

# March Meeting Minutes

## Washington Elementary PTO 2022-2023

March 28, 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, Kathleen Waltman, Bry Ferrell, Katie Rings, Kelly Riley, Jenny Wilkes

### Agenda

#### 1. Committee Updates

- ISPTO - Last meeting featured a guest speaker - Alex Beckman who focused on the topic of anxiety and helping students realize their value. He was a former counselor in the district, he currently still works with the district but also has his own firm. The next meeting will be a bus tour through the district.
- Flower Sale - We made a profit of \$4041.50 and sold 804 items. We were very close to making the goal that was set, around \$300 from reaching the goal. After spring break there will be a Sign up Genius to seek volunteers for delivery day.
- Room Assistants - This week will be sending out an email about Spring Social Auction Baskets.
- Staff Appreciation - This month had pies for pi day, and snacks for tomorrow. Will do one more thing in April and then Teacher Appreciation Week in May. Kathleen Waltman will be reaching out to Rusty Bucket to inquire about a free meal that was offered after an error in the spirit dine out night there this year that could potentially be used during Teacher Appreciation Week.
- Wolfie Way Breakfast - Continues to go well, have two more to go this year.
- Publishing Shop - Have one teacher that is currently signed up on the google doc for the second week in April. Next year, the goal will be to promote in person book publishing parties and have the potential for room assistants to be able to volunteer to help during these.
- Spirit Wear - Credit from the winter sale was taken to apply to a future bulk order. Will be selling spirit wear at the upcoming Kindergarten Informational Night on April 26th.
- Washington Gives Back - March skipped an activity, April will be a food drive for the Hilliard Food Pantry, May will also not have an activity. Next year, we have a goal to see this committee partner up with staff and students to make the activities meaningful.
- Spring Social - May 1st from 4:00 - 6:30 - Three food trucks, and one dessert truck, photo station, firemen, library, Bring the Farm to You, and Inflatables. Also the basket auction and art show will be taking place during this event.

-Spirit Nights - All set for the rest of the year, the next is April 12th at Weenie Wonder. Chipotle was the most successful this year, they gave back 33% and a paper flier was sent for this one.

-Garden - Some teachers will be making this a class project for the spring.

-Movie Night - Is going to be moved to a mid summer time event.

-All current PTO officers are interested in coming back to serve on the board for the next school year. There will still be another nomination process if others are interested as well. In April there will be voting for officers, if anyone else is interested please let Tara know.

-During the last PTO meeting there will potentially be a presentation from the students on the Student Leadership Team that have been working on the playground project this year.

## 2. Treasurer's Report

-We received a mini grant application from Mrs. Collura for \$300 asking for 4 new stools for her reading table. We currently have \$225 left in the mini grant budget. Pauline will be reaching out to Mrs. Collura to see if \$300 was an exact price or an estimate, if it is the exact price she will offer that we can purchase 3 stools to spend the rest of the budget. This year will be the first time in a few years all of the mini grant money in the budget will be spent.

-Artist and community fund has not been spent this year, 4th grade did have an author come in and that visit was free. Next year Mrs. Riley is making it a goal to work to use this money to bring in some authors or artists.

-At the last meeting it was mentioned that third graders are supposed to be taking a field trip to the Hilliard Historical Society on April 27th. PTO would pay for the bussing for this, the trip is free, but we have not received the request for the funds yet.

-Mrs. Riley presented at the meeting for a mini grant that she had submitted a few weeks back to the PTO email address, but it was not received. She is seeking \$500 to put towards staff morale building activities. Shared some events that have taken place this year (staff breakfasts, St. Patrick's Day scavenger hunt, Egg hunt) already and some that are planned for the upcoming months (Cinco de Mayo week, Name that Tune). Mini grant funds are spent at this point, but next year the teacher appreciation budget can be looked at to use towards something like the proposed idea. Another idea would be to check the principal's fund budget from PTO to see if there is left over money in that area that could be used towards this project for the rest of this year. Suggested that Ms. Riley save her receipts from this year and see if there is money in another part of the budget to potentially help with this project for this year.

### 3. Final Items

-Motion made by Tara Roe to approve the February meeting minutes.

1st: Pauline Puttmann

2nd: Katie Rings

All in favor/ no one opposed

-Walk - a - Thon - thinking ahead to next year starting to seek sponsors or reach out to see if anyone at the school families or staff have ideas for sponsors for the event. At April's meeting, try to nail down a date for next year's Walk - a - Thon and fall social, so planning can begin in the summer since both events are early in the school year.

-Basket auction - Will take place at the Spring Social. Last year the process went well, but I need a reminder that it is not a competition. This year I would like to provide more access to everyone to participate in the basket auction. So will be seeking some small baskets, or have one classroom make two small baskets instead of one big basket. Will be splitting the auction in two parts - raffle baskets where people would purchase tickets to put in for a basket and the ticket would be pulled for a winner, and silent auction baskets where dollar amounts are put on the baskets for bidding, the idea would be that set up with way more people may be able to participate.

-Planning ahead, think about separating the Winter Luncheon from the same day as class parties, to help with volunteers being in two places at the same time.

### 4. Adjournment (7:50 pm)

Motion: Tara Roe

1st- Stacey Glatz

2nd - Jenny Wilkes