

## **Washington PTO Meeting Minutes**

Principal: Monica Campana

President: Kim Turner

Vice President: Kim Shovlain

Treasurer: Jill Kolb

Assistant Treasurer: Heather Buck

Secretary: Julie Benner

**Tuesday, December 14, 2020**

**Meeting called to order @ 7:03 PM by Kim Turner**

**9 Attendees**

Julie Benner

Bridget Coontz

Monica Campana

Melanie Gromer

Jill Kolb

Meggan LaPlace

Pauline Puttmann

Kelly Riley

Kim Turner

### **Welcome and Introductions**

#### **Principal's Update**

- Thanks to PTO for Falala – great time had by all – students sent many thanks to Grinders
- COSI on Wheels – positive feedback, ran smoothly
- Momentum Update – started with fourth grade last week, will run every Thursday until the end of February @ Heritage. More information to come. All families will be invited to attend the final performance.
- Pennies for Patients: Fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.
  - Runs from 2/13 – 3/28
  - Funds go directly to families impacted and education
- Author visit scheduled for 1/21 for grades 3-4-5 – free visit (partner with Washington and Hoffman Farms). Classrooms have been reading her book.
- Looking for parent feedback on the calendar (e.g. parent/teacher conferences) and other events throughout the year. Looking for feedback on timing of various events.
- Be Well event on February 29<sup>th</sup>
  - Several free information sessions for community members focused on student and family well-being.
- The Gift of Failure Book Talks (Author Jessica Lahey) – scheduled in January and February. Jessica Lahey will be hosting the book talk as a key note for the kick off of Be Well on 2/29.
- Sharing updates for the proposal for a collaborative learning space. Many uses for our current space (teacher meetings, classroom meetings, SACC homework room etc.) Looking to build a space to accommodate the ever changing needs of this room. Sharing several examples of flexible seating and table space for consideration.

**Bridget Coontz made a motion to vote to approve up to \$12,000 from the PTO savings for flexible seating and tables for our current multi-purpose room. Kelly Riley second. Vote taken – majority approved.** (Background: PTO has an accumulated savings over time that should be invested into the school).

### **Presidents Update**

- 2020-21 PTO Elections will be here soon – looking for all board positions.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- November movie night yielded ~\$2,200
- Social event yielded ~\$2,100

***Kim Shovlain moved to approve the treasurer's report, Heather Buck second. Approved***

### **Approval of October PTO Meeting Minutes**

***Kim Turner moved to approve 11/2019 PTO meeting minutes, Kelly Riley second. Approved***

### **Committee & Calendar Updates**

#### **ISPTO – Megan LaPlace, Kelly Riley**

- November discussion:
  - Reviewed incentives that all other schools are using to consider, should be sent to PTO presidents shortly.
  - Discussion on the creation and use of school directories. Cannot profit on the creation and distribution and cannot be used for any type of solicitation. More to come on a final decision to be shared district wide.
- Next meeting on 1/22/20 @ 6:30 at Horizon Elementary

#### **FaLaLa Lunch**

- December 20<sup>th</sup> (Friday before winter break)
- Thanks to all who volunteered, went extremely smoothly.
- Great 5<sup>th</sup> grade participation
- Service project of making bags and blankets was a big success (Patches, Ronald McDonald House)

#### **Fun-4-All – Marcy Plecky, Meggan LaPlace, Bridget Coontz**

- Planning continues
- Games are in great shape – updating the signs for certain games
- Prizes have been ordered
- Food: working with Marcos Pizza – added a kids pack for this year for a “child” order
- Communications are ongoing, flyers went home last week for pre-sales
- Mr. Stevens will be sharing tweets
- Looking for volunteers for 60 minute shifts – identifying ways to be very efficient with volunteer time. Go to Washington website, click on fun 4 all tab for the sign up genius.

### Silent Auction

- Auction items are in good shape
- Kids raffle is also being organized
- Basket assembly parties planned for 1/16, 1/17, 1/21, 1/23, 1/27, 1/28 in room 23 after your drop off your students for the school day.

### Room Parents – Marcy Plecky

- Working on baskets for the carnival and delivering to Washington by 1/27

### Spirit Nights – Kim Shovlain

- Adrenaline or Rock and Jump being considered for February or March.

### COSI on Wheels

- Scheduled for January 8, 2020
- Focus for this year was chemistry
- Great success this year
- Will be paying the deposit for 2021 (\$465) – topic will be Universe – looking at February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Publishing Shop – Melanie Gromer

- No updates
- Please contact Melanie @ [Melanie\\_antes@web.de](mailto:Melanie_antes@web.de) if you are interested in volunteering.

### Hospitality – Marlana Woodtke

- February 11<sup>th</sup> parent teacher conference night will be the next event.

### Movie Night – Stephanie Guthrie, Becky Melchiorre

- Looking at April 3<sup>rd</sup> or April 17<sup>th</sup> for the next drop off movie night

### Wellness – Jenica Nigh, Lindsay O'Brien

- 1/14 – Apple & Cauliflower
- 2/11 – Kiwifruit & Spinach
- 3/10 – Bananas & Carrots
- 4/14 – Strawberries & Hummus

### Chiller

- Scheduled for February 29 from 3:45 – 5:45 PM
- Advance sale information to come

### New Business

- Vote to provide lunch for 12 staff members and author for visit next week (week of 1/20/20)

**Heather Buck motioned to provide up to \$150 for the author visit lunch next week, Meggan LaPlace second. Vote. Approved**

***Monica Campana moved to adjourn the meeting, Bridget Coontz 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.***

### **Upcoming PTO Meetings**

- February 20, 2020
- April 14, 2020
- May 11, 2020 (2020/21 Elections)