September Meeting Minutes
FOWC Meeting Minutes
Date: 8/27/18
Time: 6:00 PM
Attendance: Randa Rineer (WCS Principal), Andrea Imrie (Co-Chair), Nyssa Jenkins (Co-Chair), Carey Douglass (Treasurer), Meredith Pinkham (Secretary), Megan Robertson, Danielle Tetreau, Anne Obery, Sarah Ward, Terry McCarthy, Dennis McCarthy, Emily Woodward, Susan Lermond, Melissa Alexander, Laila Valade, Dorothy Martin

1. Introductions

2. Principal’s Report : WCS expected to have 289 children this year.
• 16 in district wide Pre-K classroom housed at WCS.
• 40 Kindergarten; 3 classrooms
• 51 1st graders; 3 classrooms
• 47 2nd graders; 3 classrooms
• 43 3rd graders; 2 classrooms
• 40 4th graders; 2 classrooms
• 42 5th graders; 2 classrooms
Open House planned for Wednesday the 29th as part of the back to school potluck. Open house this year due to the classroom changes and wanting to allow students/families a chance to get familiar.
3. Treasurer’s Report (Carey Douglass): Another deposit into FOWC account made from money that came in over the summer for Race for Education. The Race for Education brought in just over $5,000. Discussion around putting $1,000 into the playground fund. FOWC expenses reviewed for new attendees. Friends provides $100 to each teacher for classroom needs which now puts this total at just under $2,000; $500 toward STEM program; $3,000 for field trips; $ for Northern Stars Planetarium (new event for the school); DJ for Halloween; Hall rental for Potluck/basket give away. New fundraising goal set for $10,000 this year to account for inflation and growing school (more students and staff).

4. Old business – Race for Education was a success! Decision made to start discussing this year’s Race for Education starting in January/February to allow for planning time.

5. New Business
• Review of FOWC Goals: New financial goal of $10,000 as mentioned in Treasurer’s Report; encouragement of new fundraising ideas to bring back at next FOWC meeting in September. FOWC wants increased participation in FOWC meetings and fundraisers; welcomes new members and ideas; encouraging people to get involved and active in the school. FOWC goal for fundraisers are for most of them to be fun experiences for students and families while also raising money i.e. Halloween Dance charging admission but it being a family friendly event that is very popular.
• Banners – FOWC purchased 3 banners this year to be put in the 3 different wings of the school. The banners have a quote about “be the nice kid”. FOWC discusses vision for #bethenicekid campaign in the school this year.
• Upcoming Events:
i. Open House/Potluck – This is both a school and FOWC event. Usually is just a back to school Potluck/BBQ. However, a school open house added this year due to classroom changes. FOWC to provide hot dogs and buns. Sign up through facebook currently for what people are bringing; expecting a big turn out this year. FOWC will be renting a hot dog steamer from Bissons.
ii. BooHoo/Yahoo Breakfast – first day of school. Coffee and donuts provided by FOWC.
iii. Popsicle Night – Planned for 9/19. This is a school open house from 6-6:30 then popsicles provided by FOWC on the playground after.
iiii. Bus Driver Appreciation – October 9th-12th. FOWC organizes volunteers to provide treats, gift cards, make signs, other ways to show appreciation to our 5 bus drivers and crossing guard in the AM and PM. FOWC will have set up a sign up genius for this.
v. Halloween Dance – DJ has been confirmed for October 26th. Dance will run from 6-8 PM. This is a growing fundraiser; raised $1,000 last year. Discussion around changing food to hallway due to space in gym but will need consistent monitor to contain mess. Discussion around needing many volunteers to help with set up, clean up, ticket sales (for raffle baskets), and admission. Also, ideas wanted for a “theme” for this years dance.
vi. Raffle Baskets and “big ticket item” – each classroom asks for donations to fit the “theme” for the grade level which is put into raffle baskets; 2 per grade level. Baskets are on display at Halloween Dance and tickets are sold for raffle. Last year a Potluck Dinner was used as an even to draw the winners of the baskets. This was a new idea to replace Spaghetti Dinner. Consideration for new ideas of when to draw winners. If no new ideas that group wants to discuss Potluck is planned for November 9th from 5-6:30.

6. Vision Team Report : Vision Team is a group of WCS staff that meet monthly and look at school vision and goals. They review/plan activities that promote these vision and goals i.e. AVEDUM program, food drive, and read-a-thon.

7. Kid’s Academy (Laila Valade): Kid’s Acacdemy is a before or after school program that relies on volunteers who want to provide an experience to students. Current academies are 4H, science, field hockey, basketball, and learn a language. Goal for new activities to be provided with some ideas thrown out like lego club and knitting; also needing ideas for Kindergarten students. Request for new ideas to be emailed to Laila @ thousandwordsphoto@gmail.com.

8. Other
• Discussion around boxtops - $971 brought in last year. It is currently being run by 2 parent volunteers.
• FOWC pursuing new website that is easier to remember and wants this to be the primary source of information for Families. FOWC will continue to use the Facebook site but wants to encourage use of new website. [www.friendsofwilliamscone.com](http://www.friendsofwilliamscone.com/).
• Question raised by new parent about becoming a 5013(c) (non profit) as an opportunity to apply for grants and other incentives. Information provided to group by FOWC chair’s that this has been discussed each year with the biggest set back being FOWC events no longer being able to be covered under the school’s insurance and would need to purchase its own insurance for every event.
• Need to renew movie license to be able to provide free movie nights for students/families
• New event provided by FOWC this year for grades 1-5; Northern Stars Planetarium will come to the school and set up a dome in the gym to provide an in school planetarium event. Total cost still being determined.
Next FOWC meeting 9/17 at 6:00 in the Learning Commons