

WMS PTG Meeting-Wednesday, October 11, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm.

Attendance: Board members-Rachel Buck, Caitlin DePalma, Wanda Eddy, Stephanie Scaramuzzo, Sarah Valerie. WMS Staff: Ms. Jennifer Batchelder (social worker), Ms. Rachel Stair (counselor), VP Jessica Showerda, Principal Ray Southland. PTG members-Melody Avery, Robin Cusachs, Kathy Little, Kathy Solis, Lynette Valentine

Old Business: Fundraisers

- Sal's Apizza-\$243 raised.
- Mum's sale-\$1676 raised at this time.
- Open House-About \$300 from raffles and \$165 Bake sale.

New Business: Election Day Bake Sale-6:00am to 2:00pm. Need baked items in baggies (can be store bought granola bars, etc). Need volunteers. Discussed location of entry/exit of voters and location of Bake Sale.

School Choice Night (5th graders and parents)-Wednesday, October 17th. 6:00pm.

Facebook page-Discussed to please have people post and share photos of school events, sports, etc.

Boo Bash-Tuesday, October 30th. Need baked goods and water bottles. Halloween decorations donations just for the night. Attendance is limited 250 persons.

Spirit Wear-Discussed Wildcat logo. Ms. Showerda will find out if logo/emblem is on front or back of spirit wear. Discussed possibly offering the sales at School Choice Night next Wednesday, October 17th.

Melody Avery reported that Melanie Bennett offered to run a poinsettia sale.

Discussed PTG doing a Lyman's pie sale.

Bullying Prevention Month presentation:

(Presented by Rachel Stair and Jennifer Batchelder)

- MPS Cares is on all students' chrome books. Students can access to report any concern or situations in which the student needs support and/or feels bullied. The messages go to administrators, guidance, social worker, and school psychologist. This has been used by many students and is working successfully.
- A "Buddy Bench" has been added to WMS. It has been utilized by students. It was discussed to have the origin of the Buddy Bench be shared with students during Advisory period.
- WMS promotes Kindness. WMS uses a program from Sandy Hook called "Start with Hello." Encouraging students to connect with each other via board games, conversations, positive notes in various school locations, etc.
- Cyber bullying-Provided 3 handouts including conversation starters, digital awareness, and digital monitoring. Parents need to check their children's social media, text messaging, etc. This is vitally important. Parents should know their children's passwords.
- Students complete "Climate Surveys" twice per year. "Student Voices" is another opportunity where students can express their concerns.
- They discussed "Is It Bullying?" flyer and the differences between bullying, a conflict with another student, or a student being mean in one instant.
- Main bulletin board at WMS with positive quotes to encourage positivity and kindness. It is changed throughout the year and displays positive messages and themes.
- Discussed restorative practices. A restorative practice newsletter is sent 4x/year to staff. Ms. Showerda will have that shared with parents as well.

Career Lunch Meetings: Ms. Stair is looking for parents who are willing to come in and talk about their careers. Dates will be 3 days in January. Any grade level students can sign up to attend.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Caitlin K. DePalma