9/19/22 PTO minutes

Welcome and introductions. Attendees: Cara Downs, Amy Quinlisk, Joanne Dinsmore, Jenny Crowe, Amber Kempf, Laura Deutsch, Cherie Berry, Jenny Abeles, Jessica Graetz, Elizabeth McCandless, Shanice Frazier-Boyd, Jessica Dumlao

Minutes were approved from PTO meeting on 8/29/22.

President’s report:

* There will be a yearbook club starting this year for the students to participate in putting the yearbook together.
* They will be looking for parents to submit pictures again this year. Some examples of pictures to submit are back to school, the football games, the BBQ, choir/band concerts, and any WMS sports.
* This is the link to purchase yearbooks  [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/t0p1sOSS8yygwY2AXKFJ_g~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRlCC3DP0QqaHR0cHM6Ly9yci5zbW9yZS5jb20vZS9ycWd5ei9oNDlxdmo_X18kdV9fVwdzY2hvb2xtQgpjIUP6JmP9dcoSUhFkdW1lZmFtQGdtYWlsLmNvbVgEAAAAAQ~~)
* Teacher appreciation: PTO provided WMS staff with dinner from Which Wich at open house. Dinner will also be provided for staff during conferences on 10/19/22. Typically, families will provide soup, rolls, and desserts. The plan is to divide the needs up into the different grades so that everyone will have more of an opportunity to donate. Look for emails in the coming weeks for sign up genius.
* WMS football night at CHS was a success and had a good turnout of students. PTO will continue this event in the future.
* Upcoming events: In conjunction with Halloween PTO will be hosting a Gab & Grub on 10/28/22. It will tentatively involve students decorating hallways, doors, and pumpkins. It is an opportunity for students to socialize. More detailed information will be available as it approaches. There will be an opportunity for families to volunteer on 10/29/22 in the community. Look for more information in the coming weeks. There is also a request for Wydown to have a float in the Homecoming parade. More information to come.

Treasurer’s report:

* Budget is available on the website.
* PTO is continuing to receive funds for excellence. It is off to a great start this year. Targeted emails will be going out to remind families to donate if it is in your budget. If you aren’t sure if you have donated this year you can reach out to the PTO treasurer Amber Kempf amberkempf@outlook.com Parent question: Can there be a section in Dr. Jordan’s weekly email detailing how funds for excellence has helped WMS? Answer: Yes.
* PTO will potentially have some funds available to help with the Jekyll Island trip for 8th grade.

Principal’s report: (given by Dr Daniels)

* Soccer, volleyball, and track have started at WMS.
* There are a lot of new clubs.
* 6th grade camp starts 20th .
* Fall conferences are 10/19/22 from 3:30-7:30 in person and 10/20/22 from 1:15-3:15 virtually.
* Coming up: Tricia Holm, Wydown Band Director, has been selected to participate in a very special opportunity with musicians of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra on Friday, October 7, 2022.

Next meeting is 10/10/22 at 12:00P.