

## **Washington Middle School PTSA Board Meeting Minutes December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 via Zoom**

**Present:** (Board) Jen Drain, Claire Hogan, Keyonna Saloy, Brynne Veitengruber, Cliff Meyer, Katherine Barr, Carol Podney-Wartman , Charlotte Schubert, (Guests) Krishna Richardson-Daniels, Ti'esh Harper. Barb Trosper.

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

On November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Brenda Price gave her resignation as Treasurer for WMS Board. On December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 the Executive Committee voted via email to seat Katherine Barr as WMS PTSA Board Treasurer until the next PTSA general membership meeting when nominations from the floor to elect an officer are to be made.

### **Meeting called to order at 6:34 by Jen Drain**

**Introductions:** Kat Barr PTSA Treasurer, Ti'esh (Ti-eesh) Harper WMS race and equity leader and coach. Barb Trosper survey consultant-parent advisory member.

### **Co-Presidents' Report by Jen Drain:**

March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Dr Concie Pedroza, Chief of Students Supports and Wyeth Jessee, Chief of Schools and Continuous Improvement, will attend our PTSA community meeting.

PTSA sponsored holiday teacher appreciation: Online holiday card and gift cards

\$6,700 mail in donations received

PTSA sponsored 70 winter food bags for our WMS students/families.

PTSA supported 45, \$100 gift cards for our families in need.

Thy Pham volunteered to be an editor of the PTSA Purple Press e-newsletter.

Reflections art competition has 3 entries, all will move on to the next level.

Family directory- will be coming out electronically to families who did not opt out of the directory.

Volunteer opportunity: Data entry for annual fund.

### **TAF Director's Report by Krishna Richardson-Daniels:**

Ongoing work with authentic engagement of families with English as a second or foreign language.

Quarterly Newsletter coming out soon:

Humanities and special education students presented how their identities contribute to their communities, Nov 12 and 13,

Ethnomathematician presentation to students Nov 12<sup>th</sup>.

STEM coach working with the house teams to prepare for exhibitions.

Teachers continue to push themselves as problem based learning practitioners.

Upcoming TSP (teacher scientist partnership): Amazon working with students to develop escape rooms.

Project SPARC ongoing, community partnering with WMS.

Engagement/information session regarding boundary changes Wednesday December 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Special Guest -Ti' esh Harper with Connect the dots**

Role: Supporting teachers professional development regarding racial equity and mental wellness.

She is offering teachers monthly workshops and services to school around racial equity.

Available to help with workshops and partner with PTSA.

#### **BLT Liaison update by Ginger Culver**

BLT December report: [Click here.](#)

#### **Advocacy/Legislative update by Charlotte Schubert Carol Podney-Wartman**

Legislature starting in January.

Posting upcoming events on Facebook, next is December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Chairs are meeting with Jamie Pedersen Friday December 18<sup>th</sup>(43 district rep).

Ideas from Krishna: How to gather responses from the larger community of families:

Make focus groups/translation available.

Send information multiple ways to be all inclusive. Communication during school.

Translators – WMS has some assistants and a grant for families to do translation for school.

Krishna noted that there has been a setback in plans for TAF to use the Seattle Vocational Institute building across the street from WMS.

**Treasurer's Report by Kat Barr:**

Communications about the annual fund were effective.

Annual science fair PTSA funding budgeted, plan: Jen will reach out to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers to see if it's within their capacity with Krishna's support.

PTSA gift card donations ongoing.

**PTSA Survey:**

Barb Trosper of the TAF Advisory Group suggested to improve the draft of the family survey.

Task force to resolve issues outside of this board meeting.

**Motion made by Jen Drain to approve PTSA Board Meetings minutes from June 1<sup>st</sup> 2020, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and November 9<sup>th</sup> 2020, passed unanimously.**

**Opportunity Grants update by Chair Claire Hogan**

Claire Hogan moved to give Literacy coach a grant of \$1,300 out of PTSA opportunity grants or professional development (undecided in this meeting). Grant is for PTSA funding attendance to 2 teachers to attend an on-line course to improve skills on how to facilitate virtual book clubs.

Approved Unanimously.

**Alternate Use of library budget (Jen Drain):**

WMS Mr. Roger Johnson and WMS Literacy Coach Mr. Evin Shinn would like to use the PTSA funds to do some of the following:

All school family read.

Battle of books (12) with mixed grades.

Elliot Bay book presentation/facilitation.

Buy board games to check out.

House challenge or grade challenge.

Reading list provided by librarian.

Jen meeting with librarian on Wednesday December 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Discussion to hire a consultant to help PTSA become more inclusive.**

Jen follow up with Ti'esh.

Goal build community and get the engagement in an equitable way.

Help build a stronger partnership with TAF.

**Events Update:**

Schoolwide Cookie fest.

**Future business:**

Update standing rules to reflect WMS Principal and TAF Director as non-voting, ex-officio Board Members.

Mindfulness school wide community event.

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:38**