

WMS PTO Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 16, 2024 at 9:00 AM

In Attendance: Betsy Meyland-Smith, Whitney Lorenz, Joanna Dinsmore, Deborah DeMoura, Jenny Ableles, Kami Waldman, Madeline Akins, Carlos Espinosa, Stephane Beattie, Dell Villa

On Zoom: Megan Vines, Gina Nelson, Stephanie Roberts, Celina Haupt, Michels, Tim, Chiara Ghetti, Jeanne Johnson D Grant, Sarah K, Rob Brockhaus, Emily Zou,

Approval of the August 26 PTO Meeting Minutes - Kami motioned to approve, 2nd from Dell, none opposed, passed

Principal's Report - Dr. Jamie Jordan

Appreciate PTO attendance

Parent-teacher conferences – adopting high school method of conference sign-up, more systematic, don't feel like you have to sign up if you don't have anything to talk about, you can meet with teachers at any time during the year.

6th grade family movie night on Thursday night – spread the word!

Next week is 6th grade camp

3 weeks will be the Jekyll Island trip for 8th grade all but 20 kids going (not because of lack of funds)

President's Report - Betsy Meyland-Smith and Madeline Akins Funds for Excellence Campaign – thrilled with results of blanket promotion – credit to Madeline and Meramec PTO for the idea, \$14,745 at this time. 80 gifts over \$125. In last year's entire gift, we had 103 gifts, so blanket incentive worked. Still have opportunities to hit our goal of \$22,000 for the year. Need to get thank you out for the parents on blankets, would like to get blankets out to 6th graders for movie night

Past Events

Open House Dinner 8/29 – provided Pasta House in to-go boxes, success, enjoyed a hot meal

Gab & Grub 8/29 – went well, need to better monitor amount of goods taken so all kids can enjoy

Middle School Night at the football game 9/6 – logistics a bit clunky getting in the door, Betsy provided pom-poms, still a good time, Steve Hudson recommended Spiritwear at the Homecoming game – may need help with this

Wydown Night @ CityPark 9/15 – well attended, may consider doing district-wide game, MLS does two of these, \$5 per ticket sell goes back to the school

Upcoming Events

6th Grade Movie Night 9/19 - will have some concessions for sale and drinks as a fundraiser – need help for this event 7:00 – 7:45 PM, may also need help for spiritwear – email if interested in helping

Parent Connections – October 23rd for 7th grade, 24th for 6th grade, 30th for 8th grade – invitation finished, all at Clayton Wine House 5:30-7:30 PM,
CHS Homecoming 10/4 - Spirit Wear –could be at homecoming, movie night, Cara Downs is ordering more swag for us, would like to do a push before the holidays
Trivia Night – need a new chair for this – Science Olympiad Sponsor still needed, Mr. Crook will be coming out of retirement to help with this, Wash U have students that want to help our students.

Treasurer's Report - Michelle Abounader – reviewed income and expense compared to annual budget. This has been posted to the PTO page.

International Celebration - Nancy Gamble – district-wide was mentioned.

Questions? Tim – asked about recording, PTO Council says it's ok to record as long we announce in advance. May consider for future meetings.

Next PTO Meeting October 14, 9AM

- 2024-2025 Meetings (in-person and zoom option):
 - 11/11, 9AM
 - 12/9, 9AM
 - 1/13, 9AM
 - 2/10, 9AM
 - 3/10, 9AM
 - 4/14, 9AM
 - 5/12, 9AM

Meeting adjourned at 9:37