

Washington PTO Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2022

Meeting Attendees:

Janene Bolt	Annie Grace	Kelsey Fischer	Beth Hughes
Elizabeth Constance	Amy Quinn	Ope Oloyede	Sarah Jackson
Ann Hilger	Alicia Gillespie	Alison Sobczyk	Jessica Griffin
Gwyneth Cliver	Emily Moody	Mark Karpf	Melanie McFarland

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

Principal Report

- The school district will make the same new marquee for every OPS school so they will all look the same. The plan was to have no wording, but feedback from schools was that marquees are used for reminders, so including 2 lines of text is being considered. Washington is in the first 14 schools and more details should be known by the end of the calendar year.
- Washington was given the option to replace SMART Boards, which are outdated and no longer serviced, with Apple TVs free of charge. TVs are not touch screens, but teachers and students can project on them from their iPads. They were assembled today, but teachers and students still need training for use.
- December 1st from 4-9pm will be Godfather's Pizza Night.
- Students had their first school-wide assembly, Molecular Mayhem, for earning 10,000 Cool Cats. Thank you to the PTO!
- There will be another assembly on December 15th. It's a surprise!
- MAP testing is an adaptable test (i.e., if a student gets the first set of questions correct, the next set will get harder; if they get the first set of questions incorrect, the next set will get easier). MAP testing evaluates 4 areas in Math, 5 areas in Reading, and 3 areas in Science. RIT scores are used to drive instruction. Schools share state assessment data publicly but not MAP data. Class and individual goals are made, and students use goal sheets to set up action plans.
- Reading MAP testing will take place during the second week in December, Math and Science MAP testing will be completed in January. The ELPA will then be administered to students who are English learners. The NSCAS state assessments will be administered in March, and then MAP testing will be completed again in April and May.

Teacher/Staff Report

- Ann Hilger
 - 1st year teaching 4th grade. It's fun to see the difference between 4th and 5th grades. Washington is a great place to be!
 - Students are learning about biographies in writing, division and partial quotients in math, and waves and their movement through different mediums (water and sound) in science.

President Report

- Updates
 - 100th Anniversary first committee meeting in January – Emily will start reaching out to people to join this committee.
 - Spring 2023: Gaga Ball Pit
 - This will give kids another recess activity option.
 - It will be in the field and will be portable so it can be moved around when needed.
 - PA system – should be portable with wheels to make it easily moveable, Bluetooth capable
 - Boo Bash
 - 500 people RSVPed ‘yes’ to attend.
 - Feedback – more pop music for dancing, music was a little quiet, ordered too much pizza, water stations worked well
 - Thank you
 - Everyone who helped with Boo Bash – especially Annie and Amy Grace, Sean and Callyann for DJing
 - Jamie Williams for coordinating conference dinner for teachers
 - Melanie and Lizz for the fall fundraising efforts
 - \$3000 raised for two teachers in need

Treasurer Report

- Boo Bash - \$76.32 profit
 - Revenue from the bake sale was \$540, glow sticks was \$67, pizza donations was \$607.
- The current PTO balance is \$28,547.79.

Fundraising Report

- Fall fundraiser update – catalog sales
 - \$3888 in online sales (keep 40%), \$3334 in cash and checks (keep 50%), \$7770 total sales (keep \$3322.20)
 - This was significantly less than last year. We will have to decide in the spring if we want to do catalog sales again next year.
- Spring fundraiser – fun run
 - Date discussion – want to avoid doing so much in May
 - March? – Weather is unpredictable, but maybe we could use the gym for a fun run or dance off.
 - We may be able to do the spring music program in March and the fun run in May. Mrs. Gillespie will talk to Mrs. Wagner and band and strings about this.
 - We could switch the fun run to the fall and do something different in the spring in the future.
 - Feedback - Some people donated more than expected last year because they didn't expect students to run all 30 laps.

- This year, there will be fewer teacher emails for the fun run. We will receive a lower level of support, so we'll keep a higher percentage of donations.
- Prizes could be furnished by PTO or business sponsors.

Harvest Party

- Parties will take place on November 18th. PTO will provide popcorn and M&Ms. Teachers have reached out to parent volunteers.

Calendar Reminders

- Upcoming Events
 - 11/18 Classroom Harvest Parties
 - 11/18 FFN – Bowling, 6-8pm – volunteers needed!!
 - 11/21-25 No School – Thanksgiving Recess
 - 12/13 PTO Meeting, 6:00-7:00pm
 - 12/16 FFN – Roller-Skating, 5-7pm
 - 12/19-1/3 No School – Winter Recess

Other Business

- Amy Quinn went to the Citizens Advisory Committee meeting October 25th at the TAC building.
 - Discussion included the hats and gloves fundraiser, bussing issues, Common Sense Parenting classes, and the climate survey.
- Brick Sales
 - Mrs. Gillespie has fliers to pass out to oldest and only students.
 - Cost is \$35.
 - Forms are due December 9th.
- Polling was very busy, but smoother. For concerns about Washington serving as a polling place for future elections, reach out to Student and Family Community Services.

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