



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Woodward Middle School
PTO General Meeting
September 13, 2019

In Attendance:

April Murray and Julie Farley -
Co-Presidents
Nicole Leiker - *Treasurer*
Lee Muir, Joy Tappen and Faith
Watson - *Fallapalooza Chairs*
Christy Tyler - *Secretary*
Lori Hungerford and Bridget Lockett -
Volunteer Coordinators

Larry McGrail - *Grants Coordinator*
Angela McLean - *8th Grade Banquet*
Deb Rudnick - *Sustainability*
Diana Oestreich - *MAC*
Representative

General Attendance:

Monica Aufrecht
Alicia Owens
Jess Henderson
Jeff Hale
Lisa Timmins
Mitzi Haley
Kari Cassidy-Diercks

Travis Tebo
Jullian Buchanan
Alexandra R Cuellar
Samantha Everett

Welcome and Introductions – April Murray and Julie Farley, PTO Co-President

WMS PTO Board for 2019-2020

Co-Presidents - April Murray and Julie Farley
Treasurer - Nicole Leiker
Secretary - Christy Tyler
Volunteer Coordinator - Lori Hungerford and Bridget Lockett
Fallapalooza Fundraising Chair - Lee Muir, Faith Watson, Joy Tappen
Grants Coordinator - Larry McGrail
8th Grade Banquet - Angela McLean and Brandi Hunt
Sustainability - Deb Rudnick
MAC Representative - Diana Oestreich

Approval of Minutes – April Murray motioned to approve the June 2019 minutes. Lisa Timmons seconds the motion. Approved.

President's Report - A. Murray and J. Farley

- Review PTO Board and General Meeting dates/times for 2019-2020
October 11 - November 8 - December 13 - January 10 - February 14
March 13 - April 10 - May 8 - June 12
- Election of New Board Members Christy Tyler, Secretary and Bridget Lockett, Volunteer Co-Coordinator. Nicole motioned, Lee Muir second. Approved.
- Discussed needed Representatives from Board for PTOCC Meetings (1st Thursday each month) - Schedule will be emailed out. Request that each board member sign up for one day at least.
- Discussed “Welcoming New Families” event at Parent Night on September 25th from 5:20-6pm in the Commons next to the gaming area.

Principal’s Report - J. Hale

- Discussed importance of fundraising due to decreased enrollment. PTO pays for: Guest speaker/trainer on equity and identifying bias for staff over the summer, Food at staff retreat, Update Seminar Curriculum, Equity Team to create leaders, Supplemental online subscriptions and texts, Shakespeare Program for 7th graders - theater basics, Staff Development Workshops, Emergency prep supplies
- Focus of school is on 4 main pillars - Student Safety, Social Emotional Health, Academic Achievement, Equity and Inclusion
- New this year: changes at state level around discipline. All schools in Washington are evaluating the way administrators and educators handle long term exclusionary discipline.
- Staff highlight 1 time per month - PTO Facebook Page, Student Portal Page and at Lunch on projector
- Thank you to volunteers that helped make Woodward more sustainable

Associate Principal’s Report - T. Tebo

- Discussed Electronic Safety and device management and the need to educate parents on social media issues; Considering a “Tebow Tech Update” to be added to the newsletter.
- Thank you to Lori Hungerford for organizing volunteers for back to school event; would like feedback.
- Safety - looking for PTO help to inventory emergency shed, review organization system and update necessary equipment. PTO gives \$2500 per year for Safety Supplies but we may need more to update expired supplies. Working with Bainbridge Prepares (Scott James) to standardize district to decide what every school should have.

- Athletics Update: 130 kids in Cross County, 48 girls for volleyball - 1/2 made the team. Future athletic deadlines posted on website - Basketball (winter) and Track (spring)
- Student ASB Members (6 instead of 8) and Leadership numbers were low; looking at recruiting in 7th grade for Leadership and partnering with High School

Treasurer's Report – N. Leiker

- Class of 2023 Banquet money needs to be transferred to the high school. April Murray motioned, Julie Farley seconded. Motion Approved.
- Requested list of Teachers from Jeff Hale to use for Teacher Grants as well as a list of Club Advisors.
- Will be setting up PTOCC Quickbooks Account for WMS PTO on Sept 20th.

Special Grants - L. McGrail

- Working with Jeff Hale to establish deadlines
- Working on converting application process to online only

Fallpalooza Fundraising Campaign - L. Muir

- Yearly fundraiser/Carnival, Middle School Read-a-thon, to support academic and social programs at WMS
- Goal for Students: Build spirit, inclusiveness, read 3-5 hrs a week for pleasure
- Fundraising Goal: \$175 per family is the goal for fundraising based on 70% participation
- Asking community members, who sponsor, to recommend a book that inspired them that every kid should read
- Discussed marketing plan - announced at Parent Night on September 25th, flyers to be emailed home on September 25th, hard copies handed out to each student during Seminar on September 27th, Social Media campaign October 1 - 15th.
- Will be using "Get Movin' Platform" for online donations
- Dana Oestreich requested that the PayPal link on website be removed since the fundraiser is going through Get Movin'.
- Party will be on October 25
- Last day to donate is October 31

Volunteer Coordinator Report – L. Hungerford and B. Lockett

- New needs include cleaning the shed and Fallapoloza
- Done - Open House and PE Uniform distribution

General Discussion/Announcements

- Important Dates: Back to School Night September 25th, 6pm; Next PTO Meeting is October 11th at 9:45am
- Chastity Malatesta (MAC) announced that indigenous Peoples Day is October 14th at Woodward
- Jess Henderson (BARN) invited WMS students to take classes after school at the BARN. New Girls Who Code Class starting soon.

Meeting closed 11:18 AM

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by C. Tyler, WMS PTO Secretary