

Washington PTO Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2023

Meeting Attendees:

Mark Karpf	Emily Moody	Gwyneth Cliver	Michelle Kiel
Jessica Griffin	Peter Cales	Craig Moody	Kelsey Fischer
Jill Zabih	Annie Grace	Janene Bolt	Amy Quinn
Alison Sobczyk	Danielle Rowe	Katie Cottone	Elizabeth Constance
Melanie McFarland	Ope Oloyede	Taylor Borchert	

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

Principal Report

- Mrs. Gillespie was not able to attend this meeting, but Emily Moody and Mark Karpf gave a report based on their recent meeting with her.
- Field Day and Fun Run both went very well.
- All teaching positions at Washington have been filled for next school year.
- Right now, the number of students in the incoming Kindergarten class appears to be less than expected.

Teacher/Staff Report

- Katie Cottone and Danielle Rowe, Kindergarten
 - Students are taking everything they have learned all year and putting it together in reading and writing.
 - In math, students are learning about 2D and 3D shapes and measurement.
 - Students are learning about “our place in the world” (city, state) in social studies.
 - Kindergarten had a great field trip to Gifford Farm.
 - Field Day was great!
 - Move Up Day is coming up.

President Report

- Updates
 - Thank yous
 - Michelle Kiel and Sarah Jackson and everyone who contributed to Teacher Appreciation Week
 - Lizz Constance and Melanie McFarland for all the work with the Fun Run
 - Michelle Craig for planning and creating such a fantastic carnival
 - Amy Quinn and all who helped the Green Team weed and clean up the grounds
 - All the parents and PTO members for providing a fun off site Field Day and volunteering
 - PTO Officers, members, school administration, teachers, and parent volunteers for your time, help, and support during this school year!
 - PTO Board Officer Elections for 2023-2024 school year

- Slate of Officers
 - President: Taylor Borchert & Craig Moody
 - 1st VP: Gwenyth Cliver & Melanie McFarland
 - 2nd VP: Mrs. Alicia Gillespie
 - 3rd VP: Megan Little & Alison Sobczyk
 - Secretary: Janene Bolt & Kelsey Fischer
 - Treasurer: Ope Oloyede & Annie Grace
- Motion to approve the slate of officers as written passes.

Treasurer Report

- The PTO bank account at Dundee Bank was hacked. The situation was handled quickly, and no money was lost. The account was shut down, and a new account was opened. We are still waiting on new checks, but any checks not cashed from the old account need to be replaced.
- Income and expenses
 - If anyone has outstanding receipts, please get them to Dan Stockmann or put them in the PTO box as soon as possible.
 - Remaining expenses - Fun Run, Carnival, and Teacher Appreciation
 - Field day t-shirts and the preschool bounce house have been paid for.
 - Houston Alexander will come for an assembly on the last day of school at 2pm. He will raffle off two new bikes to students.
 - \$6,227 has been received from the Fun Run fundraiser so far. \$1,100 was raised through family fun nights (i.e., roller skating parties).
 - This school year - \$15,308 expenses, \$15,758 income
 - The current PTO balance is around \$30,000.
 - The budget for next school year will be discussed by officers in the coming weeks.

Brick Sales Update

- Bricks are currently at the engraver.

6th Grade Program and Clap out

- Melina Petersen and Katie Larson have the program planned.

Carnival Report

- There are only a few volunteer spots left to fill.
- The Omaha Community Playhouse will bring their mobile sensory theatre for kids who need a quiet space.
- Two additional security guards will be working the evening of Carnival.

Fundraising Report

- The spring fundraiser is open until the end of the day on Friday.
- Estimated school profit – \$13,119
- 49% of students registered for the spring fundraiser, up from 44% last year.
- Expenses this year were 10% or 15% of the money raised plus \$678 upfront.
- \$1,400 in sponsor funds were also collected, which covered the cost of the Fun Run t-shirts.

- Teachers noted that they missed making a team flag for their class for the Fun Run this year and would love to do that again in the future.

Other Business

- Survey
 - The survey is now closed. Teachers did not receive it but will be given an opportunity to respond in the coming weeks.
 - 42 respondents
 - Mixed feedback was received. Some feel like PTO is running well, others feel like they want to help but don't know where/how or are not included/invited to do so. It was mentioned that people are more willing to help if they are asked specifically, and having a PTO liaison in each class and a parent engagement committee was suggested.
 - Committee chairs used to be filled at the start of the new school year, but they are now filled at the same time as the officers to help with planning. Seeking help with committees in the fall was suggested, with those interested in helping encouraged to contact committee chairs directly.

Adjourned