WIPTO Meeting
October 12, 2026

Meeting called to order at 6:36 p.m. (virtual/phone)

ATTENDEES: Jennifer Tremewen; Abby Adams; Charles Arnold; Jenny Rose Ryan,; Aarti Joshi, Che Carter; Michael Gibbons; Utkarsh Shah; Sarah Love; Schawana Thaxton; Bonnie Wessler; Chris Carlton; Aminah Jefferson

FUTURE MEETINGS: November 9, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

WELCOME (Jennifer): Thanks all for attending.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE (Mr. Carter):

- We need 6 more parent chaperones to volunteer for HOCO to take place.
- We also need more volunteers for the upcoming field trip for that to take place.
    - Discussion about change in the school's communications. Mr. Carter has received feedback from parents that the newsletter is well-received. Parents in attendance provided the following feedback about the newsletter:
        - Parents in attendance have heard from others that they are not clicking through to read the newsletter.
        - Parent shares the observation that if information is "behind a click" they cannot search their email for information and instead need to search archived newsletters.
        - Parent shares that the addition of bullet points in the newsletter cover email is very helpful.

GUEST PRESENTATION (Mike Gibbons RN, Corner Health): Gibbons ("Nurse Mike") is the program nurse for the school wellness program. The clinic is part of the school-based health center. The MDHHS state funding gave the Corner Health Center resources to operate a satellite clinic/office in WIMA/WIHI. Our school wellness program is staffed by a RN (Gibbons) and a behavioural health practitioner. That position is open and the Corner is working hard to hire a new full time behavioral health practitioner. The school clinic is a real clinic. Students with signed consent forms can visit the clinic to receive over the counter medications (for example, acetaminophen) or receive other check ups and referrals. If there is any action or follow up

needed, parents will be called. One large benefit for having a school clinic is that students have the opportunity to experience advocating for their own health care needs. The clinic offers testing for flu and Covid. STI testing and pregnancy testing is also available. Parent consent to treat forms have gone home. Gibbons works under the best practice to inform all stakeholders. There are a few exceptions where minor consent is sufficient (behavioral therapy and STI and pregnancy testing), but again there is a preference to keep parents/guardians involved.

Gibbons is also offering programming in the school, such as a recent staff training on EPI pens/allergies, student classes on healthy cooking and intro to health care careers. Gibbons is also the faculty advisor for the youth advisory council (club), which meets every other Tuesday. He is also on the community advisory council (a requirement of the MDHHS grant) made up of students/parents/faculty/staff who meet monthly or bi-montly.

Finally, Gibbons will run a flu shot clinic in the coming weeks. Please stay tuned for more about the flu clinic and any required consent for parents for flu shots.

Not sure if you've signed a consent to treat form? The consent form is linked in the weekly school email and on posters in the school. If you aren't sure whether you have, please fill it out.

If there's anything Gibbons can't do at the school, he and Corner Health staff will help support with referrals for follow up care.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT (Abby): A recap of the September 2026 Minutes. **Action Item:** Charles moves to approve the September 2026 Minutes, Jennifer seconds the motion. None opposed. Motion passes.

TREASURERS' REPORTS (Charles): A recap of the September 2026 Treasurer Report. **Action Item:** Aarti moves to approve the September 2026 Report, Jenny Rose seconds the motion. None opposed. Motion passes.

CURRENT/NEW BUSINESS (Jennifer):

- **LINKTREE (Jennifer).** Please check out our Linktree for PTO news! It has our sign ups, meeting minutes, and other news/links https://linktr.ee/wimahipto
- **Overview of PTO Yearly Events (Jennifer).** This overview is based on past events and we will continue our discussions about other things the PTO can do this year.

- Looking for PTO board members, and especially new families and WIMA families to join us!

- **PTO Fundraising (Jennifer/Mandy)**. Our annual donation drive is live! It supports most of what we do throughout the year. We have a fairy and wellness fund (counselors, social workers or administrators can let the PTO know of students who have financial needs - always anonymously). The annual drive also supports the PTO's $500 gift per grade level class for field trips. Note that our drives for holiday gifts for all staff and educator appreciation week are separate from the annual drive. We are way behind this year, due to the change in communications. If we don't raise what we expect, we will need to cut things from our budget.

- **Dine to donate at Aubree's on Whittaker** - October 14 from 11am-10pm. Mention Wasthenaw International PTO and 20% will be donated to the PTO.

- **Wally the Wolf Mascot Design.** We have the submitted student artwork and soon it will go to the students for a vote!

- **Grade Level Fundraising - PIES! PIES! PIES! -** Pie Fundraiser for Class of 2029. Every purchase you make directly supports the class of 2029 senior activities. Pies are on sale now through October 22. Pies will be available for pick up on 11/13.

- **WE HAVE AN OPEN POSITIONS FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR: PRESIDENT-ELECT** and Treasurer. Please email pto@wipto.org for questions and to learn more.

QUESTIONS/OPEN FLOOR:

- n/a

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Drafted by: Abby Adams, WIPTO recording secretary