

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2021 6:30pm

Call to Order: *Amy Jones, President* at 6:35

Attendees: Amy Jones, Lisa Mead, Virginia Johnson, Cheri Thomas, Bernette Stivers, Stephanie Mitchell, Emily Stout, Gary Lewis, Kiara Reid, Tiahna McDowell, Kassandra Watson, Marie Dexter, Leslie Dott, Christine Roberts, Teresa Jones (taking minutes)

Quorum is met: Y

6:30 - REPORT FROM WCPSS: *Cathy Moore, Superintendent*

- 93% of students are attending school in person
- Vaccination requirement/testing is still under discussion with Board
- WCPSS has made in person instruction a priority and will continue to do everything possible to maintain
- Survey was sent to employees of 17,000 respondents, 86% are vaccinated
- Cafeteria vacancies at 20%, looking at creative ways to fill those gaps
- Looking at ways to support schools as kids are getting there earlier and leaving later (District Staff is now spending time in schools)
- MERV 13 filters are in all buildings - principals have been given guidelines for air purifiers in classrooms. Things to consider at PTAs are pushing for individual units- it would be a long term investment, and changes the pattern of airflow. Currently, air is pulled up through filters in ceiling, individual units would change that

7:00 - WCPTA FINANCIAL LITERACY COLLABORATION WITH BB&T:

Shanese Greene, Financial Wellness Area Leader *Rose Thomason, Operation Hope* [Video](#) / [PPT](#)

- Interested in collaborating with Wake PTA to share program information across the county to PTAs to offer parent engagement programs on financial literacy for all
- Point was made that if we offer this collaboration with these organization, we would need to consider others

New Board Members

- Cheri Thomas voted in as an at-large member and Treasurer in training
- Bernette Stivers voted in as at-large member
- Leslie Dott will be the voting member of the Education Liaison team

7:20 - OFFICER REPORTS

President: *Amy Jones*

Membership / participation of local units - **ONLY 17 UNITS HAVE JOINED AS OF 9-14**

- Amy will reach out to unit presidents, treasurers and reflections chairs for membership

Info for principals - make a similar digital binder

- Include information about PTA choosing the school's SIP parent reps

Hot Topics for Local Units:

- Should PTA purchase HEPA filters? Amy to request a spokesperson from WCPSS to explain the cost and benefits
- Wake PTA will provide guidance on PTAs purchasing air purifiers. Marie will draft
- How is COVID relief funding being used?

Treasurer: *Gary Lewis*

- August [budget report & financial review](#)

Secretary: *Teresa Jones*

- Minutes approved from [August Board meeting](#) and [FLC General meeting](#)

VP of Leadership: *Tiahna McDowell*

- Dates for online workshops:
 - *All about Fundraising* Q&A session- Wednesday, 9/22/2021 7pm to 8pm
 - *All about Engagement* Q&A session- Thursday, 10/7/2021 7pm to 8pm
 - *All about Communication* Q&A session- Tuesday, 11/9/2021 7pm to 8pm

VP of Communications: *Marie Dexter*

- Newsletter content for October is due Friday, Oct 1.

Immediate Past President: *Kassandra Watson*

- NCPTA Back-to-School Symposium on Oct. 2nd - Kassandra co-chairing event.
 - Ideas for forming a Local Unit Support Team or Committee
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7:45 - COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Advocacy: *Lisa Mead*

- Host Interact workshops on ACES & how to handle reporting trauma
- School Funding 101- Sunday 7:00

Audit: *Kathy Cawley*

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: *Rosa Rangel*

- Offering 5 DEI grants to local units of \$200 each (*needs board approval to allocate \$1000 back to DEI line item*)

Health and Wellness: *Virginia Johnson - no report*

Reflections: *Ashley Keener & Christine Burillo Kirch- no report*

SEIC: *Christine Roberts- to establish SEIC twitter*

8:10 - NEW BUSINESS:

Collaboration with WCPSS for Volunteers - Conversation with Tim Simmons

- Schools are down 24% in cafeteria staff
- Looking for PTA and community volunteers to help in cafeteria
 - Out front only, and not at register
 - Serving line & monitoring tables
 - Front of House Volunteer Support Requests
- TS will check on how the background checks would be handled
- AJ will check with some principals to ask what they need and how logistics can be handled most efficiently
 - Who will coordinate, manage & train volunteers on site?
 - Get perspective of some principals on what they need

Adjourned 9:12pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WakeEd Partnership Stars of Education - virtual event Monday Oct. 4th at 7:00pm
Project NextGen & Wake Co. YPC - Julie von Haefen asked for our help promoting

ACTION ITEMS:

Amy will send units reminders of Good Standing requirements
Follow up on Conflict of Interest forms for Board
Marie will draft and share letter on air purifier guidance