

Washington Middle School PTSA Board Meeting Minutes
April 5th, 2022 via Zoom 6:30-8:00 PM

Present: (Board) Jen Drain, Brynne Veitengruber, Barb Trosper, Elisa Ridley, Katharine Feehan (Annual Funds). **Guest:** Noah Kent (6th grade math teacher)

Meeting called to order at 6:33 by Jen Drain.

Introductions.

WMS update discussion presented by Noah Kent and Jen Drain.

Class and administration classroom support discussed.

Wonderings:

What ways PTSA can get into the building, to start a routine and make things easier in the fall.

What are WMS needs for school volunteers?

Can parents help with the garden club.

There is funding through a grant through an outside resource for school clean up.

What was the normal before Covid? There has been a lot of administration shifting and taff turnover.

There used to be a volunteer coordinator.

Administration wants volunteers to have sensitivity training and background checks.

Could PTSA help with these training sessions. ** Discuss by the end of the year.**

Devin Murphy is the touch person regarding this.

What training does current volunteers from Seattle University do?

Noah will ask a Seattle University volunteer about this.

Teacher burnout discussed:

Are there resources lacking? Example: Smart boards.

Teachers appreciate classroom grants.

Staff appreciate Wednesday coffee.

Padlet is not seen by everyone.

Spirit T-Shirts discussed.

Kids liked them, and the different grade colors worked well.

Staff Lounge discussed.

Staff lounge is used quite a bit.

People would appreciate it being updated.

Noah Kent will send out an email to staff and ask for feedback and ideas on how we can support Teachers and staff.

Annual Fund Drive presented by Katharine Feehan and Jen Drain

Focus on participation this year.

Mailings will be going out to all families around April 18th or 19th.

PTSA mailbox in the office?

QR link will be included in the letter to families.

Cash apps discussed but sounds too complex.

Mariners fundraising opportunity discussed, but if PTSA does sales there are tax implications.

This would be fun as a community building event instead.

Will need a parent volunteer for a few days to hand out more information sheets.

Planned date: April 25-29th.

PTSA will also ask the school to send a school-wide talking points, and include in Friday email from the Principal.

Fundraiser flyer will be finished this week and will go to the printer.

Translation of flyer discussed. Jen Drain will have translators do translation and individually print for families.

Could the principal communicate how families are being supported at school during Ramadan discussed.

Literacy Event update presented by Barb Trosper:

Guest Speaker: Kazu Kibuishi the author of the Amulet and other book series.

May 19th 6:PM -8 PM PTSA needs to come up with a flyer.

PTSA will buy 1 full set for the library, and upcoming book (book 9)to fill out library sets.

PtSA will purchase additional books to be equitably distributed to students (raffle?).

WMS Librarian reached out to classrooms to engage students in classrooms.

Barb Trosper will call bookstores to see if they will give our PTSA a discount on the books.

PTSA invite will go out to feeder schools to participate.

Elisa will investigate art for the WMS flyer and ask the author about it.

PTSA to possibly have a future student art contest relating to this event.

Jen Drain will contact the translators for this event.

Incoming family breakfast zoom planned for May.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:34 PM

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