

IX. Next Meeting will be Thursday November 21, 2019 at 3:30 in the Media Center

X. Adjourn

Kristin Fanning called a motion

Kim Pagan made a motion and Sara Diotte second. The meeting ended at 4:22PM

Attendance

Sac 2019-2020 Members

Chair: Kristin Fanning

Co-Chair: Laura Jutte

Secretary: Kristen Walker

Principal: Bethany Mitidieri

Members:

Courtney Martin

Lisa Martin

Judy Piggot

Jennifer Lusk

Alexandra Kanellis

Russell Cooke

Kimberlee Pagan

Christina Watson

Krystle Luke- Absent

Lisa Urban



Samantha LaBeach

Sarah Diotte

Lori Sitch- Absent