**PTG Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, 4/10 @ 9:30am | Willard Elementary School**

***Attendance:*** *Robin Baughman, Amy Casher, Liz Colgan, Matt Lucey, Kristen Lester, Jamie Ring, Susannah Benner, Laura Bulino,*

**Principal and Teacher Update** - Matt Lucey/Jon Smith

Jon Smith: Spring activities are back in full force. Spelling Bee, International Festival, Math Night all were really exciting activities for the kids/teachers. Nice to keep a balance during MCAS season of testing/focus and interesting, active classroom activities.

Matt Lucey: Willard Community excels at providing various activities that draw upon different interests of children/families ensuring there is something for everyone. Retirements have been announced for the end of this school year: Carl Sweeney and Sharon Hehn will be retiring and Willard school will ensure a proper send off for both beloved community members. Mr. Lucey will be interviewing for backfill positions starting this week. The district is lucky to continue to draw strong applicants across the board- desirable community to work in. School budget will be voted on at town meeting April 30th. New students from family shelter are assimilating well into Willard community; there’s a community liaison who has been extremely helpful in supporting Willard staff and families alike.

**Presidents' Update**- Robin Baughman/Kristen Lester

Thank you to Shukti Fischl and Lauren Scanio for hosting a fabulous math night. Earth month bingo is ongoing. Town meeting will be held April 30th at 1pm and the School budget will be on the agenda for a vote.

Upcoming events:

April 12th- Open Table Food Drive

April 29th- Science Fair

May 4th- Bike to School Day, rain or shine, in partnership with Concord Police Dept.

May 8-12th- Teacher Appreciation Week

May 21st- Spring Fling

**Treasurer's Report-** Colleen Currier

Revenue this month- annual appeal, Baystate textiles, Willard Wear sales check came in.

Expenditures- Concord Museum assembly, teacher reimbursement, Paypal expenses, backpacks/supplies for new students, book fair revenues used to purchase some library equipment, teacher coffee.

**PTG Committee/Events/Initiatives**

**Charity & Service Updates**

Pop up Open Table food drive this Wednesday, April 12th at Crosby’s.

If anyone has charity and service ideas suitable for elementary students, please let us know. In addition to collections and drives, we are always looking for new volunteer and service opportunities for the younger kids. charity@willardptg.org

**Fundraising/Raffle Update**- Susannah Benner
WeCo fundraiser has wrapped up, awaiting donation from WECO. Spring Fling raffle baskets are underway.

**Staff Appreciation-** Lee Halloran

Soup and Salad lunch sponsored by PTG on Friday 4/14. April 26th we will celebrate Administrative Professional’s Day. Teacher appreciation week will be May 8th-14th: Sidewalk chalk, small gift for staff, parents will be invited to participate in planned activities in the classroom. Nurse appreciation day May 6th, Bus Driver appreciation coming up as well.

**Spring Fling-** Tracy DeTora

DJ and Ice Cream Truck are all set for this event. Will be looking for volunteers to help with different events.

**Science Fair-** Laura Bulino

April 29th 2-3:30pm. Volunteer sign ups will be shared in the Willard Weekly. Tables have been rented (most of the budget goes to this). Everything is up and running, flier will be going out, student sign ups are happening now.

**Assemblies/Grade level enrichment-** Amy Casher

Live raptor assembly for third graders. Concord museum visit week after vacation for 5th graders, Kindergarten Mass Audubon program in May.

*Meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.*