

**WMS PTG Meeting**  
**Minutes October 15, 2019**

**Present:** Sarah Valerie, Stephanie Scaramuzzo, Rachel Buck, Dia Hernandez, Deb Martinez, Robin Cusachs, Dawn Marturelli, Lee Nieves, Paula Carabetta, Caitlin DePalma

**Mission Statement**

The mission of the Washington Middle School Parent Teacher Group(PTG) is to connect and sustain a mutually beneficial relationship between the parents, faculty and staff, and students by providing opportunities for unity within the home, school, and community. It is our belief that the team effort of a parent teacher organization fosters the best possible learning environment for our children.

**Principal's Report**

- Happy with the turnout and raffle at Open House
  - Feedback was largely very good
- Community Harvest Dinner last week
  - Gardens here and Liberty Street (Danielle Rios)
- Beyond the Bell started last week
  - Currently there is a waiting list
  - Applied for a grant to expand to Reach
- Athletics well on their way
  - Uniforms are mostly in - great quality (all uniforms less than 4 years old)
  - Try to match up Washington/Lincoln event with Platt/Maloney
    - Gives kids opportunity to see high school teams & coaches
    - City Championships will be rescheduled for Cross Country hopefully
- Progress Reports went out
- PSAT for 8th grade tomorrow, Oct 16
  - First full length standardized test
- 5th grade choice night Oct 17
  - Three teachers have put it together (Mr Aryton)
  - Clubs doing presentations
  - 5 students who will do the majority of the presentation
  - Ambassadors around school
  - Select chorus will sing
- Quarter 1 ends November 1st
  - Report cards November 8th
- First teacher learning walk Thursday, Oct 17
- Book worm over front office door
  - Kids read books - complete dots with book info, student name, and summary on back
- High School Credit - English, Math, Science, Spanish
  - The state changed from 22 - 25 credits to graduate
  - Maloney and Platt changed to an 8 period day
  - All 8th grade students will be offered Creative Writing starting in January for ½ a high school credit
    - Courses will stay leveled (Accelerated vs Academic)
  - Any course offered at WMS also has to be offered at the high school
- October 25th - senior members of the Maloney football team will come in and meet 6th graders & 8th grade athletes do small group sessions about athletics in high school (school will provide pizza)

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Fundraising Updates**

- Mum Sale - approximately \$1800
  - Mums were smaller than last year

- Suggest to sell plastic pumpkin pots next year (\$10?)
- Possibly offer hanging basket mums next year
- Opt Out Form - \$50
  - Needs to be sent home to whole school and posted on Peach Jar, Facebook, & Remind
- Illiano's - \$300

### **Previous events Updates**

- 9/26 School Spirit Day
  - Having an issue with broadcast so message didn't get out as well as hoped
  - Suggestion to put posters outside every cluster
  - Put flyers on inside of stall doors
- 10/2 Pasta Dinner and Open House
  - There are 2 baskets that still need to be picked up
  - Made approximately \$487 from bake sale and raffle
  - Thinking about removing the cluster presentations - 3 conference slots
  - Conferences are required
  - Numbers were great
  - Have clubs set up
  - Offer child care/team building (high school kids run?)

### **Current Fundraisers**

- Mixed bags due 10/31 (with possible extension)
- Sign up for Stop and Shop, Shop Rite, and Box Tops
- Teacher supplies on amazon & signup.com

### **New Business**

#### December Book Fair

- Generally led by LMS
- LMS position will not be filled this week
- Scheduled for week of Dec 8th
  - Run during the school day (3 days)
    - Dia can cover
  - Could be also run in the evening
    - It is concert week
- Mr. Corsetti will forward us the details
- PTG will get proceeds, school will get Scholastic bucks for books

#### Anti-bullying Campaign

- Students will be given two weeks to put together a design for t-shirts and a skit

### **Upcoming Events**

- 10/25 Hat Not Hate Day
  - \$1 to wear or \$2 Wildcat
  - Money will go towards WMS Anti-bullying campaign (name to come)
- 10/29 Boo Bash
  - How many tickets will be sold? 180 possibly
  - Sign up is complete and sent out on remind
- 11/5 Election Day Bake Sale
  - 6 am - stay as long as possible
    - 2 hour shifts
  - A signup.com can be sent out for shifts and baked goods
  - Kids can volunteer with parent supervision

- 11/19 November meeting
- 11/27 Stoddard Bowl Day - Maloney (Green and White) & Platt (blue and gold)
- 12/9, 12/10, 12/12 - possible concert dates (carnation fundraisers)
- 12/20 Ugly Sweater Day

Spirit Days will be the last Friday of the month (unless a holiday is in the way)

Robin spoke with 5-below and submitted paperwork online

- Requested 11/29 - Dec 6
- Second request - some time in December

8th grade trip - Holiday Hill (same day as Mountain Mist)

- \$50 per kid
- 8th grade teachers will have fundraisers
- PTG may be able to help a few deserving kids go, but main support will be to Mountain Mist

Anti-vaping presentation

- October 29th 8 - 11:30 am
- Yale lady
- PTG is funding

Women FC

- One presentation - what does consent look like, what are healthy relationships (values)
- Know your value (girls)
- Issues in Meriden with sexting
- 2 separate presentations - girls and boys separately
- Think it is \$150 total for presentation
- Evening with parents would be a good opportunity for parents
- Notice gets sent home to get permission for child to attend assembly

Dia will call restaurants for possible dates in November 21st, January 23rd

### **Communication**

Remind - Text @k9h283 to 81010  
 Facebook  
 Peach Jar  
 Email

**NEXT MEETING** November 19, 2019 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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