

Wellesley Middle School PTO

Executive Board Meeting

10/13/2020

Attendees:

Joelle Reidy, Moira McDade, Melissa Mack, Elizabeth Kaplan, Jenn Fallon, Dr. Mark Ito

PTO Update

Central Council

\$50 dues for 2020-2021 school year, PTO budget needs to get sent to Kristen Toffler (which was already voted upon), if needed WMS PTO can use Central Councils' upgraded zoom account for meetings.

Professional Development Day for District

Asked Dr. Ito how PTO can help this year, will it be onsite? Dr Ito is waiting for guidance from the district on how it will work.

School Council

How many open seats are there - one or two? The first meeting is coming up in October. Can the election happen around Back to School night? Dr. Ito will advise on how many seats are open. How should the school community vote? Dr. Ito suggested a google form. Moira, Patty & Dr. Ito will work on the election.

Spirit Wear

One of Spirit Team members, Erin Kenney, has asked for guidance. Can Membership Toolkit do Spirit Wear? PTO will reach out to the team to get more information.

WEF Spelling Bee

The PTO will sponsor two teams (one student & one staff). Dr. Ito agreed to be a judge again this year!

Teacher Appreciation

Dr. Ito is working on a fall snack of cider donuts, cider and apples from Volante Farms for the staff. Melissa will investigate yard signs as another method to thank the WMS staff. Dr. Ito is investigating other ways to thank the staff and will share with PTO so that help can be provided.

All School PTO

The meeting was successful with about 150 people in attendance. Perhaps the additional All School PTO meetings could be used as a check in for the families? The 2nd meeting will be held before Thanksgiving.

Parental Updates

Dr. Ito asked what PTO thoughts parents wanted to be updated about. Suggestions were about the actual curriculum being taught as well as the more social emotional approach of what the new school layout looks like, including tents for lunch.

Bike racks

Dr Ito investigating the cost of additional bike racks.

Turkey Trot

Will not be happening this year.

Back to School Night

WMS will mirror what WHS is going except it will not be with Canvas, it will be via a website.

Backpacks

It was asked if there could be a checklist of items that are required to be in backpacks so non-essentials could be left at home to reduce the weight of the backpack. Dr. Ito stated that they discuss this every year and that it is difficult as it is different for every kid.

Executive List of PTO Committees

The PTO asked Dr. Ito for his input on volunteer positions that might not be needed this year.

CAS - Keep this position

Grant writing - Delete

Green team & Community Service - Postpone this year

Dance - Postpone

Hospitality - Postpone

New Families - Guidance took over the role. The contact needs to be doing so we can ensure that someone is helping the new families.

8th Grade - Co-chairs needed

Student services for Boston & Wellesley - Needed

PAC - Needed

Committee 21 - Postpone as no override scheduled for this year but it will be coming up.

Promenade - Dr. Ito is open to suggestions, ask the Turkey Trot people

Chinese New Year - TBD

Dr. Ito's Update

After the email was sent over the previous weekend about the two assistant principals going on leave hopefully only until November, there was some parental concern. Dr. Ito addressed the change with all the information that he could share. The two interim assistant principals are top notch and from WHS so WMS will be in good hands.