

11/1/2018 – PTSA General Meeting 7:30PM-8:45PM

A. Announcements:

- Arena Conferences – 11/28 and December 8
- Lost and Found – In the office
- Volunteers Needed – Racial and Equity Team, PTSA – Legislative Advocacy Representative. Email info@wmstptsa.com if you are interested.
- Science Fair is on hold as the district has changed its science curriculum and put the district science fair on hold.

B. Building Leadership Team (BLT) Overview - Steven Payne, BLT representative for the teachers gave an impromptu overview to the group on the role and scope of the BLT. Shared that he is hearing frustration from students who feel undervalued.

- a. Parent rep is Melissa Pailthorp. Also need an additional parent representative.
- b. The BLT does not approve curriculum or staffing changes at WMS but do have the following scope:
 - i. \$150-200K discretionary funding (House Admin, .4 certificated teacher).
 - ii. C-SIP – Continuous School Improvement Plan
 - iii. Teacher training
- c. Post BLT meeting notes on PTSA website

C. Membership Voting: Members only can vote. Please join the PTSA to vote!

a. Board Officers:

- i. Laura Crain – Treasurer
- ii. Cliff Meyer – (Originally Secretary, now Co-President)
- iii. Sophie Andee Dube - Co-President
- iv. Tania Westby (VP)
- v. Ya'Vonne Hubbard (VP)
- vi. Bridget Backschies (VP)
- vii. Emily Lieberman (Secretary)
- viii. Moved, seconded and passed (16 votes yes, 0 no, 0 abstain)

b. 3 changes to PTSA budget

- i. Opportunity Grants raised to \$20K
- ii. Student planners allocated dollars moved to translator services.
- iii. Calculation error +\$1K
- iv. Moved, seconded and passed (15 votes yes, 0 no, 0 abstain)
- v. Questions Raised on Overall Budget:
 - 'Reserve' - \$241K, liabilities of \$40K for outstanding staffing to get timely bill for district. Carried over from last year.
 - Do we no longer have that family intervention position? Unknown.
 - We used to fund Fresh Start – Kept in class and prevent suspension. Do we have that anymore? Unknown.

- c. Changes to By Laws – WMS PTSA Standing Rules (See Handout)
- i. Key proposal for discussion is having the flexibility of the PTSA Board to approve 10% budget changes to be approved by Board, without a full membership vote. This would enable PTSA to move more quickly and respond to changing needs of the school to support students and families.
 - ii. A concern was raised over having that much flexibility to change 10% up to twice per board meeting.
 - iii. Compromise update to Rule 16 proposed: Allow PTSA to update up to 25% of originally approved budget (limit for the entire fiscal year). Provide email notification to membership of changes before the board vote, require 2/3 of the board vote.
 - Board voted to pass new language update for Rule 16: Moved, seconded, 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain)
 - Membership Vote for all rules update: Moved, seconded, passed. (12 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain)

In Attendance:

Osama Quotah
 Susan McLaughlin
 Linda Beck
 Samara Berlin
 Martha Stevens
 Andrea Radosevich
 Natalie Zheng
 Jean Lee
 Karin Roberts
 Larry Wall
 Kadro Favah
 Farhima Ahmed
 Jasmine Aryana
 Saadia Hamid
 Halima Hussein
 Nimo Ali
 Laura Nakamoto
 Laura Crain
 Susan Minogue
 Linda Kadowaki

Brian Terry
 Chun Ng
 Kathleen Carson
 Ursula White-Oliver
 Bridget Backschies
 Casey Sommers
 Pauline Smidt
 Jeremy Mazer
 John Wechkin
 Janel Lardizabal
 Charlotte Jahn
 Kate Poux
 Mollie Huppert
 Heather Culver
 Claire Hogan
 Janey Petty
 Cliff Meyer
 Sophie Andree Dube
 Steven Payne

Minutes taken by Janey Petty.