

January Meeting Minutes

Washington Elementary PTO 2023-202

January 31, 2023 / PTO Meeting / Meeting called by Tara Roe

Board Members: President - Tara Roe / Vice President - Erin Howell / Treasurer - Pauline Puttmann / Assistant Treasurer - Erin Miller/ Secretary - Nikki Kilbane/ ISPTO - Stacey Glatz & Sarah Myers

Attendees: Monica Campana, Pauline Puttmann, Nikki Kilbane, Stacey Glatz, Sarah Myers, Kathleen Waltman, Lauren Giffin, Bry Ferrell, Katie Rings, Emily Todd Shuey, Rachel Abouhassan, Bridget Koontz

Agenda

1. President's Update

-Review of the events from the first half of the year:

Walk-a-thon, Fall Social, Spirit Nights, Washington Gives Back, Wolfie Way Breakfasts, Conference Night Dinner, Chiller Ice Skating Party, Staff Appreciation, and Winter Luncheon

-Planning for the remainder of the year:

- Flower Sale - Erin Miller and Bry Ferrell

Will be beginning around the first week of March, with delivery around the first week of May.

Information will need to be sent to families soon.

- Outdoor Movie Night - Sarah Myers

Will be reaching out through ISPTO to see how other schools have done this. Planning to hold this event in mid May.

When event is planned there was an idea to have the grade levels vote on the movie selection to choose what will be shown at the event.

- Spring Social - Nikki Kilbane and Pauline Puttmann

Scheduled for Monday, May 1st from 4:00 - 6:30. Students do not have school the following day.

Sent around a sign up sheet for coordination help - Katie Rings, Emily Todd Shuey, Kathleen Waltman, and Lauren Giffin have all volunteered to help with planning.

- Spirit Nights - Kathleen Waltman

Plans in place for the rest of the year and set up - February 7th from 5:00 - 9:00 pm Chipotle at Perimeter Loop. Following this will be Dewys, Wenie Wonder, and Bibibop

- Student Leadership has been working on new ideas for the playground. \

Students have been discussing needs for the playground beyond just equipment and have also thought about changes that could be made to indoor recess. The committee may present some of their work at the last PTO meeting of the year, but will not be ready for their full presentation until the following school year.

2. Principals Update:

- Adjustments have been made after several days of consecutive indoor recess. Some students have been able to use the gym during this time.
- Mid year assessments have just been completed and teachers will be ready to share information with parents at conferences in the next few weeks.
- Washington just finished instructional rounds, where district leaders came and observed teachers and the building. The school received very positive feedback in areas such as: rigor in the classroom, student collaboration, having a welcoming building, and having student generated and relevant items posted in the building.
- Currently Washington staff have three book studies going on.
 - Making Thinking Visible
 - Executive Skills in Children and Adolescents
 - Building Thinking Classrooms in Mathematics
- Addressing attendance concerns with some students. Currently there are 96 students that have missed 10 or more days (65 hours or more). If attendance for a student is a major issue then a truancy meeting will occur.

What's Next at Washington:

- February 1st is World Read Aloud Day - the school will have several guest readers to participate in this.
- Parent Teacher Conferences will be held the week of February 13th.
- There will be a book Fair the week of February 13th, it will be open the evening of February 15th during after school conferences.
- Ramadan is coming in March, the school will be prepared to accommodate students that will be fasting and will need space to pray during the school day.
- Beginning to plan for the next school year. Thoughtful Placement Parent Surveys were sent out and so far 90 responses have been recorded.
- Kindergarten registration opened the week after winter break, so far there are 60 new kindergartners enrolled. The school will hold a kindergarten information night some time at the end of April. During the event PTO can set up a table with information as well as may potentially sell spirit wear. Need to check the stock of spirit wear we have and see if we have enough spirit wear for this event or if we would need to order more, especially in smaller sizes.
- Working on finalizing school supply lists - cap for amount will be \$40.
- Field trips are being planned - fourth grade will be going to the State House (this is a free trip). So far, second graders went to the Maize at Little Darby Creek and ESL

students went to the pumpkin patch. All grade levels have the opportunity to go on a field trip.

-There is the potential that during the spring social in May there would also be a gallery walk style art show. There is no music program scheduled or outside of the school day, and there has not in the past been something like this before.

3. Committee Updates

-Spirit Wear - sale just wrapped up, don't have a total yet for amount profited or sold.

-Conference Night Dinner - Will be catered by City Barbeque as well as will provide drinks and deserts. Looking for warming trays to keep the food warm, Rachel Abouhassan may have some, if not can purchase some potentially.

-Spirit Nights - all planned for the rest of the year. There was a mishap with Rusty Bucket and only kept track of our online sales, nothing from the restaurant. They have offered to cater a future event to make up for this mistake, and will look back into this for teacher appreciation week.

-Washington Gives Back - This month will be collecting valentines cards made by students and donating them to Friendship Village.

-Wolfie Way Breakfasts - Have been well attended. Purchased a coffee pot to use rather than picking up coffee for the event. Some receipts have been turned in for reimbursement, and there are more to come. Up to December \$314 has been spent on the breakfasts.

-Garden - Fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Graham, building substitute, Mrs. Leopold, and PTO member Sarah Myers will start a garden club. Information on how to join the club will be coming out soon and it will include students in grades 3-5.

-Chiller - Very well attended with 348 people there. Next year will need someone to take over planning of this event, Rachel Abouhassan has volunteered.

4. Final Items

- Motion made by Pauline Puttmann to approve the last meeting minutes.
1st: Bridget Koontz
2nd: Katie Rings
All in favor/ no one opposed
- Next PTO meeting will be Tuesday, February 28th at 7:00pm in the IDC.

6. Adjournment (7:32 pm)

Motion: Pauline Puttmann

1st- Lauren Giffin

2nd - Kathleen Waltman

