

## **EE Waddell Language Academy PTSO Executive Board Meeting**

Friday, September 27, 2019 in the Teacher's Lounge

**Meeting called to order** by President Cat McClain at 7:49 am

### **Board Members Present:**

Cat McClain, President  
Shea Clarke, Secretary  
Julie Isaacson, Treasurer  
Erin Martin, Assistant Treasurer  
Rita Carey, Head Ambassador  
Jennifer Wisthoff, Co-Director of Events

### **Agenda:**

1. Buses for Camp Thunderbird
2. Treasurer's Update
3. KidsCan Update

### **Upcoming Events:**

- 10/7-10/11 – Spirit Week
- 10/9- Teacher Workday
- 10/11- FunRun/Color Run
- 10/15- English Curriculum Night (K-3 only)
- 10/16- Early Release Day
- 10/18- PTSO Full Board Meeting 7:30am
- 10/21- SLT Meeting 6pm
- 10/25- PTSO General Meeting- Coffee with Dr. Eybl 8:30am
- 10/28- Teacher Workday
- 10/31- Book Character Day

### **Business:**

1. Discussed charter buses for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Camp Thunderbird. There are 2 options:
  - a. Take CMS bus to Camp Thunderbird and use charter bus to come back. Children would stay until 3pm but may be until 4:30pm, which may be better for parents. The cost would be \$13 per child.
  - b. Use charter buses both ways. Cost would be \$20 per child.

The trip cost without buses is around \$27 or \$28 dollars per child. Option A would be about \$45 per student and option B would be about \$55 per student. We could highlight activities at the camp to justify the cost, the children will be able to do more things if they are able to stay longer. The PTSO to cover scholarships for the trip and not cover the charter buses. The school needs a decision by November.

2. Discussed dollar dress down days. Mr. Arnold's yearbook class needs funds. Dress down days may be tied to that. Keeping this on the agenda to discuss later.
3. KidsCan should be headed by Student Council or NJHS, not the PTSO. It costs money for the metal company to pick up the cans. Discussed transporting the cans ourselves. We will attempt to revive this initiative on Facebook and then ask Ms. Reece and Ms. Bryant.
4. Cat is going to announce the winners of the 3 Skip the Carpool Passes and 2 Volunteer Parking Spots.
5. Julie gave a budget update. FunRun sponsorships are over by \$1500. Class grants are \$5k and due by October 1. About half have not turned in their expenses. Cat and Julie will send out reminder emails. Julie to send to teachers and Cat to email PTSO VP's. Ambassadors should be in touch with their teachers and keep track of their spending (adding to agenda for the next General PTSO Meeting). Trips are under budget. The cost for two chaperones only totaled \$1900. Following up to make sure that is correct. French and Chinese Exchange trips are during FunRun.

**Next Meeting:**

PTSO Full Board Meeting, Friday, October 18, 2019 at 7:30am in the teachers lounge across from the auditorium

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 am.**