

## September SCA Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2016

Principal Rosemary Gebhardt

SCA Board

President - Trisha Furman-Leve

Vice President - Meagan Arnold

Treasurer - William Miller

Recording Secretary - Colleen Wehnert

Corresponding Secretary - Missy Babcock

Meeting called to order at 9:45 by SCA President Trisha Furman-Leve

Flag salute

Principal's Report:

- Mrs. Gebhardt briefly reviewed all curriculum of the building. Readers Workshop, Writers Workshop, Foundations (phonemic awareness, learning spelling patterns), and Math in Focus.
- Teachers differentiate for students of all levels through learning centers.
- This year, there will be a focus on the writing process using our SchoolWide Writers Workshop materials. Robin Cohen, trainer from SchoolWide will be with us a few times this year to train teachers on the writing process and holistic scoring. Our first training will be on September 30th.
- DRAs have begun in all first-grade classes, please feel free to ask your child's teacher his or her reading level, but please know it is more important to just keep reading to your child at home no matter what level your child's DRA level is.
- Please update all of your information in PowerSchool. You will not receive computer generated school calls if you do not opt-in; you will, however, receive calls regarding closings, delayed openings and early dismissals.
- Please review the WR website for up to date information regarding school events and information. Check out the digital back pack for letters and forms
- Please attend our Fall Harvest Open House on Saturday, September 17, 2016, at 11:00-1:00 to tour the building and learn about our curriculum. There will be various community members in attendance as well, Girl Scouts, Center for Prevention and Counseling, Pace Karate
- Author David Soman is visiting our school on September 16, 2016, to read his new book The Monster Next Door. Students can purchase the book and David Soman will autograph each copy.
- School Picture Day is Wednesday, September 21, 2016, make ups will be on Wednesday, October 19th.

- The Harlem Wizards are coming to VTSD on Tuesday, September 27th. They will be performing a short show at each school. WR will see the Harlem Wizards at 11:00am.
- You are invited to the Principal's Forum on Tuesday, September 27, 2016, at 6:30 pm, to learn about our programs, ways to help your child succeed in school and to learn about the WR Dedicated Dads program.
- Guest Speaker Mrs. Keane - Won the 2016/17 School Guidance Counselor on the state level . She works with all the children either individually or in a group setting .
- June minutes approved by Linda Allen-Poole and Erin LePore 2016-2017 Budget will be approved at October meeting
- Treasurer's report - Treasurer Bill Miller gave a brief summary and explanation of the funds that have been spent since July . Report was approved by Melissa Hardin and Erin LePore
- Old business was explained by SCA President Trisha Furman-Leve
- Supply Kits - this year the SCA sold 60 Kindergarten and 55 First grade kits

Back to School Lunch- was a beach theme lunch was donated by members of the SCA . This year Teachers received their room supplies in a collapsible basket. Supplies were donated by Operation Homefront and membership- donations totaled almost \$2,000. Thank you to everyone who donated.

- Back to school night- PTO Today sent us coupon packs , toothpaste samples and coupons that were handed out at our table. A number of parents signed up to help with upcoming events
- New business
- VP Meagan Arnold explained how to sync Walnut Ridges Google calendar with your personal calendar.
- We would like to welcome Linda Allen-Poole as our Hospitality Chair. Linda will be asking for help with events that require refreshments. Sign up sign was located on the back table
- Leapstart systems and books-Walnut Ridge SCA won 4 Leapfrog Leapstart systems with books from PTO Today . These systems were given to our 4 preschool classrooms.
- Konstella, Titanpad and Facebook- we are trying to merge all our reminders,emails and sign ups onto one system. Please bear with us.right now we are using Konstella, titan pads for sign ups and Facebook for updates and reminders
- Parent Question : How do you Volunteer ?
- Answer : Sign up sheets at meetings, we will send out emails , post on Facebook , Titanpad and Konstella . Please remember when you arrive at the school to have ID with you .
  - Parent Question : the Old 2014-2015 Facebook page needs to be deleted.
    - Answer: we have been in contact with the pages owner and are waiting to have the page taken down . If you unlike the old pages and Like the new page it will cut down on the confusion
- #walnutridgefun- we are using the hashtag #walnutridgefun on Facebook. We are asking that you upload photos from an SCA event you use this Hashtag. Each month we will choose a winner and they will receive a free event ticket
- Spirit Wear and SCA shirts- this year we are doing all our Spiritwear orders online the link was in the paperwork that parents received on back to school night. We are also offering SCA shirts-

which have the same design and color as the Spirit Wear shirts but have SCA on the back . The proceeds from these shirts will go to our Sunshine Fund.

- Parent Question : What is a Sunshine Fund
  - Answer : the Sunshine Fund is money set aside for a child who becomes seriously ill or injured . The SCA can use these funds to provide a moral gift , meals or monetary support to the family in their time of need .
- Volunteers are needed for Picture Day- correction Picture Day Volunteers are not longer needed. Thank you to everyone who signed up
  - Parent Question ; Can Volunteers bring their younger Children .
    - Answer: Yes for some events . If you need to bring your child please contact someone from the SCA to see if it is an event that is OK to have them at . SCA meeting are always open to children .
- SCA Meet & Greet Ice Cream Social-9/23 from 6-7pm- we currently have 150 responses. We will have ice cream and ice pops available .
- Sunshine Fund - This is a fund set up using the proceeds from our two Parents Events to be used for a child or their family when a medical issue is made known , An application can be emailed to anyone who wishes to apply for a family
- Approval of October Events
  1. Pochuck Valley Farms Pie Sale 10/17-11/4 - we will be selling Apple , Apple Crumb and Peach pies . \$15.00 forms will be sent home in the coming weeks
  2. Teachers Conference Lunch 10/19- Linda will be sending out a titan pad for the food requested for this lunch . Please consider donating
  3. Pumpkin Assembly 10/28- we will need a few parents to help with this assembly , please sign up in the back . Pumpkins this year will be coming from Pochuck Valley Farms
  4. Annual Monster Mile 10/29 - a few parents will be needed to help out at this event . please sign up in the back . Lox of Bagels will be supplying the bagels again this year.
  5. Kira Willey - please see attached letter . Was approved by two members . \$1,000 will be taken from the SCA funds .
- Looking Ahead
- Mr. Moschella's Family Dance Night 10/7 & 10/14 both at 6:00pm
- Teachers Conference Lunch will be on 10/19
- Family Reading Night 10/21 at 6:30- Snacks are needed for this event please sign up on the back table ,
- Pochuck Valley Pie Fundraiser runs 10/17 - 11/4
- Monster Mile 10/29 at 9am
  - Parent Question : How long is Monster Mile
    - Answer : it is a 1 mile race , with prizes and a costume contest .
- Pumpkin Assembly 10/28
- Next SCA meeting will be on October 3 at 9:30am and at 6:00pm
- Adjournment

AM Attendance

Laura Dombroski  
Stephanie Lukasik  
Stacey Berberich  
Jennifer Remington  
Sara Vybihal  
Adriana Minassian  
Alisa Scott  
Erin LePore  
Jessie Jaros  
Ginger Rittman  
Melissa Cole  
Megan Gorlich  
Lauren Magee  
Clarissa Piper  
Melissa Hardin  
Carrie Baker  
Shana Crecca  
Darlene Arnot  
Carolina Astuotillo  
Cisa Glesias  
Darren Werner  
Lisa Faucette  
Shawn Reed  
Toni Cili  
  
PM Attendance  
Heather Miller  
Anna Dorne  
Michele Fulton

Kelly Lynn