

WMS PTO Meeting
9/9/2019

Attendees: Lisa Fico, Joelle Reidy, Linda Krug, Moira McDade, Kristin Bohlin, Jenn Fallon

1 – Welcome

Plan is to meet at 9am but if we are finishing early we could move to 9:15 or 9:30am.

2 - Newsletter Update

Moira walked us through her format for school and community postings.

3 - Directory Update

District data dump was provided 9/6 and is being worked on by Maura Renzella. She will provide to Moira once it is cleaned up. Goal is to have it done in a few weeks

4 - Treasurer Update

20% of families have donated (200 families) about \$31,000 so far.

5 – Tissues

Under miscellaneous, will ask principal for how much need (includes hand sanitizer).

6 - Department Head Requests

There are a few requests coming in. We need to check with Principal Ito. Examples are snacks, tshirts for math team, field trip, apps.

7 - Lunch Recycling

Not sure if WMS will be doing it, Green Team advocating, need to check with Principal Ito.

8 - Central Council

WMS hosting 4/1 7-8:30pm, Jenn to file permit.

We need to provide Central Council dues as well as approved PTO budget.

Make sure that treasurers are reviewing bank statements monthly.

9 - WEF Spelling Bee

How many teams? 3 - two for teachers and one PTO

10 - Set up meeting with new Diversity Director? We will check with Principal Ito

11 - First PTO Meeting

Permit done

10/24 7-8:30pm Katie Greer guest

Will be in auditorium, will invite 5th grade families

Sell spirit wear - Linda will reach out to spirit wear head. Linda will share events where spirit wear can be sold.

School Council - At Back-to-School night ask for voting (Moira will share details with Linda about position).

12 - Need plaque for pollinator garden

13 - Committee 21

Need to start mobilizing, will send one volunteer question to Lisa Collins at Central Council.

14 - Book Fair

Should work on selecting dates.

15 – T-shirts for Mini Marathon

PTO paying for shirts

Problem with water for runners - need to figure out best way to distribute water.

Questions

Linda Krug asked for list of people on committees, Moira will send Jill Fischmann's list.

Meeting with Principal Ito

1 - Newsletter - We are using a new platform (called My Toolkit), PTO cleaning up format. Adding calendar. Will need principal to send out one more email as new families and 6th grade families will not get the email until data uploaded.

2 – Directory
Still working on

3 – Treasurer

Melissa is not here as it's her first day of teaching college. Kristin updated that we have \$30,000 from 20% of the families. Number of families at WMS is about 900.

1300 is number of emails principal sends out (teachers too)

Enrollment is up by about 20 students from last year.

Moira trying to figure out number of emails - why it's going down.

3 – Tissues

PTO can work with Patty to order tissues on a schedule, will use PTO credit card.

Should tissues be delivered here or to someone's house? Will talk with Patty.

4 - Department head requests

Heard from Nancy Kelly about some wish list items - math team t-shirts.

PTO would like to help but want to make sure it's fair.

Principal would rather not have ask go directly to the department heads - he prefers centralized with him.

Joelle asked that Principal provide guidance as to how to proceed.

Should use newsletter to share how PTO money is being used.

Professional development - district scaled back so this is good to share.

5 - Central Council

Green team said composting was going to be done at WMS, PTO was not aware.

Dr. Ito is philosophically on board, but there is a lot to making this happen. Each lunch has 400 kids.

Faculty and parents who are on board - have not talked to Principal Ito yet.

There are many challenges to doing this.

Lisa said Matt Delaney is looking for volunteers and Green Team is recruiting. This was news to Principal Ito - WMS PTO hosting Central Council 4/1 7-8:30pm.

6 - Spelling Bee - There will be three teams: teacher, parent, student

Natasha Goddard will coordinate recruitment.

7 - Should PTO meet with new diversity director?

Principal Ito said good idea - we could invite her to the Jan PTO meeting as part of the panel - PTO will do this

Will invite school committee and Dr Lussier.

8- First PTO meeting 10/24, Principal Ito is not able to attend

PTO would like one or both of his assistants to attend.

Speaker Katie Greer would like to talk with Principal Ito's team to talk with her to make her speech as specific to WMS as possible - Joelle will work with Patty to set that up.

9 - Parents passed along info on documentary called "Like"

Would we want to have this movie played at a movie night at WMS? Maybe play before Katie Greer comes?

Joelle will send info on movie to Principal Ito and Kate.

10 - Pollinator Plaque

NRC wants to make a new location, Dr. Ito was not aware. Old location overgrown - he thought it would just

be cleaned up. No student organization can own the garden, it can be cleared by DPW but it's not decided how space will be managed. Lisa to talk with NRC to understand goal and will loop back with Principal Ito.

11- Back-to-School Night

9/26 6:30-9

Anything that the PTO needs to do to support Principal Ito?

School Council - How many people needed? Principal said 2 people. They will have people vote on Back-to-School night. Moira and Linda will each staff a door to get partners as they enter. Principal will send an email asking if anyone wants to be on school council. Lisa is PTO rep. Spirit wear store will be open.

Who does refreshments? In cafeteria - PTO to see if Matt Delaney runs this?

Same as last year - Principal sends out maps, schedules will be sent out digitally.

Principal Ito

September is a big safer monthly

9/12 is staff training - no one can be in the building

9/25 will be student training.