

Washington PTO Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2023

Meeting Attendees:

Lindsey Meldrum	Melanie McFarland	Ashley Goyco	Mark Karpf	Liz Constance
Lisa Price	Megan Little	Dan Stockmann	Craig Moody	Kelsey Fischer
Judy Bauer	Alicia Gillespie	Gwyneth Cliver	Janene Bolt	Sarah Jackson
Marianne Goodwin	Lauren Salerno	Emily Moody	Alison Sobczyk	Michelle Kiel

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

Principal Report

- Focus is on consistency and getting through NSCAS and MAPS testing these last weeks as students anticipate the last day of school. There are no more MAPS tests for grades 3-6 so no double testing.
- Spring Program was successful, well attended, and the new speakers from PTO were appreciated. It was a team effort pulled off by staff and students with practicing in classrooms and required coordination.
- The week of 5/1 is triple booked with Field Day, field trips and Fun Run, so the Fun Run will be moved to 5/4 to accommodate the other activities that week.
- STR's – Student Transfer Requests – window opens 4/17 for requests to transfer to other OPS schools.
- Progress of LB753 continues to be watched and shared with staff as OPS is the largest district that would be affected by the reduced funding. Special Education across the board would get an increase, but many other aspects are not being taken into consideration in terms of how it would affect public schools.
- Upcoming field trips: Kindergarten, 3rd, 4th grades.
- Class projections for 2023 – 2024 school year: 23 per class for every grade including Kindergarten.
- Update on digital sign for front of school: OPS Buildings and Grounds Operations responded that a new digital sign in the front of school location would not be allowed by current Omaha Municipal Code/Zoning. The existing sign must be refurbished.

Teacher/Staff Reports

- Mrs. Pierce (6th grade)
 - Students are learning different ways to represent Data
 - Math NSCAS in the next few weeks
 - Language Arts theme for quarter: decisions that matter- discussing who makes decisions (i.e. students or parents)
 - Science: Genes

- Mrs. Goyco (6th grade)
 - Science: Solar System
 - Testing: Having students take their time

- Mrs. Goodwin (3rd grade)
 - Also having students take time with testing
 - Students looking forward to upcoming field trip

- Mrs. Bauer (Library Media Specialist)
 - Mrs. Bauer is now a Common Sense Media registered teacher, and students are now Common Sense Media registered students

- Mrs. Price (2nd grade)
 - Students are measuring data
 - Reading: Incentive to read at home with a reward for 25 books. Upcoming Ice Cream Sundaes for those who've read 100 books

- Mrs. Meldrum (1st grade)
 - Students are learning to count money
 - Reading: reflecting how much they've grown. They love Dog Man books!

Presidents' Report

- Thank you to Jamie Williams for organizing spring conference dinners for teachers
- Lola's café gave \$5 gift cards to all Washington teachers and staff
- Thanks to the PTO nominating committee volunteers who worked hard to fill the nominee positions for the PTO board and committees for the 2023-2024 school year:
 Co-Presidents: Taylor Borchert and Craig Moody
 Co-Vice Presidents: Gwyneth Cliver and Melanie McFarland
 2nd Vice President/Principal: Mrs. Alicia Gillespie
 Co-Fundraising/3rd Vice Presidents: Megan Little and Alison Sobczyk
 Co-Treasurers: Ope Olyede and Annie Grace
 Co-Secretaries: Janene Bolt and Kelsey Fischer
- Final elections to occur at May meeting.

Treasurer Report

- Current PTO balance: \$26,709
- Recent costs: 4th grade field trip transportation to Lincoln, spring conference dinners for teachers, Robotics team tournament
- Upcoming costs: School assembly, remaining field trips, Teacher Appreciation Week, Spring Carnival
- Upcoming revenue: Spirit wear sales at Carnival, Spring Fundraiser

Fundraising Report

- Spring Fundraiser: Fun Run / Color Run on 5/4
 - Dashboard is currently being built through Boosterthon
 - Kick-off 4/24
 - Signup links for volunteers will be posted soon
 - Same format as last year: K-3 Fun Run / 4-6 Color Run
 - Pre-K will be included with bubbles to run through
 - Enough corporate sponsors anticipated to cover tees and color packets
 - No lap counting will occur this year – Students' donation pages will accept flat donations or by-the-minute donations

Spring Carnival/Family Fun Night Report

- Michelle Craig sent a detailed email with Carnival update (Carnival 5/12)
 - Teachers have volunteered to cover the first hour of game volunteer slots again this year
 - Michelle is in need of extra help beyond the regular sign up links as she's expecting a baby to arrive around the time of the carnival. Reach out to her at behappy81@hotmail.com
 - Steph Stang (previous Washington mom and prior Carnival planner) will graciously come back to help on the night of the Carnival
 - Carnival invitations sent to upcoming kindergarten families
- Roller Skating Family Fun Night was a success with 112 skaters and \$252 in revenue

Teacher Appreciation Week: May 1st – May 5th

- Michelle Kiel/Sarah Jackson
 - Monday: Stock the Teachers' refrigerator; Families needed Monday night to chalk the sidewalks
 - Tuesday: Chalk the Walk surprise + Gift in mailboxes
 - Wednesday: Catered luncheon (\$10-\$12 per teacher/staff)
 - Thursday: Joe on the Go coffee & smoothies (\$350/hr)
 - Friday: Popcorn Bar with mix ins
 - \$50 donation received from Hy-Vee
 - PTO approved \$1,300 in spending for this year's Teacher Appreciation Week

Green Team Update

- Clean up 4/29, 9am-noon
- Amy Quinn will meet Lucky Toad Gardens to look at the field for advice the week of 4/17

Other Business

- PTO feedback survey: There have only been about 10 responses. Mrs. Gillespie will point parents to the PTO website in the next Washington World.

Calendar Reminders

- April
 - 14,17 No School - Teacher Planning/Work Day
 - 24 Spring Fundraiser Kick-off
 - 29 Green Team Clean Up, 9:00-12:00 pm
- May
 - 1-5 Teacher Appreciation Week
 - 2 Field Day
 - 4 Fun Run / Color Run
 - 9 PTO Meeting (Officer Elections), 6:00-7:00 pm
 - 12 PTO Spring Carnival, 6:00-8:00 pm
 - 26 Last Day of School for Students

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