

**Washington PTO Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 10, 2018**  
**Meeting called to order @ 7:30 PM**  
**18 Attendees**

**Welcome and Introductions**

Principal: Samantha Althouse  
President: Kim Turner  
Vice President: Kim Shovlain  
Treasurer: Jill Kolb  
Assistant Treasurer: Heather Buck  
Secretary: Julie Benner

**Principal's Update**

- Thank You PTO & Community – Fall Social was great
- Walk A Thon – made adjustments due to wet field, kids did great
- Putting up art work for dot day – will add to foyer decorations
- Started composting in the classroom and in the school – thanks to Mrs. Watkins and the green team leaders, working with 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade so far, will expand.
- Global Read Aloud – students talking to their peers at other schools within and outside the district. “One book connecting to the world.”
- Extracurricular Clubs – some have already started and others will be starting soon [Spooky Art Club, Yoga, Green Team, Basketball Club, Leadership Club, R-Factor Club, School Newsletter, Reading Ambassadors, Principals Advisory Group].
- Upcoming Events
  - Conferences next week
  - No School 10/19/18
  - Good Program & Take a Stand Assembly (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades) – 10/26/18
  - Fall Parade and Parties – 10/31
  - No School/Professional Dev. 11/6/18
  - Movie Night – 11/9

**Treasurer's Report**

- Review Spirit Wear – close to budget and continued opportunities to sell
- Walk A Thon – under budget by \$3600, still company matches coming in, however, lower than plan.
- Fall Social – netted over budget
- **Motion to Approve Budget: Heather Buck, Second: Kelly Riley**

## Committee & Calendar Updates

Room Parent Coordinator – Details for Fall Parties – Kim Shovlain

- October Party and Parade – 10/31, will receive email with additional info, costume optional parade with, no more than five parents per classroom, can sign up via sign up genius

ISPTO – Kelly Riley

- First meeting in Sept. speakers from ILC – serves 2000 students per day, some adult partnerships (tolls and Delaware technical centers)
- Personal Success Network coaches (Mr. Willoughby) asked ISPTO if interested in purchasing a \$100 Home Depot gift card to be used for student capstone projects – will build a picnic table at Washington.
- HEF – Hilliard Edu. Foundation – will be in touch regarding fundraising.

PTO Presidents Meeting – Kim Turner

- Discussed new mental awareness coordinator, in middle school and high school they are really focused on mental health, supporting others, suicide awareness etc.
- 2-3 elementary schools with vaccination and dental clinics (not at Washington) more information will be coming out – to support students in the population of our district
- Parent and Student University classes offered – reading with kids, college planning
- Early discussions on tax levies, future planning

Spirit Wear – Krista Jacob

- Still good quantity of spirit wear
- Next opportunity to sell may be at Movie Night and then Carnival in spring

Walk-A-Thon / Fall Social / Teacher Experience Auction

- Darci did a great job, very successful.
- Working on bulletin board and getting fun things out for the kids.
- Kona Ice – great success the night before – sending check for \$140
- Mojo Taco - \$600
- Ninja Bowl - \$500
- Han Solo – not as successful, at a higher price point
- Thanks again for teachers, mop, support auction tables, donating time for families and students and made over \$2000 for PTO.
- Question on Buy It now – consider price points of buy it now – so many were bought immediately and could have potentially sold for more.

Spirit Nights

- Had first spirit night in September at Pulp Smoothie, made \$100

## Movie Night

- Planned for 11/9 as a Washington only student only drop off
- Number of teacher volunteers will determine the number of students that are able to participate
- Planning to view Ferdinand
- Kids will need to bring sleeping bags, will supply popcorn and drinks
- Will be a pre-sale go gauge attendance
- Details will be coming home next week

## Wellness

- Schedule for tasting days, will be wellness Wednesday's – once a month

## Garden – Maria Watkins

- Next meeting to plant winter crops

## Publishing Shop – Melanie Grouer

- Still cleaning and organizing
- Will begin working on making books shortly – will be looking for parent support shortly.
- If teachers have a specific need, please contact PTO with the need and we will do our best to supply what needed.

## Hospitality – Deepa Keller

- Working on meal for teacher conferences on 10/17

## Fun For All Festival – Mary Malone

- Doing early planning
- Date saved (March 15) and tables are ordered

## Open Items

- Momentum Music & Movement – Personal Growth Program – 8 Week Program, music and dance, 1x per week for 8 weeks, for 4<sup>th</sup> grade, at end of session will have a program for parents and or school. Would be interested in doing more, this year would be our first year. \$4000 negotiated rate, several other schools in the district, and Mr. Regouski highly recommend.
  - Q: How would this be funded and sustained? AND is there a concern that we spend \$4000 on something that benefits one grade per year? A: Would be from a whole school wide grant, mural is \$500 less, Teacher lounge under budget ~\$200 remaining, \$2000 of general funds that are not classified, \$10,000 slated for the technology lab and still in the planning stage
  - Present PTO members and Board had an open discussion of the topic prior to voting.
  - Would consider a committee to review sustainability of this program year over year to raise \$\$ to help off-set the costs and possibly conduct a survey next year on spending

- Consider having final program at Davidson, do sponsorships, sell food etc.
- **Kim Turner motions to fund the Momentum Program for the 2018-19 school year and consider a committee to review sustainability efforts, Motion Second: Julie Benner. APPROVED as per voice vote (17 in favor / 1 against)**

### **New Business**

- Update on Mr. Stevens tile mural update – work to be completed 10/25, 11/12 and 11/13 with the kids. Volunteers will be needed
- Third Grade Mini Grant Request (Mrs. Watkins) – in need of chapter books for their libraries, many of their current titles are outdated, looking for \$100 each teacher to purchase additional graphic novels and additional chapter books that support our curriculums.
  - Each grade is allotted \$300 for a grade wide mini grant.
  - **Motion to approve: Kim Shovlain, Second: Jill Kolb – APPROVED**
- ISPTO Request of \$100 to support the Personal Success Network Capstone Project of building a picnic table for the garden area.
  - The funds could come from academic enrichment line item
  - **Motion to approve Kelly Riley, Second: Kim Turner & Maria Watkins, APPROVED**

**Meeting Adjourned – 8:14 PM.**