

April Meeting Minutes

Washington Elementary PTO 2022-2023

April 25, 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: Tara Roe, Erin Howell, Pauline Puttmann, Nikki Kilbane, Erin Miller, Stacey Glatz, Sarah Myers, Monica Campana, Kathleen Waltman, Bry Ferrell, Katie Rings, Nour Amara, Jenny Wilkes, Haneen Khan, Rachel Abouhassan, Danielle Zaksajsek, Emily Todd Shuey, Lauren Giffin

Agenda

1. Principals Update

- After spring break - hit the ground running and will be finishing up State testing tomorrow after two weeks of testing for 3-5th graders.
- All the new clubs have been well received and attended - Kindness Club, Yoga Club, and Dodgeball Club
- April 26th will be the incoming Kindergarten Night event for students enrolled for the 2023 -24 school year.
- Field Day sign up is all full for volunteers. A few parents reached out that did not get a spot and gave contact information in case someone is unable to make it for the slot they signed up for.
- Upcoming field trips - April 27th - third grade is visiting the Hilliard Historical Village. May 15th - fourth grade is visiting the State House. Fifth graders will be making visits to Tharp or Station. Permission slips are signed in Home Access by parents for field trips at the beginning of the year.
- May 1st will be the Art Gallery Walk and Spring Social
- Wrapping up on finalizing plans for the end of year grade level celebrations, information will be sent in the blast regarding these this week or next.
- Starting to plan now for the 2023 - 24 school year. Next year k-2 will all have four sections, the school is growing each year. Currently the incoming kindergarten class has 80 students enrolled. Some staffing changes that will occur next year: Mrs. Collura will be moving to teacher third grade, Mrs. Watkins will be moving to teach first grade, will be hiring a new kindergarten teacher and a second full time EL teacher for next year.

2. Committee Updates

- Flower Sale - Pick up will be May 9th after school, still in need of volunteers to help.

- Staff Appreciation - Last week there was a staff treat dropped off. Teacher Appreciation week is coming up the second week of May.
 - Wolfie Way - Last breakfast will be on Friday, May 12th. The office staff will be handling the food and Erin Miller volunteered to be Wolfie for the breakfast.
 - Room Assistants - Working on getting auction baskets together - these can be any theme, and a range of price. Will be sold at the Spring Social as a mixture of bids and raffle tickets. Room assistance should send Jenny Wilkes a list of items in the basket and their value. Also Stacey will be reaching out soon to give some information about end of the year grade level celebrations.
 - Publishing Shop - Mrs. Whittaker's class just had a book party. This year there were two book parties and three classes requested to have books made. There are some smaller and longer books that have been in the publishing shop for a while that will be offered up to teachers to use next year so they don't go to waste.
 - Spirit Wear - Will be ordering shirts for next year's incoming kindergarten class. Also will be looking in the summer to place a bulk order for shirts to sell as Wolfie Welcome Day.
 - Spring Social - Taking place on May 1st everything is set with vendors and food trucks. Also the basket auction and art gallery walk will be taking place at this event.
 - ISPTO - Last meeting was a tour of Hilliard. Tara will still serve as the ISPTO vice president next year so will keep Washington in the loop.
 - Special Guests - Nour Amara and Haneen Khan
- At the beginning of April on a Saturday a group of Muslim neighbors hosted a Ramadan dinner at Washington. The dinner had around 120 people at it, kids from the school and neighborhood coming together to break fast, celebrate and share a meal. Next year the group would like to have the dinner again at Washington and make it a community event. The group that organized the dinner raised \$500 and made a donation to the Washington PTO with the funds raised. They also donated a stack of new books focused on Ramadan and Eid for the IDC. Monica presented a list of Muslim focused books for the IDC as an idea of how their donation could potentially be used. Next year Hilliard City Schools will recognize Eid as a holiday and there will be no school, currently that date is April 10th, 2024.

3. Presidents Update

- 2023 - 2024 Planning - There will be some planning meetings in the summer to help look ahead to next year. Discussion for potential dates for events that will be coming up.
 - Summer Movie Night - Thursday, July 14th to include incoming kindergarten Students, current students, and fifth grade students that just left Washington.
 - Wolfie Welcome Day - Thursday, August 17th 4 - 5:30 pm.
 - Walkathon - Friday, September 29th.
 - Fall Social - Friday, September 22nd.

- Winter Luncheon - Friday, December 8th - moving it away from the last day before winter break.
- Chiller - Already have a date secured for next year - check with Bridget Coontz
- Game Night - Potential be something to consider in November
- Spring Social - Monday, May 6th (no school Tuesday, Math 7th)
- Glow Party - Potential to be something to consider in February
- Next year PTO meeting dates will be determined in the summer, meetings will most likely be held on Tuesday evenings again next year.

4. Final Items

- Nominations for next year, the current board is all interested in staying next year. Erin Miller and Pauline Puttmann will switch roles for next year. No other nominations were submitted for the board for next year. Offer at the meeting if anyone is interested in a board position, nobody was.
- Motion made by Tara Roe to keep the current board as is for the following year.
 - 1st: Lauren Giffin
 - 2nd: Danielle Zaksajsek
 - All in favor/ No one opposed
- Reimbursement form shown on the PTO page, save receipts and submit those completed when needing reimbursement for something purchased with PTO funds.

5. Adjournment (8:00 pm)

- Motion: Tara Roe
- 1st- Erin Miller
- 2nd - Lauren Giffin