

Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: September 13, 2017	Academic Team: Principal Raymond Southland, Vice Principal, Jessica Showerda, Linda Thorton, Danielle Rios
In Attendance: Kate Maldonado, Zuteyka Padilla, Molly Martinez, Wanda Eddy (co-president), Sherry Sullivan (co-president), JoAnn Hall (vice president), Traci Valery (secretary), Rachel Buck, Michelle Zvonkovic, Rachele Consiglio, Sarah Babineau, Melody Avery, Heather Wells, Terence Ayrton, Angi Paz, Luz Wozdusiewicz, Rosa Flores, Sarah Valerie, Caitlin DePalma, Laura Corchado, Carrie Scoville, Clarybel Rodriguez, and Judy Flannagan-Mosher.	
Goal of today's meeting: Introductions	
Minutes	
Governance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Southland provided updates regarding the start of school.• Content meetings for the teachers have been decreased. This gives them more time to help out in the halls. As a result, the students and the halls are calmer.• There are currently 750 students enrolled, compared to last years' number of 550.• The reason for the increased enrollment is that we are now getting many students that in the past, would have attended parochial schools or Thomas Edison.• Mr. Weber has a new classroom which is similar to a STEM classroom.• Mrs. Rios and Mr. Pelletier were commended for their hard work with the community garden this summer. The garden is made possible by great volunteers and Beat the Streets. Election Day Bake Sale: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The date is November 7th.• This fundraiser supports the music department and PTG.• Volunteers will be needed to sell throughout the day, and bakers!• Parents are welcome to bring their middle school or high school child to help and receive volunteer hours. Parents who bring their children must remain at the school. Other fundraisers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roman Oil will donate money to the school if you purchase oil from them.• Parents, teachers, friends, and families are needed for Stop and Shop and Shop Rite year- long fundraiser. The only requirement is to provide your card number and your name. Stop and Shop sends a check to the school at the end of the year. The amount of the check is based on the how many people sign up. Shop Rite gives points instead of a check, and the school can purchase items with the points. Last year, the school purchased an iPad and other electronic items.• PTG is also collecting box tops! There is a competition going on, and a reward will go to the homeroom that has collected the most.• Shoparoo is another great fundraiser that we can use to help raise money for the school. It only requires downloading an application on your phone and taking pictures of your receipts.	

Mountain Mist:

- This event happens at the end of the year.
- In the past, students who have not received any referrals were able to attend. This year it will occur the day after Memorial Day.

Teacher Appreciation Day:

- Occurs in May.
- Parents and PTG volunteer to make the day great for our great teachers and staff.

Bread and Broth:

- This is a community dinner held to raise money for the soup kitchen.
- Mr. O'Neil has been running this event for several years, and this year is special because it marks the 20th anniversary.
- Parent and student volunteers are needed in order to make this event a success.

Open House:

- This year open house is on October 4th from 5pm-8pm.
- The school will provide a pasta dinner for families in order to encourage them to attend.
- Students from National Jr. Honor Society will volunteer to babysit siblings so parents can attend.
- Students from Platt High School will provide volunteer help.
- We will need at least ten parent volunteers to help during the event, and donations for raffles and baked goods.
- There will be a police officer onsite to help with parking and crowd control.
- The business ads for placemats are due by September 30th.

Music updates:

- Mrs. Kwiczor provided the dates for the upcoming music performances, which include the concerts for band, orchestra, chorus, and the musical.
- The students will have the opportunity to attend a trip to Lake Compounce, as with the past years, and a Broadway trip to NYC.
- The Broadway trip will include a double decker bus ride and lunch at Hard Rock Café.
- The music department will have fundraisers throughout the year to help students offset the cost of the trips.
- Parents are encouraged to volunteer to chaperone these trips.
- The school was invited to perform at Christmas in the park at Hubbard Park.
- This is a great event and it is free for everyone.
- The music department is now requiring students to wear red polos for the concerts. The students were given an informational packet which included a shirt order form and upcoming events.
- Parents are encouraged to sign up for CHARMS and Remind. Parents will receive information regarding their account and a calendar of events.

Communication with WMS families:

- Parents at the meeting inquired about Peach Jar.
- Mr. Southland is going to look into how parents are signed up to receive updates.

Date of Next Meeting:

Recorded By: Traci Valery