

PTO Public Meeting Minutes
Western Avenue School - Zoom
Tuesday, September 15, 2020
7:00 pm

Executive Board:

Mr. Zeman - Principal

Kim Sumrak & Sarah Traven - Co-Presidents

Lyndsay Gruetzmacher & Jill Johnson - Co-Vice Presidents

Kristi Kusak - Treasurer

Kristin Flannery - Assistant Treasurer

Amber Bennett – Secretary

1. Call to order & welcome

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Introductions of all present: PTO Board, Mr. Zeman, Mrs. Doll, Mrs. Spencer, Katie Kannery, Lynn Vazquez, Erin Brewer, Jodie Prado, Dana Christensen, Brad Kosirog, Elizabeth Nguyen, Morgan Barrett, Trisha Olson, Kristi Mansfield & Melissa Chiappini
- III. Approval of May 2020 minutes
 - 1st- Jill Johnson
 - 2nd- Kristi Kusak
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Kristi Kusak
- V. Principal's Report (see details below)
 - a. New Staff
 - Eryn Shannon – Online Only 5th Grade
 - Nicole McCloud- Online Only 2nd Grade
 - Kellie Jeralds – Online Only Kindergarten
 - Dawn Gates – 1st Grade
 - Robyn Richards - .4 Speech and Language Pathologist
 - Laurie Dalton – Aide
 - Carrie Tritabaugh – Aide
 - Jen Haney – Reading Tutor
 - Jennifer McDunn – Music Maternity Leave Sub.
 - Megan Fitzgerald – School Psychologist Intern
- VI. Old Business/New Business
 - a. PTO Committee sign-up update & Co-Presidents communication to Committee heads. (Kim Sumrak)

1. More spots have been added to the new WAS Morale Boosters Committee
 2. Kim Sumrak and Sarah Traven will be in contact with Committee chairs soon to touch base with funds and procedures.
 3. Fundraising Committee needs volunteers – position is mostly advertising fundraising opportunities. (Signup Genius)
- b. Curriculum Night (Sarah Traven and Mr. Zeman)
1. Positive feedback on virtual curriculum night.
- c. DirectorySpot status (Kim Sumrak)
1. Committee Chair Jennifer Gustafson should have the information input by the end of September.
- d. National Custodian's Day = October 1st & 2nd (Mr. Zeman and Kim Sumrak)
1. Mr. Zeman suggested that Oct 1st is added as Custodian Day as well, so that both the A and B schedule students can participate in writing and delivering notes. The suggestion was agreed to.
 2. PTO will provide food and gift cards this year to the custodians.
- e. Walk to School Day (Sarah Traven)
1. This initiative is planned for Wednesday, October 7th & Thursday, October 8th to accommodate both A and B in-person learning groups.
 2. Stickers will be given to the teachers to hand out to students that participate.
 3. A notification of Walk to School Day will be sent out soon.
- f. Pumpkin Sale (Dana Christensen, chair GUAG)
1. Event usually raises \$1200, this year the goal would be ½ of that.
 2. Mr. Zeman and Dana Christensen will talk to work out the logistics of how the sale will go this year and provide a separate update.
- g. Garden Updates
1. Best year for the garden! Lots of WAS families have volunteered.
 2. High Schoolers will still do garden clean-up this year.
 3. Alicia Hueser would like a co-chair next year for the garden.
- h. Silver Graphics Fundraiser
1. Program to run in a hybrid fashion to collect art from both in-person and remote students.
 2. Jennifer Abplanalp is working with Mrs. Croy to have art for this fundraiser.
 3. More information will be given on how to submit artwork later in the year.
- i. Penguin Holiday Shoppe (Sarah Traven and Kim Sumrak)

1. Jen Rasmussen researching virtual shop ideas from select companies.

VII. Open discussion to the floor

- a. Kristi Kusak stated the Zoom format worked well and was happy that so many new families were interested in the PTO sign-ups.
- b. Mrs. Doll thanked everyone for all the support with Backpacks and Snacks. She stated that school supplies for students need to be restocked, especially backpacks. Please send items to her or Liz Cannon, via the school office.
- c. Kristi Kusak reminded people about the fundraisers that are ongoing for the WAS PTO.
 1. Masks: these are still available for purchase in Push Coin.
 2. Amazon Smile: please sign up – a portion goes to WAS PTO.
 3. Mabel's Labels: a portion goes to WAS PTO.
 4. Nancy's Pizza Fundraiser – a date will be given soon.

VIII. Motion to adjourn

- 1st: Sarah Traven
2nd: Jill Johnson

PTO Meeting –September 15, 2020 Principal's Report

WHAT Have We Been Doing?

- 8/12 - Supply Pack Pick-Up
- 8/20 - 8/21 - K Meet & Greet
- Relationships/Rapport/Routine
- 8/17 - 8/21 - Intense PD for staff
- Fall Benchmarking is underway
- 9/7 - Labor Day
- 9/14 - Virtual Curriculum Night

HOW Have We Been Doing?

- Students doing a great job with protocols
- Teachers providing great environment
- You can see that students are so happy to be in school
- The teachers are thrilled to be making personal connections with your children

Upcoming Dates

- 10/7 – 10-8 – International Walk to School Day
- October - Pumpkin Festival
- November – 2nd Grade Service Project

Teachers Teaching & Learning

- RAZ Kids PD