

# Washington Elementary School PTO Board Meeting

September 10, 2024 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Attendant: 32 total present- 29 in person, 3 online.

## I. Welcome and Introductions

### A. Attendees:

1. Board members- Craig Moody, Kakie McGill, Taylor Borchert, Alicia Gillespie, Megan Weber-Little, Alison Sobczyk, Annie Grace, Ope Oloyede

## II. Motion to approve June PTO meeting minutes passes

## III. Reports

### A. **Principal's Report:**

Mrs. Gillespie

### B. Thank you cards from teachers to the PTO for Target gift cards given was passed around the room- appreciation of PTO supporting teachers

1. District Citizen Advisory Committee: Michelle Kiel volunteers to represent PTO at the district level. She will learn the scope and tasks of the district. It requires commitment of 4 meetings a year.
2. '30 ways to say Yay!: currently teachers nominate staff members. Parents will have now have the ability to nominate staff
3. Presents summary of the standard response protocols to lockdown and emergency. Students watch videos and practice the drills. There are various emergency status and actions:
  - Hold- everyone inside the classroom and building
  - Lockdown- light is off and away from the door
  - Evacuate- everyone is removed from the school and evacuated to Lifegate church with police presence. This is the designated location for the school
  - Shelter- will be for severe weather. A sign will be posted at the door. There will be no one to come in or out of the school.

### C. **Teacher & Staff Report**

- Ms Rowe- the kindergartners are happy to be in school. They are learning expectations and procedures. They completed the MAP test.
- ASL teacher- students are still testing for the MAP test. The teacher shares that it takes longer to deaf/hearing students because it requires one on one attention from the teachers.
- Ms. McIntosh- 6th graders are learning fraction and decimals for math, energy and solar cookers for science. They have math MAP testing on Thursday and science Map testing next week.

### D. **President's Report**

Craig

- Thank you and recognitions to the following:
1. High fives!
    - a) Kindergarten picnic: Gwyneth Cliver
    - b) Back to school: several folks helped!
    - c) Dundee Days: Team Craig
    - d) Website work, comms, etc. etc.: Janene Bolt
    - e) Business memberships: Brad Fischer
    - f) Stocking the fridge: Michelle Kiel
    - g) Grounds clean up: Amy Quinn
    - h) Budget work: Annie & Emily
    - i) Roller skating party: Michelle Craig
    - j) Spirit wear: Sam Constance

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- k) Bench assembly: Omaid & Craig
- l) Bench installation and concrete: Callyann and Sean
- m) NE garden: Janene Bolt

**E. Treasurer**

Annie

1. Review and approve
  - a) 2024-25 Budget approved
  - b) Projected income- \$25,350, projected expense- \$28,996. Current cash on hand- \$23,341.87
  - c) The new budget indicates the owner for each category. The committee should reach out to the treasurer about expenses, especially if cost will be higher than budgeted.
  - d) More spending last year was intentional through the spending task force.
  - e) Expenses over \$100-200 might need to be voted on.
    - Other expenses to be consider:
      - (1) Soccer goal with net
      - (2) Gaga pit needs sanding and staining about now (will help with splinters)
      - (3) Playground paint for the little playground. Deferred discussion and Janene's update for future meeting.

**F. Fundraising**

Megan & Alison

1. There is still fundraiser through Eileen cookie on 74th & Pacific
2. Fall fundraiser Fun Run
  - a) The event will be 10/11 ~9:00-11:30
  - b) Advertisement of the MyBooster opens 9/30. The pledges will be flat rate. There will be an option to pay the platform fee. Some motivations to hit amount: \$10k- WildCat Presence, \$12k- Pajamas day
  - c) Will need help from volunteers, but not enough to warrant a signup genius.
    - (1) Make fliers- Megan
    - (2) MC: Rob Walters
    - (3) Water table: Amber Kuhn
    - (4) Annie Grace
3. Other fundraising activities, considering:
  - a) TopGolf
  - b) eCreamery
  - c) Le Macaron
  - d) Chipotle- school is already doing this in the spring. It is one of their best fundraisers. Other ideas are welcome.

**G. Directory**

Craig

The directory includes but not limited to the role of Washington PTO, welcome from the president, FAQ about the , staff and student directory, Washington PTO events calendar etc

1. Affirm intention and merits
2. Understand barriers & strategies to overcome them
3. General agreement in the room is that once a family opts in, they remain in the directory in subsequent years.
4. Verify that grades are updated in that case.
5. Keep the hard copies of the directory- this is general consensus in the room
6. Eleven people recently added. Mrs. G will do another Washington World plug.
7. The plan is to have the directory out in October

**H. Boo Bash**

Annie Grace

1. Boo Bash - October 18th. 6-8p

2. Costume contest (New) - keep it simple! Potentially have a neighbor judge costumes during the parade to the school
3. Encourage more parents (or other volunteers) wearing costumes to up the party. CallyAnn is volunteering special costume to adults, if interested
4. Consideration of more light source for the field during the event
5. Suggestion for DJ to compile playlist of top 40 songs from students
6. Connect with Janene on Signup Genius

**I. Meeting Approach**

Kakie & Craig

1. Approach for upcoming board meetings
2. Brainstorming adult learning topics
  - a) Digital media safety
  - b) Child/school psychologist talking about transitions in general; social skill building; bullying
  - c) ASL: deaf ed teachers present to staff 20-30 mins
  - d) Curriculum
  - e) Questions to ask prior to conferences
  - f) How does the grading scale work and what's it based on
  - g) Understanding MAP scores
  - h) Board members
  - i) Matt Ray, superintendent
  - j) Legislators

**J. Upcoming Activities**

[Full calendar here](#)

1. **Sep 20** Family Fun Night: Movie Night 5:00 - 7:00 pm
2. **Oct 8** PTO Meeting, 6:00 - 7:00 pm
3. **Oct 11** Fun Run Fundraiser
4. **Oct 18** Family Fun Night: Halloween Boo Bash & Parade, 6:00-8:00 pm

**K. Future Business**

- Playground paint for little playground
- Gaga pit sanding and staining
- Soccer goal with net
- Updates on Fall Fun Run
- Other fundraiser activities
- Update on directory- plan to be out in October
- Updates for Boo Bash, volunteers through signup genius (Jenene), lights, costumes, playlist
- Adult learning topics

**L. Adjourn**