

WMMMS PTA General Meeting Minutes



Date: February 7, 2023 - 6:30pm - Media Center

Attendees: Kelly Aman, Gary Robinson, Dail Midgette, Kathy Parzygnat, Jodi Bulmer, Julie Karg, Brooks Andrews, Michelle Keller, Kristin Hague, Kira Viola, Michael Stone, Latitia Haskins, Warren Holman, Jennifer Lee, Eva Bigan, Jennefer Gribble, Maty Ferrer Hoppmann, Steph Cleary, Maria Fosnock

PTA President – Kathy Parzygnat

- Call Meeting to Order at 6:30pm

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- Welcome, introductions, distributed raffle tickets.
- Our PTA membership is currently at 303 of our 300 goal!
- Nominating Committee coming together - minimum of 3 and max of 7, and should consist of at least 2 board members and 1 non board member w/ a PTA membership. We will be reaching out to the school community soon for all those interested in volunteering next year.

Principal Update – Kelly Aman

- In person Open House for rising 6th graders is scheduled for May 11th.
- Registration for rising 9th graders will be March 6-24.
- Registration for rising 7th & 8th graders will be March 13 until Spring Break.
- Our Talent Show is scheduled for March 16th.
- The Valentine Grams started this week.
- The sign-up link for Parent/Teacher Conferences went out via text & email today.
- Offered a suggestion that it would be great to invest in some items that could be used for school events such as a large Jenga set, Connect 4, etc.
- Shared that the last 10 days have been challenging in regards to lockdowns at several area schools. While WMMMS has thankfully not experienced any of these events, our school community is still impacted by what is going on around us. In response, some new measures have been put in place to help avoid any possible undesirable behaviors and to help ensure the safety and well-being of our students and faculty (i.e. posting teachers at doors b/t classes, limiting bathroom loitering/breaks, etc.). Please talk to your students and encourage them to report any concerns to a teacher or administrator right away.

Assistant Principal and Teacher Rep Updates:

- Year 1: Dail Midgette and Kira Viola

- Ms. Midgette, Year 1 Assistant Head of School:
 - Loved watching our 6th graders discover themselves and who they want to be over the course of the year.
 - Proud to share that Ms. Viola (1st Yr Math Teacher) was named a district finalist for the WCPSS First-Year Teacher Award.
 - Quarter 2 Celebration takes place tomorrow (2/8).
 - Thrilled that Year 1 won the spirit stick during Spirit Week.
 - Field trip to the zoo is scheduled for March 27th.
 - Mid-year testing is almost done. Thanks for supporting your student/s during this time.
 - Wanted to remind that our 6th graders are eligible for clubs and extracurriculars, and encouraged to participate and while they cannot participate in sports in 6th grade, they can volunteer as a sports mgr.
- Year 2: Joe Biggs and Laura Hudgins
- Year 3: Gary Robinson and Michael Stone
 - Mr. Robinson, Year 3 Assistant Head of School:
 - Witnessed so much growth in our 8th graders and feels they are very prepared for high school. Thanked 8th grade parents for their support.
 - Mr. Stone, Performings Arts teacher:
 - Field trip to Wilmington scheduled for March 24th.
 - Lots of great enthusiasm for Spirit Week from our 8th graders.
 - Preparations for the 8th grade Community Projects are going very well - full of great, original ideas. Their Showcase is scheduled for May 2nd.

Secretary – Michelle Keller

- Asked for approval of the November General Meeting minutes.
 - Motion was made to approve by Warren Holman.
 - Seconded by Julie Karg.
 - Quorum was met and minutes were passed with no dissent.

Treasurer's Report – Jodi Bulmer

- Reconciled bank account today - balance is \$36,894.09.
- We have \$4,600 remaining in teacher stipends.
- We have \$2,000 remaining in teacher grants.
- The Board recently approved a teacher grant for Ms. Martel to purchase books to help students learn to sight read and increase overall musicianship.
- Today, we also received a teacher grant request from Ms. Lewis, Special Ed Teacher, to purchase headsets with microphones for her students.
 - Principal Aman suggested that we should start a record/inventory of any non consumable items purchased to ensure they remain with the school.
- Proposed 2 Budget amendments:
 - 1) Asked for a motion to amend the clubs budget from \$500 to \$2,000.

- 2) Proposed to adjust the March Madness budgeted income to \$3,000, with incoming expenses to offset.
 - Motion was made to approve both by Eva Bigan.
 - Seconded by Warren Holman.
 - Quorum was met and the Budget was amended with no dissent.
- The Fall Book Fair raised \$300.
- Shared that the Buildings & Grounds Committee (Warren Holman & Linda Blevins) recently purchased the blue planters by the doors. Our Ag teacher, Ms. Boykin-Bailey, and students will choose the plants and care for them.

VP of Communications/Volunteers – Kathy Parzygnat for Morgan Blue

- The “Soup”er Bowl luncheon for staff will be on 2/10. There will be PTA volunteers collecting donations during AM carpool. We will start serving at 10:30. A handful of slots are still open, but nothing critical.
- The PTA is providing an evening snack/dinner to all staff members during the school-wide conference night on 2/23. It will most likely be subs and wraps from Costco. No donations from parents are needed.
- Guidance Counselor Appreciation Week is this week. We will celebrate our counselors as part of the bigger “Teacher Appreciation Week” in May, but will do social media shout-outs this week and encourage all to thank their grade level counselors for all their hard work.
- Bus Driver Appreciation Week is next week. Our Staff Appreciation Chair has 3 treat days planned for our drivers - breakfast 2 mornings and gift bags with PTA blankets, snacks, and water on Friday.
- We will provide two rounds of mailbox treats for teachers in March - one for St. Patrick's Day and another at the end of the month.

VP of Fundraising – Julie Karg

- Next Spirit Night: City BBQ on 2/20, all day event.
- Planning another Spirit Night at Manhattan Pizza, but that date is TBD.
- We have very limited spiritwear options, but there’s still some available.
- The next March Madness Meeting is scheduled for 3/1. The MM event is scheduled for 3/10 from 5:30-8pm. We will collaborate the event with the Booster Club to help raise money for uniforms.

VP of Programs –Kris Hague

- Our Cultural Arts Chair, Megan Weddington, has scheduled an artist in residence event for our students in the spring.
- The 8th grade dance is scheduled for 6/2, maybe 7-9pm, but still TBD.
- The 8th grade picnic is scheduled for 6/8.
- The 8th grade ceremony will be on 6/9.

VP of Outreach – Brooks Andrews

- 8th grade dance on 6/2 - will have a DJ, photo booth, refreshments and decorations. Only 6th & 7th grade parents can volunteer for food helpers, but all grades can help with set-up/breakdown.
- 8th grade picnic on 6/8 - exploring box lunch options (maybe PDQ, Jason's Deli, CFA).
- SignUp Geniuses coming soon for all 8th grade events.
- The next BAC Meeting is scheduled for 2/27 at Durant Road Elementary, 6pm and the topic is talking to your children about gun safety.

Other Business/Questions

- Parent inquired about dances for our 6 & 7th graders.
 - Principal Aman noted that the teacher that helped organize and schedule these events left abruptly last year so unfortunately, those events were not added to the calendar.
- Parent inquired if there are any cultural celebration events scheduled.
 - Principal Aman agreed that a cultural celebration event is a wonderful idea and she has already been in discussion with the admin team to find a comprehensive way to celebrate the rich tapestry of cultures that make our school so special.
- Kathy Parzygnat drew raffle tickets and distributed prizes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23pm

Next General PTA Meeting is May 4, 2023 at 6:30-7:15pm

