

WMS PTO Meeting

March 16th, 2023

Attendees: Dr Mark Ito, Joelle Reidy, Katie Sullivan, Nicole Meyers, Kafi Meadows, Amy Baugh, Sharon Clarke. Jeni Dymek

Dr Ito Update

Fiddler on the Roof is starting tonight

The district is still in negotiations with the WEA, mediation starts tomorrow. Snow day doesn't count as a day so still slated to get out on Thursday June X.

President's Update

3/21 is welcome to incoming 6th grade students. Will someone from PTO go? Joelle not able to, Katie can go and wave.

3/22 can the PTO buy bagels for the staff as it's a long month for teachers. Patty tested bagels with staff. Total amount will be about \$600.

3/22 Bagel setup 7pm in teachers lunchroom

Proposal for WMS Teacher Grant

Grants to PTO at WHS & wondering if can do something like this at WMS. Works really well at the high school. Looked at their process. Katie asked for an example of what they do at WHS.

Per Mark, it makes it more equitable.

Can do it via google form until up on website in a digital platform (can model after WEF).

Would like to have 2 models – more formal grant & short term exceptional grants.

Ok per Mark to be on a rolling basis.

Would travel be included?

Put together form from Juniors and WEF.

Katie will send me WHS grant application as they want to model that.

Book Fairs

It used to be in the library with people coming to see the books in person at the last board meeting of the year.

During the pandemic it moved online.

Joelle wanted to see what his opinion was. English teachers, librarians and reading specialists like it. Joelle doesn't want last meeting to be a book fair. She would like it to be separate. Can we walk with Ehrin Johnson and her team to see what they would like. Mark supports that idea – start with Ehrin Johnson & Sarah Chessman.

Teacher Appreciation Week

This is coming up in May.

We went bonkers the last few years to provide a lot of gratitude due to COVID.

What would the teachers most like? Dr Ito will reevaluate what would most make sense now.

Jeni said candy bag fundraiser raised \$1400 with amazon wish list for candy, they made bags & sold at school.

Three meetings left

Could one be in person? Could be evening.

Dr Ito said making this be the year of hybrid is still a good idea. Value for both in person as well as access with zoom.

Minimarathon

First planning meeting on 3/21

T-shirts Nicole needs to work on, she will call Patty, will send out signup genius in the newsletter

Spelling Bee

Two teams and Amy will pay. Sharon will sendn details

8th Grade Committee

Met last night & have it all under control. There will be more opportunities for volunteers.

Book Fair

Conversation needs to be started about how to run it. Joelle will introduce Katie to Ehrin Johnson

Green Schools

WMS needs one – we can make another plea in newsletter. Michelle Foster asked for a contact.

May 18th Parent Panel for Incoming 6th Grade Parents 6:30-7:30pm

Want METCO mom, dad, to cover the gamut, will ask Scott (next years VP), Kafi can do it & will see if she can have someone join here, Katie will ask Allie Baker.

Website

Alex Baker will send a framework and we will review in a meeting in the near future. Jenn will loop together Alex, Joelle & Alex for next steps.

Last meeting of year

Invite the new board, Th nights does it work?

4/13 1pm

5/11 1pm

6/8 1pm – but should we change time? Getting opinion on when best – perhaps after pickup per Kafi. Joelle will check with Joanne as her schedule is tight.

6/15 last day of school

Mini-Retreat

2 hour ice-breaker, post-mortem for current and past PTO volunteers

How best to make people feel part of community. Also ideas that are working from elementary school.

Fun Fridays

Katie and Jenn will be helping

Advocacy Day

Will put in newsletter. This is when students go to the State House to advocate and lobby for METCO. WHS students often go. Morning event with ability to hear speakers and meet representatives,