

Robert Benjamin Wiley Community Charter School

1446 East Lake Road

Erie, PA 16507

John Milton Drew Memorial Library

February 16, 2017

Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Reshia Carson – Vice-Chairperson

Bob Simpkins – Treasurer

Board Members Present:

RBWCCS Staff Present:

Al Smitherman, Parent Coordinator

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

2. Board Report

Board report skipped (no members were present)

3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer, Bob Simpkins audibly. Print out of the report is attached. Motion to accept report as read with any necessary corrections was made by Amy Klutyman and Seconded by Parent Coordinator, Al Smitherman. A vote of all in favor was sought by Vice-Chairperson, Reshia Carson and was given unanimously.

4. Old Business

A brief recap of the Parent Training from the Achievement Center was given. Among the things discussed were, "Parent Involvement increases a child's test scores as well as their grades overall."

"Reading for at least 20 minutes a day will expose a child to 18 million words a year, which sparks interest and increases creativity."

T-Shirt Fundraiser has begun. Motion to accept Old Business was made by Amy Klutyman and seconded by Beth Sayers, all in favor vote was sought by Vice-Chairperson, Reshia Carson and was given unanimously.

5. New Business

Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled for March 17-24. Teresa's Fundraiser has begun.

"Parent Training: Department of Human Services Erie County Assistance Office."

Special Guest Mr. Joe Cintron, Executive Director of the Erie County Assistance Office was present to give information about the services that are offered. Mr. Cintron was formerly employed with the CAO in Pittsburgh for 10 years before moving to Erie, PA. Some of the things covered include benefits and programs available for residents of Erie County. Benefits and Programs include:

Cash Assistance

Employment and Training Programs

Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (S.N.A.P.)

CRISIS Programs

Medical Assistance Programs

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Programs (L.I.H.E.A.P.)

These are some of the programs discussed and are available to those who qualify. Mr. Cintron noted that applications can be filled out and sent into the office, applications can be filled out online, and that there is a mobile app for smart phones called Mobile Compass.

Information on all that was discussed will be attached.

6. Questions/Comments

There were no questions. Al Smitherman, Parent Coordinator discussed how the Parent Room is available for parents to come in and use for purposes such as this. Resources are on hand and are being ordered monthly to help parents in all the areas they may need. The Parent Room offers two (2) computers that can be used for resume building, job search or even filling out applications for the things just discussed by Mr. Cintron. The Parent Room is available to

all parents, to set up an appointment please call (814) 461-9600 ext 256 to set up times and to arrange times to volunteer. ***Working together works!***

7. Adjournment

Vice-Chairperson, Reshia Carson sought motion to adjourn meeting at 6:21PM, motion was made by Amy Klutyman and seconded by Beth Sayers.

**Next Parent Meeting is March 16, 2017**