

WMS PTSA General Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2019

WMS Library, 6-8:30 pm

- 1) Community dinner at 6:00
- 2) Meeting called to order at 6:48 pm
- 3) Community Conversation and small group discussions facilitated by LaKesha Kimbrough
 - a. LaKesha works for Seattle University and is based at WMS where she oversees the mentoring program. Outside WMS, LaKesha's work includes nurturing positive identity development & racial healing.
 - b. Tonight's conversation will not include recent announcements (new principal, social studies integration, TAF). There will be other opportunities to talk about those, including a June 20 meeting about social studies.
 - c. The questions tonight: What does community look like & what does that feel like? How do we start off positive for next year & what does that look like?
 - d. Workgroup notes are attached to the minutes.
- 4) 2019-2020 WMS PTSA officer election of Executive Committee
 - a. **Cliff Meyer moved to approve the following slate of officers, Andrea Radosevich seconded, approved with none opposed or abstaining.**
 - i. Co-Presidents: Ya'Vonne Hubbard & Cliff Meyer
Vice President: KL Shannon
Treasurer: Laura Crain
Secretary: Emily Lieberman
Events Chair: Sophie Dubé
Communications Chair: David Wasserman
- 5) 2019-2020 WMS PTSA budget
 - a. Cliff reviewed budget process, which included community surveys
 - i. 27 responses to parent survey, stronger showing in response to staff survey
 - ii. Budget is responsive to staff feedback, including classroom & opportunity grants
 - iii. Parent feedback prioritized community building and teacher/staff support
 - b. There is concern that HOST funding might go away, so PTSA wants to be able to fill that gap if necessary. (This funding could go away because we now have a lower proportion of students with financial need, so levy funding may be reduced or disappear.)
 - c. Budget is fairly balanced for this year—some money we hoped to give teachers this year was not applied for, the principal decided not to make student planners and didn't want to spend PTSA money. Fundraising is down but balanced by those lower expenditures.
 - d. Carryover about \$300k
 - e. Changes for the coming year:
 - i. Racial equity programming and trainings
 - ii. Increased opportunity grants to support new principal
 - iii. Fundraising goal reduced to \$100k
 - iv. Spending down part of our savings; expected 2020 carryover \$278k
 - f. May make changes or propose amendments after the new principal arrives.
 - g. **Patty Pearson moved to approve budget, Tania Westby seconded, approved with none opposed or abstaining.**
- 6) Announcements
 - a. On behalf of the PTSA, Cliff announced that Tania Westby and Janey Petty are stepping down from the Board after this school year, and thanked them for their service. Then, Cliff thanked Bridget Backschie,

Brindy Bundesmann and Perry Lee for being extra-special volunteers who will no longer be connected to WMS next year. All served multiple years on the PTSA Board. Perry moved on from Board service to become an invaluable member of the staff.

- b. Watch for last parent coffee of the year, likely Friday June 21.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Attachments:

2019-20 PTSA Budget

Discussion and Breakout group notes

In Attendance:

Fartun Mohammed Nimco Ahmed Kadro Favah KL Shannon Erinn McIntyre John Wechkin Andrea Radosevich Nancy Allan Charlotte Schubert Tania Westby Kim Frappier Jeanne Finley	Cliff Meyer Ya'Vonne Hubbard Casey Sommers Emily Lieberman Bridget Backschies Laura Crain Jan Munger Jared Hopkins Patty Pearson Minutes taken by Emily Lieberman
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