

# Washington Middle School PTSA Board Minutes (Corrected & Final)

April 22, 2019

WMS Library, 6-7:30 pm

- I. The meeting was called to order at 5:39 p.m. In attendance were Cliff Meyer, Jan Munger, Christine Shigaki, Elaine Harger, Claire Hogan, Emily Butler Ginolfi, Casey Sommers, Janey Petty, Laura Crain, KL Shannon, Emily Lieberman, and Ya'Vonne Hubbard and Sophie Dube (last two both by phone, Ya'Vonne later arrived in person).
- II. Minutes were approved (motion by Janey, Elaine seconded)
- III. Principal's report
  - a. Building upgrades: a construction company may help with a "days of service"
  - b. Bathroom update: Lisa Love and Principal Butler Ginolfi working on improvements for gender neutral bathroom (cost will be about \$5k) including extending stall dividers, a new sign, and trash cans in every stall.
  - c. Staffing: Seeking additional funding for advanced classes, still hoping for discretionary money from legislature. Exploring a possible option for music funding in cooperation with Garfield.
  - d. Levy funding: HOST costs about \$100k, currently levy funded but that funding will be reduced or go away next year. Exploring alternatives (e.g., with SU social work school) or CityYear.
  - e. Programs: meeting with music department about classes and placements, talking to counselors about classes for next year. There is a RET initiative to de-track Social Studies for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders. The PTSA will be asked to support staff development if that goes forward. Will communicate next week about scheduling, music, & electives.
  - f. Future discussion needed about WMS boundary and WSS allocations
- IV. Next PTSA general meeting
  - a. Move to June 3 (approved by vote; Emily moved, Janey seconded); a short board meeting will be held beforehand for the board to consider the budget.
  - b. LaKesha is willing to facilitate again; Ya'Vonne, Tania, and KL will discuss. Some possibilities include a discussion of microaggressions, LaKesha's prepared presentation that she didn't get to last time, and/or involving students.
- V. Budget committee and process
  - a. Laura, Brindy, Janey or Heather, KL, Christine, Cliff, and Jeremy Mazner are on the committee. A staff budget survey & a family survey will go out. Will be asking about the principal's recommendations and she has been invited to join the budget committee.
  - b. 2 meetings in May and will discuss PTSA spending priorities at May meeting.
  - c. Annual Fund is quite short for the year and they are launching the spring campaign.
- VI. Nominating Committee
  - a. Emily and Ya'Vonne are recruiting for 2019-20 volunteers
- VII. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.