

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

Present: (Board) Brynne Veitengruber, En Lammers, Melissa White, Jared Roach, Kat Barr
(Guests) Krishna Richardson-Daniels (TAF Director)

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm by Brynne Veitengruber

**PTSA Board Meeting Agenda
December 7th, 2022 6:30-8:00 PM via Zoom**

Call to order, introductions and ice breaker.

En recalled meeting Melissa at the Citrus Sale.

En is maybe going to Leavenworth over Christmas Break

Jared is going to Hawaii

Krishna is going to be working

Kat is going to Bend over the holidays

Melissa is going to St. Louis

Brynne is staying in Seattle and working

Approval of last meeting minutes.

~~**WMS Administration update. No admin attended the meeting**~~

TAF update.

STEM Family night and Maker Space Cookie decorating

Hoping to have a maker space event every month

TSP Expo, students built

Next Wednesday, December 14 is the Community Reveal for the big project:

6th grade – food security

7th grade – water conservation

8th grade – inequities within STEM

~~**WMS Teacher Liaison report out/update presented by Noah Kent/Ole Carlson. These teachers did not come to the meeting.**~~

~~**BLT Report out presented by Shelley Stoltey, Shelley did not come to the meeting.**~~

PTSA President's report out presented by En Lammers and Brynne Veitengruber:.

Welcome letter sent- Thank you Kat Barr.

Citrus Event: Thank you to Melissa for all her work and facilitation.

Upcoming Events Update:

Coat and Hat Drive, ongoing. Waiting to hear back from Seattle U.

Jacket/hat and food for winter break: We need gloves and hats.

Counselors and CIS collecting gift cards

Shoes are running out, kids need warm shoes: Brynne sent application for Soles for Souls? Chris and Brynne worked on application with Vans?

TAF can donate hats and gloves

Food Pantry: We need a volunteer for next year, to work with Chris, help with school needs, organize pantry. [Krishna: CISS was brought in to replace two staff members. There hasn't been a conversation about food pantry committee because it was assumed this would fall under CISS. We need to address how to move forward.]

Put together a job description for help on the pantry and coordinate with Ginger and Brynne.

How do we advocate to keep CISS.

Ms. Kirby is leading a multicultural event in February. Could we use this to engage the multiple cultures in our school and interest, sense of belonging and involvement in our school community now? It will be an assembly. [Krishna: Have a focus group discussion about outreach and communication with language groups.] [Kat: Can we get interpreters? We have budget]

Kat will follow up with Ms. Kirby about

1. When does ASB
2. What are the details of the event in February.

What can PTSA do to support classroom management skills for our teachers? Versus parties to celebrate good behavior?

Have a conversation with administration about PDs for classroom management.

How do we get information from the teachers about what they need? A survey? [En will work on a survey.](#)

Is there any evidence what works and does not? Who can we ask?

[Access for Melissa: Google drive + Kat will provide access.](#)

Next General meeting 6-8pm March 21st

Focus : Vaping, Charing, other drug abuse and other concerns pertinent to this age group. Teen link speakers outreach. Brynne put out a request for speakers from Children's or Teen Link.

Votes: New members (hopefully), and Library

Proposal: Extra meeting regarding safety, including gun violence. School administrations or speaker from district/specialist. We want to know what the school is doing and what they should be doing. [Krishna: Has anyone reached out to district leaders about mass-shooter training? Maybe the district PTSA? [Kat, can you reach out to Vivian? SPS has not done training with afterschool providers.](#)

Replacement for dysfunctional Prometheus smart boards needed- smart white boards/need estimate from Williams of needed. Brynne will follow up. Kryshna please send suggestions to Brynne and Kat.

PTSA Treasurer's report out presented by Kat Barr:

Budget Report.

We have paid for the annual fund letters but by much. May not reach annual fund fundraising goals. School is using grants more efficiently this year.

New items being considered: Library Ask

We received an application from the librarian for a quote for \$23,875 for couches for the library. Can we ask corporations for used furniture? Krishna will ask donors and partners.

~~Ask from teachers for monthly parties to celebrate good behaviors.~~

PTSA Communications report out presented by Jared Roach:

- How do we handle translators for community meetings? What languages are needed? Should we poll the community? [Krishna: Bilingual instruction: Spanish, Somali, and Vietnamese. Have requests for: Spanish, Somali, Amharic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Cantonese, Oromo, Tigrinya, and Russian]
- Translators make calls to the language speakers for the specific languages.
- Somali mom came to last meeting, can we reach out to her to reach more families in the language community.
- Need to do networking to reach out to community members to try to find out what interpreters are needed.
- Can we have a virtual option for next community meeting? Someone would need to operate the zoom, focus the camera, pay attention to the zoom.
- Let's start using the email list in addition to Talking Points.
- Pay interpreters regardless of their need.
- Keep the meeting date set so we can get
- Kat, look into Constant Contact for mailing list set up.
- Share an announcement to families that interpreters will be in attendance (if requested?). Send it out through Talking Points: If you RSVP we will try to get you an interpreter.

Other Business

Fun Events? Ideas – a dance, a party, an assembly. Krishna will get back to us with information about what is already being planned.

Adjourned: 8pm

Minutes Approved: 1/10/23