

Washington PTO Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2022

Meeting Attendees:

Mark Karpf	Dan Stockmann	Ope Oloyede	Kelsey Fischer
Alison Sobczyk	Kiley Lange	Grace Goaley	Jessica Griffin
Ben Birkholtz	Gwyneth Cliver	Beth Hughes	Melanie McFarland
Elizabeth Constance	Annie Grace	Emily Moody	

- Welcome and Introductions
- Motion to approve November PTO meeting minutes passes.

Principal Report

- Classrooms have Apple TVs and teachers received training last Monday. They are excited to be wireless.
- Thank you for coming for the Title 1 Family Night! Weather kept some families away, but we had about 200 people.
- Godfather's Night had some hiccups, and the restaurant was notified. Washington received \$250 dollars back. If things get worked out, we would like to do it again.
- Dr. Secora from Lewis & Clark spoke with 6th graders about the transition to middle school, including behavioral expectations, repeat offenses, and the code of conduct. We want to prepare them for success in middle school.
- Changes to bussing for next school year won't affect the majority of our students. The home to school distance will increase to 1.5 miles to receive bussing.
- A teacher was hired for the K-1 HI classroom. Mrs. Natal will return to the instructional facilitator position following a transition.
- This will be Dr. Logan's final school year as the OPS superintendent. The Board of Education's search will be open nationwide.

Teacher/Staff Report

- Mrs. Kiley Lange, 2nd grade, and Ms. Grace Goaley, 4th grade
 - Apple TVs are nice. Teachers are not stuck teaching at a cart in the front of the classroom, and students can share their work on the screen easily from their iPads. The Apple trainer from the district has been helpful. Most of the curriculum is online, so it works well.
 - Teachers have rules to keep iPads put away when they are not needed in the classroom. Apple Classroom gives teachers the ability to monitor use and lock student iPads when needed. iPads will not update if there is too much on them, including pictures and videos.

President Report

- Updates
 - Speaker system
 - We purchased a portable system, and it will be used on Thursday for the Wildlife Encounters assembly.

- Board games for indoor recess days
- T-shirts for Field Day
 - Field Day will take place at Elmwood Park, and we're planning to provide color coordinated t-shirts by grade to make grouping easy.
- Providing a snack for robotics club
- 100th Anniversary Celebration
 - Mrs. Gillespie working with the district
 - Reaching out to committee for first meeting in February
 - Share your ideas in the coming months!
- Thank you
 - Heidi Thompson for coordinating Harvest Party popcorn/candy from PTO
 - Abbey and Janene and all who helped for the great directory
 - Michelle Craig and all who helped with bowling night
 - Beth Hughes for initiating brick sales

Treasurer Report

- The current PTO balance is \$28,544.
- We received a matching donation from United Healthcare - \$950 for volunteer hours - but the electronic funds transfer is being held up. We also received payments for brick purchases.
- We purchased a PA/speaker system for \$860.52.

Fundraising Report

- Spring Fundraiser Update
 - 2022 Fun/Color Run was successful but a lot of work.
 - 2023 Spring Fundraiser date and activity discussion
 - If we do the fundraiser in May, we could have another Fun Run during school. We should look toward early May.
 - If we do the fundraiser in April, we cannot do an activity during school due to testing, but an after-school activity could work.
 - If we do the fundraiser in March, we could have a Dance-a-thon in the gym, but we would like to avoid Spring Break/a shorter month because of the turnout for the Fall Fundraiser that fell around break. We could consider March 24th after school for the Dance-a-thon instead of Movie Night.
 - Lizz, Melanie, and Mrs. Gillespie will meet to discuss more.
 - White t-shirts were donated for the Color Run last year. We could consider getting shirts as part of the fundraiser this year with business sponsors.

Family Fun Nights

- Roller skating Friday 12/16 5-7pm
- Ice skating 2/3/23 1-3pm
- Movie Night 3/24/23 5-7pm

Calendar Reminders

- December
 - 12/19 - 1/3 No School – Winter Recess

- January
 - 4
 - 16

Adjourned

School Resumes

No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day