

WMMMS PTA General Board Meeting Minutes



Date: November 1, 2022 - 6:30pm - Media Center

Attendees: Kelly Aman, Kathy Parzygnat, Jodi Bulmer, Morgan Blue, Julie Karg, Brooks Andrews, Michelle Keller, Gary Robinson, Michael Stone, Letitia Haskins, Stephanie Cleary, Jennefer Gribble, Warren Holman, Eva Bigan, Tayler Mariner, Mila Peters, Kira Viola, Jessica Bailey, Maria Fosnock, Maty Ferrer Hoppmann, Kristen Cudd, Chris Jones, Laura Hudgins

PTA President – Kathy Parzygnat

- Call Meeting to Order at 6:30pm

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- Raffle Drawing Winners: Amy Kurke (blanket), Danelle Holland (koozie), Melinda Leonardo (blanket), Maggie LaPlante (koozie). We will reach out to the winners that were not present to make delivery arrangements. Congrats to you all!
- Our PTA membership is currently at 286 of our 300 goal. The breakdown is: 65 Faculty, 209 Parents/Guardians, 8 Community/Other, and 4 Students.

Principal Update – Kelly Aman

- The Magnet Recruitment season is here and the first Magnet Fair was on Saturday at Enloe. Our first Magnet Tour was today. They will be held twice a week through January. Our upcoming tours are already filled and closed, but we can consider adding more, if needed.
- Two Educator Grants were recently given: the first was for our Agriculture Dept which has 280 students enrolled. They used the grant to purchase potting soil for the raised beds. Chicks are coming back this week and our students have been working hard to assemble a shed. The second grant was for Ms. Heffelfinger to purchase a new infant simulator for our Family & Consumer Science Dept.
- Our "Academic Celebration Day" will be held on Thursday, 11/10.
- The next Magnet Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, 11/15.

Assistant Principal and Teacher Rep Updates:

- Year 1: Dail Midgette and Kira Viola
 - Ms. Viola, 1st Year Mathematics teacher:
 - Shared that our 6th graders are adapting very well.

- The team was very pleased to see such strong participation during Spirit Week.
 - Wanted to remind that our 6th graders are eligible for clubs and extracurriculars, and encouraged to participate.
- Year 2: Joe Biggs and Laura Hudgins
 - Ms. Hudgins, 2nd Year Language Acquisition teacher:
 - Shared that our 7th graders are working hard and adjusting very well to the new school and grade level expectations. They are also behaving nicely in the halls and classes.
 - Students love the new spiritwear and their grade level shirts. On 11/7, we will celebrate the 7th day of the month by wearing grade level shirts or spiritwear.
 - She has one team concerned about transportation issues and will reach out to share more details and explore possible solutions.
- Year 3: Gary Robinson and Michael Stone
 - Mr. Stone, Performings Arts teacher:
 - We have our first concert of the year scheduled for 12/1 at 6:30pm.
 - Kids are getting very comfortable in their roles as the big kids on campus.
 - We're looking forward to the Academic Celebrations coming up on 11/10.
 - The 8th grade Community Projects are going very well. ½ of our 8th graders are working on their projects now and will present them on 1/5. The remaining ½ of our students are currently working on IB Curriculum and will then work on their projects and present them second semester.
 - Mr. Robinson, Year 3 Assistant Head of School:
 - Shared that matching some of our year 1 students/families with year 3 students/families might be a great collaboration for support and encouragement.
 - Will be sharing lots of Field Trips info and details very soon.
 - Grade level tees will be released tomorrow.
 - He has seen so much growth from our 8th graders as they have acclimated to the new school and expectations with such maturity and ease. Even Principal Brian Saunders from MHS was very impressed with our students during his recent visit.

Secretary – Michelle Keller

- Kathy Parzygnat asked for approval of the September General Meeting minutes.
 - Motion was made to approve by Principal Kelly Aman.
 - Seconded by Julie Karg.
 - Quorum was met and minutes were passed with no dissent.

Advocacy Committee – Delilah Adkins (presented by Kathy Parzygnat)

- The Capital Improvement Program 2022 (CIP 2022) bond proposal will appear on the November 8, 2022 ballot.
- Behavioral health resources are available for all our students here at WMMMS.
- Encourage diversity and inclusion.

Treasurer's Report – Jodi Bulmer

- Reconciled bank accounts today - balance in the Money Minder acct at First Citizens is \$45,405.33. The old PNC acct has under \$2k and will be moved over and closed when fully reconciled. On the recommendation of the outgoing Board, we changed banks from PNC to First Citizens due to PNC's fee structure changes.
- Asked for Motion to amend the Budget and to add a line - Quarterly Student Recognition
 - Motion was made to approve by Julie Karg.
 - Seconded by Tayler Mariner Lee.
 - Quorum was met and the Budget was amended with no dissent.

VP of Fundraising – Julie Karg

- Next Spirit Night: Chipotle (Harvest Oaks) on 11/14 from 5-9pm.
- Our Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night earned \$152.15.
- Still waiting to hear earnings total from Crumbl Cookie.
- Book Fair set-up will take place on Monday, 11/14. The Fair will start in the school 11/14-16, and online and at Quail Ridge Books from 11/14-20. Flyer will be distributed to students, for social media, and Principal Aman's communications. A volunteer sign-up for the Book Fair is coming soon.
- The first March Madness Interest Meeting is scheduled for 11/29 at 5pm.

VP of Communications/Volunteers – Morgan Blue

- Because our fundraising goals were so successful this year, we have been able to do more for our faculty and staff. For instance, we recently provided box lunches from Jason's Deli during the school-wide conference night on 10/13.
- Our Thanksgiving Pie Giveaway sign-up is ½ full already. The event will be held on 11/22 and we intend to send every member of staff home with a pie.
- The Winter Holiday Luncheon for staff will be on 12/20, with a "Breakfast for Lunch" theme. We will also be collecting cookies for the Cookie Exchange taking place that same day. A Sign-up Genius will be created for both events and we'll be sharing those with our families soon.
- The next staff dinner will be on Tuesday, 11/15 for the Magnet Open House. Mila Peters was able to get the entire dinner donated (pizza, salads, cookies) by Manhattan Pizzeria.
- School Improvement Plan (SIP) - The second meeting took place last week on 10/17. There seems to be a point of confusion for how parents can use PowerSchool so they plan to hold a technology night for parents on that topic in the spring. In addition, with the district-wide transition from Google Classroom to Canvas for the 2023-24 school year, they plan to hold a technology night on that topic as well.

VP of Outreach – Brooks Andrews

- Holiday Hugs Program - this program includes 53 students who have been identified by our administration/counselors. It is scheduled for 12/15 and is staffed solely with teacher volunteers to respect the students' privacy. The students will stay after school, participate in crafts, attend a home basketball game, and then enjoy dinner. Administration will collect gift card donations from our school community so each student can go home with one grocery store gift card and one big box store gift card (Target, WalMart, Sam's Club, etc) for the holiday season. The PTA will be giving each student spirit wear as well.

Other Business/Questions

- Kathy Parzygnat shared that the Reflections deadline for submissions is 11/11. This year's theme is "Show Your Voice" and is open to all grade levels. The link to register has been shared in Principal Aman's weekly messages, as well as our PTA Weekly messages.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm

Next General PTA Meeting is February 7, 2022 at 6:30-7:15pm

