



Parent Advisory Group meeting

Meeting Minutes – June 8, 2021 6-6:30pm PDT

I. **ATTENDEES: Krishna, Trinia, Jessie, Suresh, Jeniffer, Barb, Kiki**

II. **Recording:**

- a) Krishna identified that the meeting was being recorded for the purpose of collecting year end feedback from participants. She informed participants that the recording would not be shared.

III. **Announcements:**

- a) STEM Expo - June 14th and 15th
 - i. House 1 presents June 14th from 4-5PM
 - ii. House 2 present June 14th from 5-6PM
 - iii. House 3 presents June 15th from 4-5PM
 - iv. Award ceremony June 15th from 5-6PM

IV. **Recap of 6th Grade Family Community meeting**

- a) The meeting was a positive experience and families were able to meet and share experiences.
- b) 35-40 families attended. Translators were present and utilized. Talking points was used to contact 6th grade families.
- c) Several attendees were not in the WMS 6th grade directory and could have been rising 6th grade families as the event as advertised by the PTSA. 6th grade families were invited to introduce themselves if they wanted to.
- d) Positive feedback on Science and projects.



- e) Communication identified as a challenge this past year. Hard to know where to look to find information – WMS App, Teams, Schoology, PTSA, Website, etc.
- f) Recruitment for the PAG was not brought up at the meeting as that will be done in the fall.
- g) Meeting hosts will be sharing notes from the event.
- h) Need for school tours for rising 7th graders identified as some students have not been to WMS yet.
- i) There was support for summer meetups for students and families to meet.

V. PAG Planning for next year:

- a) TAF noted that it would be beneficial to have a couple of current PAG Members continue their participation next year bringing experience to the group. Current members who would be interested in continuing on should contact Krishna directly.

VI. Year End Parent Advisory Feedback Q&A

1. What worked well for you this academic year?
2. What has not worked well for you as a PAG member?
3. What were the pros and cons of working with the STEM Director, PAG members and TAF/WMS staff?
4. What changes would you like to see made next year?

The following notes were taken, but not complete. Krishna will transcribe the feedback from the recording.

- a) Hybrid meeting model suggested for PAG next year to allow flexibility for families to participate who cannot make it in person.
- b) Meeting over computer made it easy, no challenges with parking, etc.



- c) Important to have parent representation from all Houses and that the PAG is made up of families representing all students: SPED, HCC, ELL. Etc.
- d) Meeting over computer made it easy, no challenges with parking, etc.
- e) Opportunity to meet other families this year.
- f) Information shared was useful – informational and a better bandwidth of understanding the relationship between TAF and WMS
- g) Continue to seek a diverse PAG group to have various groups represented – all have voices
- h) Hope for action items for PAG members next year when not remote. Outreach, etc.
- i) How to best recruit members for PAG and make sure all families know about opportunity
 - Talk/outreach to feeder schools
 - Provide clear communication about the process – timing, commitment, etc.
- j) Make sure diverse group of families, families from all houses.
- k) Make sure meeting locations are convenient for families considering Beacon Hill, Columbia City even Rainier Beach. WMS serves students coming from Des Moines and West Seattle. Location needs to be served by public transportation and have access to technology. Libraries are free to use and a great option but need to be reserved well in advance.
- l) Is there a Budget for the PAG where people can get a bus pass, etc.?
- m) PAG members enjoyed the opportunity to meet other parents.

VII. Thank You

Krishna expressed her gratitude for the PAG members willingness to serve this year and continued support of school and program.