

Wellesley WMS PTO

2/11/2021

Attendees:

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

Should there be a separate blast for the Social Worker seminar? Moira will put one out 2/11 or 2/12 prior to the 2/12 1pm meeting.

8th Grade Signage

Would it make more sense to have one large sign as opposed to small (expensive signs) at each 8th grade garden signs? Dr. Ito wants to make sure that the sign doesn't get damaged as it is a rental. Melissa asked if it was ok if that students could potentially be near each other while taking the photos near the sign.

8th grade committee starting to work on community service, PTO will update Dr. Ito later when there are more plans. There are donations starting to come in as they are for \$50. Trying to see if there is a place on paypal to put that it is a donation for 8th grade, Moira will look to see so she can put it on the newsletter.

3/17 PTO Meeting

Kate Mahoney will host the meeting at 10am and it will be recorded and it will be to help students leabt about going to the High School. Dr. Ito will check with Kate to see what she needs from him. The PTO will talk briefly at the beginning of the meeting with an update on PTO business. The WHS guidance counselor will be at the meeting as well.

June PTO Meeting

This PTO meeting has the book fair – Should there be something done virtually? Moira will reach out to the two leads last year (Nicole Bernier and __) to see how to run the event.

Website Review

Presidents asked for help reviewing the website, Jenn Fallon volunteered, and the presidents asked Elizabeth and Melissa to review their pages that pertain to their positions.

Dr. Ito Update

1. Conversations have started about grade 6 orientation. Last year there was a great website upt together but this year they would like to do more of a hybrid, for instance a webinar. Would not be done until late march/April timeline. Guidance and special education would be involved.

2. Program of studies changed was approved at the 2/9/21 SC meeting. 6 person team in 8th grade and 2 4 person teams for 6th & 8th grade. Will be used in course selection which starts in February.

3. Black Lives Matter Flag

Last June, 15-20 faculty members lobbied for a BLM flag to be held in our school. It would be in the same concept of the pride flag which has hung in school for 30 years. Many communities in the school have supported this move - PTO, Diversity & Equity group, METCO and some others. This is a WMS move that was carefully thought out and could be contentious but it is viewed as very important to support this community. Sometimes in trying to make everyone comfortable, we are not giving comfort to those who need it the most.

Team Building today for faculty – using a paid 3rd party. It will be evaluated to see if it could be good for students (perhaps in late March).

FY2021-2022

Budget for FY2022 – We should plan as if next year will be regular and then act accordingly.

Recruiting for 2022

- New co-vp – Joanne Morara (Metco parent)
- Need a treasurer
- Would like a range of elementary schools, PTO will ask current position holders to see if they want to keep their position for another year. Central Council said there will be a budget meeting coming up in march for the PTO's.
- Should we do a general ask for PTO board members?