

CAPTAIN CHARLES WILKES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO

PTO BOARD MEETING

05/12/2021

12 May 2021 / 9:00 AM / ZOOM VIRTUAL PLATFORM

ATTENDEES (25)

Christy Remedios, Honora Gerbeck, Amii Pratt, Whitney Skarbek, Casey Schmidt, Megan Livingston, Kristen Mills, Teresa Yette, Pontea Smithson, Magda Pratt, Kristin Jackson, Karen Walker, Janel Drugge, Wendy Corelis, Susan Enger, Matt Coldwell, Elissa Brown, Jennifer Cannon, Annie Graebner, Lisa Siprell, Lindsay Browning, Matthew Porteous, Tracey Harrah, Kevin Osborne, Kelly Cancialosi

AGENDA

9:00	Welcome	All
9:05	Spirit & Appreciation Weeks	Christy & Honora
9:10	Year-end Updates	Amii Pratt
9:20	Meet New Wilkes Principal	Whitney Skarbek
9:30	Special Thanks	Christy, Honora, All

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Monday 5/24:** Class Placement Input forms due
- **Wednesday 6/16:** Last day of school (asynchronous half day)

Meeting Called to Order

PTO UPDATES

- Recognized staff appreciation chair Tracey Harrah for planning a great week of thanks for Wilkes staff & teachers. Lots of positive comments and messages of appreciations from staff. Thank you to Megan Livingston for assisting with the potted plants.
- Recognized Addie Bogdan and Casey Schmidt for their efforts putting together the 2020-21 Wilkes yearbook. This is Addie's last year at Wilkes and her contributions to the yearbook team and other graphic design needs at school will be missed.
- There was a comment that Wilkes PTO should continue offering Zoom as an option for PTO meetings even once in person meetings resume. This format has allowed lots of working parents who can't make the in person meetings to attend virtually.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal Amii Pratt gave an overview of upcoming year end events and discussed some things that are being considered in the planning for school in the fall.

- Principal Amii Pratt gave a brief introduction to current Associate Principal Whitney Skarbek, who will be principal of Wilkes next year. The two have worked

very closely over the past year and Amii commented that Whitney has essentially had a year of on-the-job training and had the opportunity to get to know Wilkes in a way that is hard to do without that experience.

- There will be a "modified field day" to celebrate the end of the year. This will take place during the first weeks of June and will be different than what students are used to - more like a bonus PE that cohorts will go to.
- Plans are being made to do something special for the 4th graders. Potentially the last Monday (6/14) will be a carnival-style celebration. Options for giving them their scrolls and doing a clap out are being evaluated. The last day (6/16) may include a car parade for just 4th grade.
- Device turn in will likely be either the last Monday or Tuesday of the year. All K-4 students will return devices by leaving them in their classrooms.
- The last day of school (6/16) is a half day (school day ends at 10:50) and will be low technology since devices will already have been returned.
- [Parent placement forms](#) for next year are available and due back May 24th.
- Looking ahead to Fall 2021: There will be three sections of each grade. BISD is planning for full days.
 - Lunch times are a complicating factor. Lunch periods will likely need to be longer to accommodate cleaning, but this will not impact instructional time for students (they will still have the same amount of time to eat).
 - 4th grade students will be tested twice next year. More details to come about what exactly that will entail.
 - There was a question about whether fully vaccinated parent volunteers will be allowed on campus next year. Right now the answer is no for the fall, but that may change as the year progresses.
 - There was a question about mixing of classes and student groups (such as at recess and for reading buddies). This will be dependent on guidance from OSPI and the Kitsap Public Health District. BISD will open up cohort mixing once it is allowed (this also has implications for programs like Reading Club, Highly Capable and Special Ed).
 - Start and end times for the school day are anticipated to be the same as in years past, but are dependent on transportation, instructional minutes requirements, etc.

SPECIAL THANKS

- In recognition of Principal Amii Pratt's final PTO meeting as principal members shared memories and words of appreciation regarding her time at Wilkes.
- This was also Christy Remedios' last PTO meeting as co-president and members thanked her for her leadership over the past two years.

This was the final PTO meeting of the 2020-21 school year. See you in September!