**Willow Lane Elementary PTO Minutes for: October 21, 2014**

**In attendance:** Board Members: Kerry Moser, co-president; Amy Bachmeier, Jeni Hamlin, co-vice-president; Mary Jane Marier, co-vice-president; Becky Klier, co-secretary; Michele Johnson, co-treasurer; Adam MacEwen, co-treasurer; Principal Streiff

**PTO Members:** Patty Erickson, Heather Karls, Sandy Gralish, Tammy Reed, Lori Swanson, Racine Richardson, Jessica Arodi

The meeting was called to order by Kerry Moser at 6:35

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**TEACHER REQUESTS:**

-Tammie Reed - 3rd graders created art pop up books through a step-by-step process

* request for $500 to bring back Minnesota Center for the Book Arts
* Motion approved

-4th Grade - Social Studies supplements and MCA Reading practice

* $361.62 for Scholastic News
* Motion approved

-Sweatpants for nurses office - variety of sizes and colors

* $192
* Motion approved

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:**

-Multiple Measurement System 62.5% rating

-Focus Rating 73.49%

-no white black achievement gap at WIllow

-Hispanic students lower scores

-WIllow is a Celebration Eligible school - in the top 60%-85% of Title schools

**-**Professional Learning Communities (PLC’s) - data driven, focus on meeting individual student needs

-Character Education Assemblies - focus on WBLAS community core values - to give teachers time in PLC’s

-PBIS - 1,756 P.A.W.S distributed this year already, whole school quarterly rewards

-Y-Zone - after school program needing additional support. Partnership with WBL YMCA. Tuesday-Thursdays from November 18-April 30. Available for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders

**SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE: Lori Swanson:**

-September meeting talked about world’s best work-force - from 2013 MN Legislature - are we preparing our students for the work force?

* bench marks all the way through the school years to make sure school districts are aligning core curriculum
* state will begin paying for all juniors in high school to take the ACT test

-still looking at stringed orchestra program

-property taxes projected to go down this year

-retained AA bond rating

-recognized 104 students who were AP and national honor students

W**HITE BEAR LAKE EDUCATION FOUNDATION: Deb Acheson:**

-Misssion is to enhance education for students, teachers and community members

-Bear Grant - newest grant - fewer parameters to jump through, wide open to students, parents, teachers

* could be used for projects, enhancements, etc.

-Angel Fund - offers financial support to families/students in need

-applications for all grants are on the district website under the White Bear Lake Education Foundation tab

**PTO Business:**

-Dance:

-Culver’s

-Event Chairs

-Fall Fundraiser

-Book Fair

-Bingo

Motion to approve the September 23, 2014 minutes.

Door Prizes were given out!

**ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM

Next PTO meeting is November 18, 2014 @ 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center. Child care will be available at this meeting.