

Washington Middle School PTSA Board Minutes (Draft)

May 6, 2019

WMS Library, 6-7:30 pm

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. In attendance were Cliff Meyer, Jan Munger, Christine Shigaki, Sophie Dube, Karen Kang, KL Shannon, Elaine Harger, Casey Sommers, Laura Crain, Janey Petty, Emily Lieberman, Bridget Backschies, Claire Hogan, Ivetia Dain, and Devin Murphy.
- II. Minutes were approved (motion by Cliff, Janey seconded) with one amendment (“Vulcan” corrected to “a construction company”).
- III. Date of next PTSA general meeting
 - a. Will be moved to June 10 after the end of Ramadan
- IV. Discussion of PTSA resolution regarding principal hiring
 - a. It is unknown whether the district plans an appointment or hiring process. The PTSA board did not move forward with a resolution at this time.
- V. Principal’s report (presented by Devin Murphy, did not have information from Principal Butler Ginolfi to relay, so this was more of a Q&A instead of report)
 - a. No word about principal hiring.
 - b. The principal continues to work on the master schedule for next year (which will likely be completed by early June).
 - c. 7th grade science and Ms. Becerra’s class need support; should know about the possibility of science summer school this week.
 - d. Staff appreciation week was very much appreciated.
- VI. Next Steps for Equity
 - a. LaKesha said she was available for the next meeting but we will have to reconfirm since the date is being changed.
 - b. Successes at last meeting included attendance, good discussion, good food.
- VII. 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.
- VIII. Community Event
 - a. A picnic or other family gathering was proposed but will not be scheduled at this time. A parent coffee/chat will be scheduled for Friday, May 17 [later edit: this was actually held on 5/31] and another will be held in June.
- IX. Budget
 - a. The budget committee met last Thursday and presented the following ideas:
 - i. Equity funding: adding a line item to the budget to support professional development for teachers in identifying and preventing racism in the classroom

1. Some people thought this should include parents and some thought it should be for teachers only
 2. Thurgood Marshall is doing a series of trainings for teachers and parents about microaggressions
 3. This idea depends on the BLT approving the PD so needs to be flexible
- ii. Proposal from principal: fund .4 Japanese teacher for 8th grade next year
 1. Unclear what the language situation will be. Discussion of whether funding staffing is acceptable to Board. Seattle Council PTSA resolution recommends against it.
 - b. PTSA board feedback: board supports allocating money to racial equity programming. Board potentially supports funding staffing if it touches all students (but has concerns about sustainability). It was suggested that money could be raised separately for a language position if necessary.
 - c. Budget committee will also ask the BLT for input.
- X. Announcements
- a. Nominating Committee needs nominees
 - b. Teacher Appreciation week is underway, they liked the flowers today
- XI. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.