

MINUTES
Willard North PTO Meeting
February 14, 2011

I. Welcome – Happy Valentine’s Day

II. Minutes / discussion from January Meeting

- A. Amend minutes to include a \$200 approval for MAP snacks (see budget update below)

III. Special Presentation – Mrs. Mann, Willard North Librarian

- A. Library has Online Card Catalog (check it out at <http://destiny.willardr2.net>, click on Willard North to see what books are available at the library

- Can search by guided reading levels, books, etc.
- Elementary students – no interschool library loan, however Middle and High school students can sign up for an account and do so
- All use same guided reading levels (ORANGE sticker with LETTER on books)

B. Encyclopedia Britannica

- First time use, enter username *willardsd* and password *online*
- Learning Materials in 4 major areas: Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, Mathematics
- Learning Zone for Pre-K through grade 2 – super for younger children
- Dictionary
- Guided Tour tutorial
- Choose grade level: Elementary, Middle, High School

C. Caldecott Award winners: beautiful pictures

D. Newbery Award: suitable for children

E. Mark Twain nominees: 4th – 6th grade range reading level (closer to 6th grade)

- Read 4 by March 1st, can participate and vote
- End of Year Party / Recognition
 - (a) Reading Deadline: May 1st
 - (b) If student reads ½ of books and / or reads 9 of them – fill out forms with Mrs. Mann (see her for more details)

IV. Treasurer’s Report – Becky Haley

- A. Monthly Update

V. Yearbook Update – Amanda Shanks (couldn’t be here so Lisa gave update)

- A. Sold 176 yearbooks this year (have contract with Lifetouch to sell between 176 – 200)

- B. 39 Love Lines sold and 15-17 Shout Outs

- C. Running Smoothly but NEED MORE CLASS PHOTOS – please email Amanda Shanks at Amanda@active.servers.com

VI. Read A Thon Fundraiser (spring fundraiser) – Dr Seuss Bday and Read Across America week

- A. Dates: February 28 through March 4th

- Ronald McDonald read to K-2 grades March 3, 9am
- HS will perform during the week, most likely

- B. Goal: \$2,500 (if every student raises \$8 we will reach our goal)

- C. Reading Logs – reading minute school goal of 100,000 minutes

- Last year, goal was 60,000 minutes – well exceeded goal last year (over 100,000 minutes logged)

D. Why do we have this fundraiser?

- Encourage children to read
- School keeps all of money
- Encourage family reading time

E. Prizes / Book Bucks

- \$1 Book Buck for every \$20 raised for book fair in April
- Top earning class gets to reserve the pavilion for the last day of school (yeah!)
- Reach reading minutes – Mrs. Stevens prize – TBA

VII. Budget Requests

A. Need classroom requests by March 31st

- Kindergarten – use remaining budget for Butterflies

B. 4th grade request for Jeff City – received estimate

C. MAP Snacks – **\$200** donation to MAP = APPROVED (amendment to Jan PTO minutes)

D. Music class – Charged for Buses to HS for play practice - \$30 / trip (check with Mrs. Read)

VIII. Other Discussions

A. No Honor Choir b/c of lack of funding

B. Possible PTO fundraiser idea – Teacher Talent Show (sell tickets / PTO head this activity)

C. 2nd Grade Fundraiser – Cloudy with Chance of Meatballs theme

- Raised \$1,200 for field trip
- Great evening of food, fun, auction, good time

IX. Adjourn – Next Mtg Mar 14 @ 4pm