

PTA Meeting Minutes, June 13, 2013

Present: Jennifer Stella, Elizabeth Schwarz, Kaiya Korb, Christine Sullivan

Safe Routes Update:

Waitsfield Elementary School has won the Carbon Cup Award for 2013, with 77.2% of students choosing a clean commute option. By and large, Waitsfield's high level of participation reflects the active culture of our valley and the terrific community in which we are fortunate to live. Thanks to parents and to children for your incredible motivation.

Recap of Green up Day:

Thanks to all who turned out! And thank you to Chris Cook for taking on the organization of all of the work – the school grounds look great.

Financial Support Requests:

Iron Chef Junior - Tom Young and Leigh Stockton outlined their proposal for Waitsfield's involvement in Iron Chef Junior. This is a way to connect the school with the community looking at healthy cooking, using local ingredients. Vermont Iron Chef Junior proposes a challenge to develop a local, vegetarian dish that can be used in our hot lunch program that kids would like – culminating event in February at the Fairground similar to a reality tv show. This would be an extra privilege that the sixth graders would take on – and they would learn how to cook. It gets the kids involved in where their food comes from, and what is served at hot lunch and who makes those decisions. Entry fee is \$150 and application must be received in October. 1400 participants last year. They are going to meet with teachers at Crossett Brook to see how it works. Request is to cover the entry fee. They also hope to get hats and coats that have WES on them... Knives, cutting boards and a few pots would also be needed. PTA will discuss it at budget meeting,

ECO (Educating Children Outdoors) – kindergarten classes (there will be 2 classes next year) – went 10 times this yr and would like to increase that next year. Since kindergarten does not do the ski program, this is a program that allows them to still get outdoors. This yr the plan is 25 sessions for the two classes and the budget is \$4600. Since this is a program alternative to the ski program for kindergartners, which is available to all kindergartners, the PTA is able to put \$2600 into the program. J. Stella motioned to contribute \$2600; C. Gaylord seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mad River Path Proposal – PTA earned \$5000 more than we had budgeted in the 2012 ski and skate sale; we also budgeted money for the stage renovation and the playground totaling \$3500 unused funds. Therefore, we have \$8500 we can contribute to the project now, and a minimum of \$1500 next year, dependent upon the proceeds of Ski and Skate sales. C. Gaylord motioned to allocate \$8500 this year

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Budget Meeting – July 17th at 12:15 at Christine's house