

Washington PTO Zoom Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2021

Zoom Meeting Attendees:

Chris Aupperle	Melanie McFarland	Janene Bolt
Rachel Cole	Abbey Jackson	Amy Quinn
Jean Gilreath	Mark Karpf	Lisa Oliveto
Alicia Gillespie	Emily Moody	Sarah Jackson
Emily Natal	Rachael Pierce	Beth Hughes

- Motion to approve March PTO meeting minutes passes.

Principal's Report

- Introduction to Mrs. Alicia Gillespie, Washington's new principal effective August 1, 2021.
- Successful April Green Team school grounds cleanup included removing dead shrubs outside south school entry. This garden area will be undertaken by a group of Creighton nursing students who plan to integrate new plantings with classroom involvement, considering state standards, science/health curriculum and techniques such as rain barrel usage and possible native plantings. Emily Natal will till the plot to ready it for the nursing students.
- Spring in-school student activities will still include the annual Egg Drop, Picnic and Field Day.
- PTO Scholarship winners this year are Naval Zaheed and Jaden Volosi.

Treasurer's Report

- Recent expenses include scholarships (\$600) and spring conference dinners (\$160).
- Upcoming expenses: PTO website (\$172.15- includes web hosting and domain for 2-year period), Cool Cat celebration.
- Accounts will be transferred to Dundee Bank, which has been a long-time PTO business member.

Fundraising

- In lieu of spring fundraiser, the PTO will help sponsor the student Cool Cat celebration on May 7th which will include snow cones from New Orleans Snow and a 4-hour DJ rental. Classes will be staggered to keep things safe.

Upcoming Events

- Brick Sales: Flyer will be coming home in backpacks. Paid brick orders must be received by Friday, April 30th.
- All School Art Project commemorating the students' experience during COVID-19: Students will be given recycled cardboard tubes to create their work on. The teachers will have an example to show students what the finished product will look like with the tubes collectively creating a honeycomb formation. The collective work will be displayed somewhere within the school.
- PTO Green Team will purchase hydrangeas for school entry area. Volunteers are needed to help sponsor.
- Sixth Grade Picnic and make-up Kindergarten Picnic can still happen this spring as events sponsored and organized by parents. Flyers can be distributed through the school.

Strategic Planning

- PTO Website: PTO has qualified for a 70% discount on a Wix web hosting plan through TechSoup. A 2-year Premium Unlimited web host plan and 2-year domain have been purchased. Wix offers vast capabilities for PTO to expand its reach and offer its services from one place. As website evolves, various help will be needed from the PTO as a whole.

Next Meeting

Second Tuesday of May –5/11/2021

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