



## **WMS Community Meeting**

**October 21, 2020 • 6:30-8:30 pm**

**Meeting called to order at: 6:36 p.m.**

**Acknowledgement we are on indigenous lands.**

**Introductions of Board Members attending this meeting.**

**PSTA roles and equity goals presented by Jen Drain.**

Roles include: Keeping families connected, supporting our teachers, supporting student learning, and promoting advocacy and equity.

**Counseling team presentation on social and emotional supports for students in a remote learning environment: [Counselors' presentation link here.](#)**

Alfrieda McKinney: Head Counselor, 6<sup>th</sup> grade and 8<sup>th</sup> (A-L).

Brianne Pan: School Counselor, 7<sup>th</sup> grade and 8<sup>th</sup> grade (M-Z).

Michael Melonson: Student and Family Advocate.

Kaiser Permanente support staff: Free medical and mental health care.

Jean Gorecki: Registered Nurse.

Julie Seltzer: School based counselor.

Marcelene Dorian Richardson: Health Educator.

LeAnn Rowlen: School Nurse

Tibebu Begashaw: Re-entry/Intervention Specialist

Presentation included: Tips for managing the virtual experience, time management, maintaining social connections, supporting your student, feeling concerned, parent self-care, mindfulness, wellness apps, district technology resources, community resources.

Families are encouraged to please reach out to counselors, they have lots of resources.

**Community discussion/ideas how to meet our students social and emotional needs at this time:**

Get Host involved to facilitate outdoor activities.

Volunteers from families to meet-up/sports.

Wednesday early 2:30 dismissal day might be a good day to organize something.

Meet-ups weekends to capture all families.

Mini meet-up in neighborhoods.

Masking and distancing/safety measures.

Including on school family survey: neighborhoods, volunteers.

Ultimate Frisbee.

Homework, drawing, and other meetup ideas.

Could PTSA or PE teachers could help w/ coaching and helping with ideas on staying active?  
Low risk sports at this time during pandemic: Cross country, track and field, swimming, tennis.  
Moderate risk: Soccer, bowling, ...  
Neighborhood running competition  
Shared experience assembly -virtual  
Drive in Movie  
Can classes open earlier for kids to chat and in between classes.  
Parents volunteer if needed?  
Mentorships w/ older students (band, dungeons and dragons,,)  
Drumline restarting soon: Free and separate from HOST contact Aaron: awl@bigworldbreaks.com  
We need volunteers!!  
PTSA can pay for background checks or costs to volunteers.

**Volunteer positions on PTSA need to be filled urgently:**

Information here: [PTA Roles.](#)

Members of the community can become PTSA members at no cost or for \$12/adult: [Sign up here.](#)

**2020-2021 WMS PTSA officer election of Executive Committee.**

Motion made by Cliff Meyer to open nominations for WMS PTSA Co-Presidents.

Jen Drain and Keyonna Saloy nominated themselves, voted in by acclamation.

Motion made by Cliff to open nominations for WMS PTSA Treasurer.

Brenda Price nominated herself, voted in by acclamation.

Motion made by Cliff to open nominations for WMS PTSA Secretary.

Brynne Veitengruber nominated herself, voted in by acclamation.

Motion made by Cliff to open nominations for WMS PTSA Communications Chair.

David Wasserman nominated himself, voted in by acclamation.

**Minutes from WMS General (Community) Meeting February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 approved:** Motion made by Brynne Veitengruber, seconded by Brenda Price, approved unanimously.

**2020-2021 WMS PTSA Budget:** Presented by Brenda Price -attached here: [PTSA 2020-2021 Budget.](#)

Brenda Price moved to approve updated 2020-2021 budget, Cliff Meyer seconded, motion approved with none opposed or abstaining.

**Meeting was Adjourned at: 7:54**

**After adjournment Chris Robertson spoke as our PTSA Teacher Liaison:** The school is continuing to look for opportunities for students to connect and socialize.

**Host Program Discussed:** Possible use of outside vendors is restricted by Seattle Parks and Recreation, and SPS school grounds are off limits during this time in the pandemic.  
Communication to all families discussed.

**Minutes Approved March 25<sup>th</sup> 2021.**

**In Attendance:**

Jen Drain  
Keyonna Saloy  
Brenda Price  
Brynne Veitengruber  
Cliff Meyer  
Michael Melonson  
Alfreida McKinney  
Scott Engan  
David Wasserman  
Ni Nguyen  
Kasia Engan  
Charlotte Schubert  
Lona Tran  
Andrea Fontana  
Julie Seltzer  
Elizabeth Geri  
Tasha Irvine  
Sid Vicious  
Lisa Sidlauskas  
Ginger Culver  
Chris Robertson  
Brienne Pan

**Pending Business:**

Advocacy Co-Chairs need to be nominated to the Board.