

## PTA Meeting Minutes January 14th, 2016

Attendees: Christine Sullivan, Elizabeth Schwartz, Susan Hans, Kaiya Korb, Andrea Cox, Michelle Nucci

### **Welcome and Sign In**

### **Updates on Budget and School Board consolidation**

Due to the change in the spending cap calculations and the fact that the Waitsfield School is not meeting the spending threshold, additional reductions in the budget are being looked into. Overall, the budget is decreasing by at least 5.2%, yet this is not enough to make the new spending calculations. Spending caps are eliminated if school boards are consolidated.

### **Information: WES Preschool Future Plans**

Universal (throughout the state) preschool school choice was passed a couple of years ago, it will be in full effect this coming year. Waitsfield residents are offered positions first and then there is a lottery for any open positions. We will do some publicizing to make sure people are aware that our program is available, but are not actively looking to compete with other preschools in the area.

### **PTA Board Positions**

All positions will be open and up for election at the end of this school year. Positions are President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Descriptions of roles are to be typed up by current officers including estimated time commitment. Kaiya will help with recruitment.

### **Book Fair Changes/Ideas**

Elizabeth will check in with Sheila Fiaschetti to see if she is still willing to take charge of monies and organization of the book fair along with Elizabeth.  
Book fair to take place March 14-17.

### **PTA Bulletin Board Update**

Focus to be on recruitment.

### **Adding Folks to email reminder**

PTA meeting reminder and agenda to go out in the newsletter. Sue will send reminder note to Kathi to add into newsletter.

### **Funding requests**

### **Everybody Wins by Laura Brines**

Everybody wins is hosting a lasagna dinner and games night Thursday, February 4, 6-7.30pm, for reading buddies, their families and mentors and is requesting \$120 to cover

the cost of food. This funding request was factored into the annual budget and is therefore approved by the PTA.

**Artist in Residency Funding Request**

Empty bowls Residency budget is \$3500. Waitsfield kiln is old and needs replacing. Kaiya is researching cost of new kiln. Local potters have been invited to come into school to work with kids as this will reduce the artist cost and will help with funding the kiln. PTA have been asked to cover the remaining balance once this has been determined.

Next PTA meeting Thursday, February 11th, 2016