

March Meeting Minutes

Washington Elementary PTO 2023-2024

March 26, 2024 / PTO Meeting / Meeting called by Tara Roe

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

Attendees: Pauline Puttmann, Nikki Kilbane, Stacey Glatz, Tara Roe, Monica Campana, Katie Rings, Lauren Giffin, Bry Ferrell, Rachael Abouhassan, Mandy Kanzigg, Emily Todd, Erin Miller, Catie Snowden, Danielle Zakrajsek, Molly Hecht, Sarah Myers

Meeting start time: 7:03pm

Agenda

1. Presidents Update

- This past week the author visits happened at the school for all students.
- We had great success with the Spring Flower Sale and were very close to reaching our fundraising goal. On delivery day we will need lots of volunteers, a sign up is to come.
- PTO board elections will take place in April.
- The next PTO board will meet in the summer to look line by line at the budget to see where we need to reduce, keep, or get rid of a line item.
- At the April meeting we will be looking at recommended dates for next school year events.
- At the end of this meeting the field day volunteer sign up will be available and at this time only one slot to sign up per parent either morning or afternoon.
- Currently working with Mr. Stevens and Fast Signs to price out the fifth grade signs and decide next steps in ordering these.

2. Principals Update

- Washington Gives Back Valentine card donation was a big success. One of the nursing homes sent back beading shamrocks to each classroom for St. Patrick's Day.
- This month there have been lots of field trips, author visits, and guest speakers in the building.
- The celebration of Ramadan is currently taking place.
- Sexual abuse prevention lessons are currently taking place and will wrap up this week.
- Lots of learning is taking place as well as preparation for state testing. 3rd - 5th grade will start testing Friday April 12th and the last day of testing will be Tuesday May 7th.
- Spring break and the solar eclipse are on the horizon.
- The McDonald's teacher night fundraiser will be on April 16th at the Perimeter Loop location.

- Planning for next year is already taking place, next school year there will be another section of third grade added.
- April 30th will be the welcome evening for next year's incoming kindergarten families.
- 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade all have upcoming field trips. Second grade is going to SWACO, 3rd grade is going to the Hilliard Historical Village, and 4th grade is going to the State House.
- Preparation is underway for the last week of school festivities.
- Parent question about the Spanish special taking place again next year and this has not been determined for next school year.
- Parent question about the after school activities offered, the after school extra cubs and activities have been teacher generated, and have filled up quickly and been successful.
- Parent question about having a music program or show after school hours, this has not been done in years, but something to inquire about with the music teacher.

3. Committee Updates

Staff Representative - Catie Snowden

Gave details about upcoming field trips. 2nd grade SWACO trip aligns to their current worm unit and their last module of Wit and Wisdom on digestion. 3rd and 4th grades trips will align with their Social Studies units. On the 1st grade COSI trip the EL students also joined this trip and it was a great experience for them and all students. Mrs. Riley is seeking gift card donations between \$5 - \$25 dollars for staff appreciation.

Playground Update- Monica Campana

Recently met with the director of operations and reviewed some of the masters facility plan which has playground renovations across the district within the plan. Over the next 12-18 months the playground has to be up to ADA compliance, currently the boat is the only ADA compliant piece of equipment. In 202 Washington is scheduled to have new paving done. After the district does their playground updates PTO may want to provide beyond what the district provides. Last year when students worked on a playground plan the number one thing they wanted was swings, if swings were put in this is something PTO would have to fund and use a district given vendor. Also they will be looking at the drainage of the field where the kids play soccer and see if any corrections can be made.

Spring Social - Nikki Kilbane, Jenny Wilks, Pauline Puttmann, Lauren Giffin, Kathleen Waltman, Stacey Glatz, Mandy Kanzigg, Katie Rings, Emily Todd

Monday May 6th. Event will also be in conjunction with a book fair, art show, and basket silent auction. We have two food trucks and one dessert truck booked. The Hilliard Library and Dublin Fire Department will be coming. Also Horse N Round Fun will be bringing a variety of animals. There will be a photo station set up as well. We are working on contacting some of the High Schools to see if we can get some art students to volunteer to do face painting.

Outdoor Movie Night - Sarah Myers

Friday July 19th, grade levels will each be submitting a movie title and then one of the last student ticket raffles will be for a student to choose the summer movie. Still planning to sell our own concession items, so will need 3-4 volunteers to help with this.

ISPTO - Sarah Myers and Stacey Glatz

The last meeting featured speaker Alex Beakman, he is a consultant for the district and was the wellness teacher of the year. The topic he covered was on teacher/student relationships. He is willing to come to a PTO meeting or have a PTO sponsored parent workshop event in the future.

Room Assistant Coordinator - Stacey Glatz

Will be reaching out to room parents about auction baskets and starting planning for the end of year grade level celebrations.

Spirit Nights - Kathleen Waltman

Mcdonalds night is coming April 16th and in May there will be a Chipotle night.

Washington Gives Back - Lauren Giffin and Molly Hecht

Will be doing some planning ahead in the summer for next year. Ordered a Wolfie plush that will be tied into the program next year, that will visit classrooms after the projects.

5. PTO Meeting Dates for 2023-2024

Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024

6. Final Thoughts/New Business

-Field Day volunteer sign up released.

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

1st - Katie Rings

2nd - Stacey Glatz

All in favor/No one opposed.

7. Adjournment (8:00 pm)

-Motion made by Tara Roe

1st- Katie Rings

2nd - Emily Todd

All in favor/No one opposed