

1/9/2024 6 pm

WMMS PTA board meeting 1/9/2024 - online due to school closing for weather

Principals report - Kelly Aman

- Year 3 students starting community project phase of IB - super exciting how engaged and aware the kids are
- First ever theatrical production coming up May 1-2
- Magnet recruitment has gone well. So much interest. Diplocats were able to lead tours themselves and
- First dance coming up - need ticket sales makeup day
- Blair Cuneo asked questions about Diplocat application process - year 2-3 students, Blair asked if we need to increase representation and Ms. Aman said no, it is very diverse, some lead in native language.
- Blair Cuneo discussed possibly having Spanish intro before recitals and concerts.

(Discussion of support that School is offering to student with sibling loss)

Suzanne

Treasurer's report

- Reconciled through december
- 20,000 approx in bank
- Lots of big expenses in the spring, dance, teacher appreciation
- Some givebacks that came from that we have to figure out what it came from, Suzanne digging deeper to make sure that all income and expenses are accurate and properly recorded
- Ms. Aman asked if there needed to be a reminder for deadlines for teacher grants? For now we will hold off on extra advertisement until some other income areas level out.
- Holiday Hugs came in under budget

Update on Holiday Hugs -

- Plan leading up were very smooth
- We have a new parent that was there and will take it over for next year, will be trained
- It was a great success
- Took the kids out of class early and they got to work on their craft for their parents, before school ended.
- 10 nuclear families there, interpreter and 2 Spanish teachers
- Good mix of people
- Parents enjoyed meeting the other parents - it was a great night

Blair Cuneo - DEI

- Reached out to Jaqueline Whittenberg and Kenny to try to meet with them as well as with Ms Aman, trying to learn what the needs are and where the PTA can be supportive
- Wants to make sure that there is a plan and that things happen

- Social media presentations with inclusion
- Looking to see what barriers we are running into
- She is going to wake county DEI meetings to learn what to look out for
- Equity initiatives within Wake county
- She will continue to ask questions to make sure that we are covering the bases for each event that we support
- January is Poverty awareness month
- Using PTA multicultural calendar
- Using PTA guidelines for providing and supporting equity in the schools
- Physical or Virtual food drives - web page is started for a virtual event
- March - developmental disabilities month, April autism awareness month - promotion on social media, included in events, concerts - she would like to connect with school specialists to see how we can improve here
- Also interested in future budgets recognizing a DEI purpose, even if a small amount - whether classroom grant or other support
- Maybe send our teachers to We ARE conference in March

Jacqueline -

- March 1st - March madness - had a good meeting last night virtually - 5 met and went through all agendas and assigned items - need some more support/people
- Only one person has had past experience with March Madness, so especially someone who knows how it goes
- Jodie sent pictures of raffle items as well as other information
- Timeline - is there possibility for flexibility
- Concern that may be harder for kids to come if they have to leave and come back rather than staying after school to attend.
- Questions about how to setup and sendout signup geniuses
- Candy boards - who makes these? Art? Committee
- Ms Aman - family event - so they don't stay after school because we are meaning it to be a family event.
 - Have to make sure that we keep it active - kids don't want to watch, they want to participate - the free throw contest and other activities have made it a bigger event
 - Boosters have always been involved as well - sometimes collaborative and other times they have just run concessions
- Jacqueline - Last year a lot of the funds raised went to boosters to help pay for new uniforms, but this year we will likely have more funds go to PTA
- Working on making sure that everyone has time to participate in community, changed a bit with the new building with the distance between cafeteria and gym
- Could definitely use ideas from others that have been involved in it before
- Morgan recommended reaching out to booster president to see how they want to be involved.

- Question about a notebook with all the info from previous years?

Morgan - hospitality

- Staff holiday luncheon went very well. Staff seemed very happy. A great day, tons of food. Food went home with teachers, cookies for everyone
- Next big event is superbowl party - maybe consider nacho bar or something different that soup
- Amazon list has been going very well, supplies just have been completely getting purchased
- Bus driver appreciation week is coming up - usually 3 mornings of activities, snacks, coffee, donuts, goodie bags, swag blankets

Jessica - Fundraising

- Wrapped up krispy kreme - 110
- Quail ridge bookfair - 144 - maybe combine with family night and food spirit night
- Around 900 for spirit nights so far
- Working on On demand spirit wear
- Can sell at March Madness
- Upcoming Spirit night Chick fil a - same night as next General meeting
 - Community care event, will get a code to put in the app
 - Need ways to promote it - was a little low last year
 - Maybe sandwich board signs in carpool to really help people remember?- can get poster printed for a frame
 - Lets start doing that with all of the spring spirit nights
 - Need to get back to community aspect of it. - maybe make it a competition between grades? maybe earn free seating at lunch

Kris

- Cultural arts - Feb 9 Burning coal theater coming
- Reflections - we need to figure out how to get more kids involved next year - only two entries - both Hague girls, need to generate more interest
- 8th grade celebrations - strong committee - Kelly Hanes, Jennifer Lee, Elizabeth Dolby, and Luciana Hazelwood
- Year 3 dance is Friday June 7, picnic June 11, Ceremony 8:30 Wednesday 12

New business

- Libby jumped on board in the fall to do social media - has really helped with social media
- Hope that it can not be all asking for money and donations
- Featuring teachers, featuring the amazing things that the school is doing
Getting parents engaged

***Action Item - need to let Blair know if she can get moving on January movement