

Robert Benjamin Wiley Community Charter School
1446 East Lake Road
Erie, PA 16507
John Milton Drew Memorial Library
January 19, 2017
Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Rashia Carson – Vice-Chairperson

Bob Simpkins – Treasurer

Board members Present:

Benny Simmons

Anthony Williams

Angela Carr-Heidelberg

RBWCCS Staff Present:

Al Smitherman, Parent Coordinator

1. Call Meeting to Order

The RBWCCS PTO meeting was called to order at 5:35PM by Vice-chairperson Reshia Carson.

2. Board Report

Board Report was given by both Anthony Williams and Benny Simmons that bills are paid. The Board once again announced that there are two (2) new Board Members. Board reported that the school has installed a new security system throughout the building. The Board reported that a new neighbor has plans to move into the area near the school and that they have plans to meet with them in the future, which could mean possible employment opportunities for the area and even for our parents. Mr. Anthony Williams gave a short speech about the success his daughters are having after graduating from school and obtaining gainful employment and he attributes much of this success to the valuable education they both

received from the Robert Benjamin Wiley Community Charter School. A motion to accept was made by Bob Simpkins and seconded by Al Smitherman, a vote of all in favor was sought by the Vice-Chairperson and given unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Bob Simpkins audibly. Print out of report is attached. This month's report includes December, as minutes will reflect, there was an issue with computers and print out wasn't available for December. Motion to accept report as read with any necessary corrections was made by Al Smitherman and seconded by Benny Simmons. A vote of all in favor was sought by Vice-Chairperson Reshia Carson and was given unanimously.

4. Old Business

Vice-Chairperson, Reshia Carson along with Treasurer, Bob Simpkins discussed upcoming T-Shirt Fundraiser, once arrangements are made to be available to receive orders and money, flyers will be sent home. Holiday Shoppe was a nice event for the children and families. Exact dollar amount of profit will be calculated and added to the minutes. Chuck E. Cheese was another success and again exact profit from this fundraiser will be added to minutes once profit check is received from Chuck E. Cheese. Motion to accept was made by Benny Simmons and seconded by Anthony Williams, all in favor vote was sought and was given unanimously.

5. New Business

Scholastic Book Fair is currently scheduled for March, however after Treasurer, Bob Simpkins spoke with a Scholastic Representative on the day of January 19,2017 it was stated that an error on the part of Scholastic Books determined that the exact date was not properly entered into their computers. The resolution will be documented and addressed at the next Parent Meeting in February.

“Parent Training: Achievement Center”

Members from the Achievement Center were in attendance to present parents and their families with valuable information and literature about some of the services that they currently provide. Shannon Collins spoke on topics of Reading and Family Literacy as well as Parent Engagement. *Study has shown that students who read 20 minutes or more per day are exposed to 18 million words a year. They also score 90% better than their peers on reading tests. Research shows that parent engagement at home helps children read and want to read more which helps them succeed in school and life. Make reading a part of family time by reading bedtime stories together, playing board games, visiting the local library, reading and cooking a recipe together and more. Read with expression. Ask questions as you read. Encourage conversation.*

The Achievement Center currently does not offer Adult Literacy Programs but suggested local community centers may be able to help in that area.

(Information and handouts are attached)

6. Questions/Comments

Amy Klutyman asked if the T-Shirts will be same as last year. Vice-Chairperson answered that they will be different and exciting with colors like safety pink and different logo. Anthony Williams suggested that PTO look into using same logo the school uses to possibly help defray cost.

Parent Coordinator, Al Smitherman spoke about the Parent Room and the resources that are available for parents. The Parent Room also offers two (2) computers that can be used for job search, resume building and more. Resources are being ordered monthly, if there isn't a resource you need in the Parent room let me know and I will try my best to find and order it for you. The Parent Room is available to all of our parents please feel free to make an appointment with your Coordinator to schedule times to volunteer.

7. Adjournment

Vice-Chairperson Reshia Carson sought motion to adjourn at 6:24,
motion made by Benny Simmons and seconded by Anthony Williams

Next Parent Meeting is February 16, 2017