

WMS PTO Executive Board Agenda
Monday October 15, 2018 from 9:30am to 10:00am @ WMS

PTO Attendees:

**Barbara Hirsch, Brenda Kane Nicolazzo, Lisa Fico, Moira McDade, Joelle Reidy,
Helen Hwang, Susan McCormack**

Upcoming PTO Meeting:

-Thursday, October 18th at 6:45 pm in the WMS cafeteria. Following this meeting, from 7:00 - 8:30 pm, facilitators from Engaging Minds will give an interactive workshop on "Creating Successful Students: Executive Function Strategies"

Financials

-Contributions update as of 10/12/18:

-\$60,000 budgeted

-\$66,640 received (45% / 464 out of 1,032 families)

-11/15/18 Boston meeting:

-PTO to provide gift card for admin dinner.

PTO Spending Opportunities

-\$725 left in Creative Arts budget. This does not include expenses for:

12/2018 Play, Animal Farm, \$unknown – Natasha Goddard

01/2019 MLK Speaker – Mark Ito

05/2019 Memorial Day Speaker – Mark Ito

Discuss with Mark to fund these items and any other teacher requests??

-WHS asked if we would pay half (around \$3,500) to co sponsor 4/10/19 PTO Lynn Lyons meeting/speaker/professional development re practical solutions coping with anxiety. Ask Mark if he wants to share this professional development opportunity with the WMS teachers.

[It was decided that the middle school would not be a co-sponsor.](#)

-Ask Mark to ask teachers if they need something that we can fund. Can be snacks, tissues, classroom supplies or something bigger.

Mark will ask teachers but he said that an extra staff luncheon - catered from someplace outside of the Whitson's Food Service Department is always appreciated. Moira will ask Patty about what/where have they ordered from in the past.

-Ask Mark if there will be expenses this school year for Challenge Success. May need to add for next year's budget.

Mark might like to request funding to send some teachers to a Challenge Success Training Seminar eventually.

-Safe at School brochure cost \$.80/piece. PTO will need to pay for it. Which budget?

-Principal Ito's request for Fans-Any new discussion here?

-Lefty desks-BHirsch noticed at BTSN that 7th grade science classrooms don't have desks for left handed writers. The science teacher expressed interest in desks to accommodate leftys. How many desks in the school are righty only. How can we order desks that work for both leftys and rightys.

Mark will look into the cost of convertible desks and get back to us.

Central Council October meeting

-Make sure recycling flyers are posted

Mark will do this.

PTO meetings

-Table vaping/substance abuse speaker until next year when we can possibly get a better speaker. Will need to budget for it.