

Washington Elementary PTO 2020-2021

4/14/2021 7:00pm | PTO Meeting | Meeting called by Marcy Pelecky

Board Members: President- Marcy Pelecky | Vice President- Erin Riley

Treasurer- Heather Buck | Asst. Treasurer- Jill Kolb | Secretary- Erin Miller

Attendees:

Pauline Puttman

Angela Carlstrom

Nicole Kilbane

Monican Campana

Bridget

Kelly Riley

Marcy Pelecky

Bry Ferrell

Melanie

Meggan LaPlace

Heather Buck

Kim Turner

Agenda

1. Special Guest- Jessica Rardon, Principal at Tharpe Elementary
 - a. PTO Board positions are available for next year?
 - b. Arrow group vs. 6th grade:
 - i. Some things are for all grades
 - ii. 6th grade socials, only for 6th graders, sort of like a dance, but no one dances
 - iii. PTO supports field day, pool day in the past, Arrow plan, teacher appreciation
 - iv. 6th grade is a wonderful time to get involved. PTO is a well-oiled machine
2. Principal Update
 - a. This month has been focused on logistics to the day for All-In
 - b. Specials are back to A, B, C rotation

- c. Equity and diversity with read alouds and morning meetings, teachers reading various books on the topics
 - d. Bridge program – 10 kids per grade per elementary placed by teachers, 5 spots open for lottery for enrollment
 - e. 5th Grade Celebration
 - i. Videos of students, yard sign, picnic lunch, each student will paint a rock with an uplifting message, their name and grad year for rock garden (annual tradition after this year) and a car line clap out, where students will line the car line and parents and loved ones drive by to honk and clap, etc.
 - f. Field day will happen over the last week of May during specials time. Specials teachers will have different stations each day.
 - g. Full-time counselor to be hired for Washington next year.
 - h. Around a dozen kids will remain in online academy next year, rest will return.
 - i. Kindergarten registration has been busy!
 - j. Video announcements done by students next year
 - k. Building classroom libraries with equity and diversity in mind
3. Treasurer's Report
- a. Online spirit wear was more cost conscious, recommend for next year
 - b. Read-a-thon was incredible, \$18k raised
 - c. Flower sale was also a success
 - d. Spirit nights were also a success
 - e. Box tops were over from last year
4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- a. Minutes can be found online at <https://www.hilliardschools.org/wsh/pto/>
 - b. Motion: Bridget, Second: Heather
5. Committee Chair and Calendar Updates:
- a. ISPTO (Meggan LaPlace)
 - b. Next month will be elections for ISPTO board
 - c. Read A Thon Wrap-Up (Erinn)
 - d. Spirit Nights/ Shop Rewards (Brenna)
 - e. Garden (Jenn Leopold)
 - f. Conference Night Dinner Wrap-Up (Pauline)
 - g. Box Tops (Jennifer Chung)
 - h. Flower Sale (Marcy, Meggan, Nikki, Bridget)
 - i. Pickup between 5:30-7:30 on April 28
 - ii. Will also need to have volunteers to unload and hand out flowers
6. Teacher Appreciation (Niki Kilbane)
- a. Boxed meals d/t covid restrictions, possibly breakfast one day? A local church is providing Donatos for every staff member in the district on Monday of Teacher Appreciation week!
7. Old Business

8. New Business

- a. 5th Grade Celebration- open discussion on ideas that are Covid friendly (discussion)
 - i. Kim Turner will be leading the 5th grade celebration from a parent perspective
- b. Field Day
 - i. Money needed to purchase items will be determined by next Friday
- c. Next Year PTO- should we consider alternating in-person with Zoom
- d. Add to the Budget- Wolfie Welcome Kits (Vote to add \$1000 line item)
- e. Slate for 2021-2022 PTO Board (we will vote in May)
- f. Schedule for 2021-2022 - discuss which activities we want to bring back, change or add
 - i. Walk-a-thon vs. Read-a-thon
 1. Manpower difficult to get for Walk-a-thon, \$ is about equal
- g. Movie Night
 - i. Budget for Teachers, scholarship budget for kiddos who might need extra help (Book fairs, movie nights, festivals)
- h. Fall Festival
 - i. Worked well – teacher auction, paw pass, food was quick and easy, outside activities from COSI, could class baskets happen then? Spiritwear sells well at that event – Samples to order online at event (QR code)
- i. Fun 4 All Festival
 - i. A lot of work, a lot of volunteers, maybe scale back or do every other year
 - ii. Maybe Fall festival (community event) with activities and a Spring Fling with similar activities, art, music & innovation show
- j. Spring/Fall Flower Sale – Maybe try Fall next year?
- k. Silent Auction – potentially online? Kids auction was a huge hit, lots of fun
- l. Teacher Auction – one winner per teacher, even if grade levels go together on the auction item
- m. Parents “Night Out” – changed into Movie Night – maybe K-2 movie night, 3-5 movie night?
- n. Chiller skating party – Kids love it, lots of fun, easy to organize
- o. Book Fair, all online, will be delivered to the school and distributed to the kids

9. Adjournment

- a. Motion – Meggan, Second Erinn

Open Positions:

ISPTO (2nd)