

Washington Middle School PTSA Board Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)
January 27, 2020, WMS Library, 6-7:30 p.m.

- 1.) 6:10 meeting called to order, introductions, Ya’Vonne appointed timekeeper
- 2.) Approval of minutes from 12/6/19 PTSA board meeting, moved by Casey, second by David, unanimously approved.
- 3.) Issues facing WMS: notes from parent discussion
 - a. Concerns about teacher/classroom conduct
 - i. What are policies/procedures for kids or parents to report complaints
 - ii. Current status: counselors went in & spoke with students in each classroom
 - iii. Parent comments
 1. Hope for a root cause analysis; let us as advocates for students have an action plan to help people feel confident that students reporting concerns are immediately heard.
 2. Where do we go to have supportive conversations as a parent group? We need a platform other than Facebook.
 3. We need to go to the school board and raise our voices
 4. We needed a little transparency
 5. Need one central communication hub where parents and students can report & get answers about how the school is responding
 6. Action items
 - a. Fact gathering: List concerns that have been brought forward
 - b. Presentation to administration, organize questions in a clear way
 - c. Think about solutions
 7. Policy failures: (a) staff who shouldn’t be in the hiring pool, was this following district procedure? (b) what should happen when kids feel unsafe or uncomfortable with a member of school staff or faculty?
 8. Seattle Council PTSA can communicate with superintendent
 - b. Communication around TAF/WMS next year
 - i. Principal Hunt told PTSA she will hold an info session for families in the spring.
 - ii. Parents want to know what will change next fall, and the timeline to expect information. PTSA wants to understand needs and how we can support the school next year as we begin our budget process.
- 4.) Principal’s report—none
- 5.) Financial Report: Presented by Treasurer Laura Crain
- 6.) Nominations Committee: a committee needs to be appointed to choose next year’s PTSA board

In attendance: Cliff Meyer, Ya’Vonne Hubbard, Laura Crain, Janey Petty, Emily Lieberman, KL Shannon, Casey Sommers, Claire Hogan, Chun Ng, James Kinskey, Cassandra Johnston, Luul Abshir, Christine Shigaki, Sharon Khosla, Megan Kelso, Chris Armes, David Wasserman, Bill Brewster, Traci Adair, Rob Weinsheimer, Kari Palmer

Minutes taken by Emily Lieberman