

**Wellesley Middle School PTO  
Public Meeting  
Followed by  
Executive Committee  
Meeting with Principal Ito  
Monday, March 12, 2018**

**Public Meeting**

**Attendees from the WMS PTO Executive Committee**

Chris Norcross, Co-President	Lisa Collins, Co-President
Brenda Nicolazzo, Co-Vice President	Susan McCormack, Secretary
Helen Hwang, Treasurer	

In addition, the meeting was attended by over 30 members of the WMS community.

At 8:45am, Ms. Collins welcomed everyone and announced the following:

1. The Screenagers film event will be on April 8 at 4pm. Children are welcome.
2. The WMS mini-marathon is planned for April 26.
3. The PTO budget will be prepared by the end of May and will be voted on at a public PTO meeting.

See the weekly email blast for more information.

Ms. Collins then introduced the PTO's invited guest speaker:

Susan Swick, MD, MPH  
Chief of the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry  
Newton-Wellesley Hospital

Dr. Swick, who spoke for approximately one hour on the topic of Raising Resilient Teens, ended her remarks with a brief Q&A session with the audience. Dr. Swick noted that her department at Newton-Wellesley Hospital runs an ongoing series of 6-week workshops for parents of teens on the topic of resilience. Anyone interested should contact the hospital for more information.

The Public Meeting was called to an end by Ms. Collins at 9:55am and the members of the PTO Executive Committee joined Principal Ito in his office.

**Meeting with Principal Ito**

**Agenda**

- 1) Security update
- 2) WMS Walk-out
- 3) PTO budget update
- 4) Screenagers movie event

- 5) WMS Mini-Marathon
- 6) 5<sup>th</sup> grade parent visiting evening at WMS
- 7) Other

Ms. Norcross, Ms. Collins and Principal Ito called the meeting to order at 10:05a.m.

1) Security Update

Principal Ito informed the Committee that a video was being generated to be shown to students at the end of the day (March 12) describing security features at WMS. Additionally, an all-student evacuation and/or lockdown drill is in the planning stages.

2) WMS Walk-out

A student walk-out to show solidarity with the Parkland, FL, shooting victims is being planned for Wednesday, March 14, at 10am. The event will be led by students. WMS staff and teachers are focused on student safety during the walk-out and students are being encouraged to walk out only if they have a true interest in the topic of the event.

3) PTO Budget update

Principal Ito described his planned use of a portion of the Principal's discretionary fund to show appreciation of the WMS teachers and staff. Each department would be given funds to use at their discretion to improve the overall experience at WMS. The Executive Committee agreed that this was a suitable use of such funds.

The line items for Speakers in the current budget will show a deficit at year-end, primarily due to spending on the Katie Greer event. The coming year's budget will be adjusted in this area if necessary.

4) Screenagers movie event

The movie Screenagers will be shown on April 8 from 4-6pm. **Ms. Norcross will ask the Spiritwear Committee to open the shop a half hour before and a half hour after the movie.**

5) WMS Mini-Marathon

The mini-marathon is currently planned for April 26.

6) 5<sup>th</sup> grade parent visiting evening at WMS

This event is being planned for Tuesday, April 5, from 6:30-9pm. **Ms. Norcross will ask the Spiritwear Committee to open the shop from 6-6:30pm and again from 8:30-9pm.**

7) Other

The WMS PTO has been contacted with a request for various pieces of information under the Freedom of Information Act. Ms. Collins is responding to this inquiry.

Ms. Norcross, Ms. Collins and Principal Ito adjourned the meeting at 11a.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will take place on Monday, April 9, at 9:30a.m. in the faculty dining room at WMS.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan McCormack