

Washington Middle School PTSA Board Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2020 via Zoom

Present: (Board) Jen Drain, Claire Hogan, Keyonna Saloy, Brenda Price, Brynne Veitengruber, David Wasserman, Katrina Hunt. (Guests) Krishna Richardson-Daniels, Cliff Meyer, Chris Robertson, Devin Murphy, Thy Pham,

--- Notice of Executive Committee actions taken prior to this Board Meeting ---

On September 11, 2020, the 2019-20 Executive Committee voted via email to seat the following new Officers until the first PTSA membership meeting of the year when nominations from the floor elect full-term Officers for 2020-2021: Brenda Price: Treasurer, Jen Drain: Vice President, Brynne Veitengruber: Secretary.

On 10/2/2020 at the Executive Committee meeting: 2019-2020 Co-President Cliff Meyer made a motion to seat Jen Drain and Keyonna Saloy as PTSA Board Co-Presidents until the first PTSA membership meeting when nominations from the floor elect full-term Officers for 2020-2021: Approved)

Meeting called to order at 6:32 by Jen Drain

Approval of Minutes: June 2020 Board meeting minutes deferred.

Co-Presidents' Report:

PTSA Task: Welcoming everyone in the school into our WMS community.
Ongoing recruitment for positions.

Principal's Report:

Principal Hunt will continue to help PTSA engage with families.
PTSA continues to offer professional development, classroom grants and opportunity grants for staff. Principal Hunt invited the PTSA to attend the next staff meeting to remind staff these are available.

Principal Hunt discussed possibility of WMS expanding in size and SPS tries to equalize student attendance to 800-900 students/middle school.

Tech talks discontinued, the school is pursuing family engagement at Curriculum Night, upcoming parent conferences, conversations with Katrina and Krishna. There is ongoing, shifting engagement.

Principal Hunt reports, although the school is closed, the school will use Best Bucks Store as a positive tool.

TAF Director's Report:

Parent advisory group is in the process of being formed. Letters went out to interested families and she should hear back by Friday.
Parent advisory group role: STEM by TAF family and community engagement including ESL and immigrant community.

Teacher Liaison Report:

Due to Covid, it is challenging to collaborate, and student engagement is a work in progress.

Chris has sent a reminder to the teachers grants from the PTSA are available with instructions on how to apply.

PTSA Survey (Guest and WMS Parent, Thy Pham):

Thy proposed PTSA sends a survey to the community to ask what families current needs are and how may be best served by the PTSA.

Brynne will review Survey Monkey and will proceed with help from Thy formulating a new survey appropriate to the current Covid situation.

Treasurers Report:

Reviewed 2020-2021 budget.

Jen Drain made a motion to approve changes to the 2020-2021 budget to be presented for approval at the upcoming General/Community PTSA meeting, motion approved, unanimously.

Outreach Updates:

Welcome packet will be sent soon.

Suggestions for welcoming families during remote learning needed.

Communications Update:

David needs help, this is high priority to get a volunteer.

Updated WMS app/PTSA website

Events Update:

New families welcome social Wednesday October 14.

District 5 PTA Leadership meeting with School Board President, October 19.

WMS PTSA General/Community Meeting, October 21.

Curriculum Night, October 28.

New Business:

Jen Drain made a motion to seat Chris Robertson as Staff Liaison, approved unanimously by the board.

Jen Drain made a motion to seat Cliff Meyer as a WMS PTSA Board member, approved unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:22 PM

Minutes Approved: October 14th unanimously approved by email vote.