

Washington Junior High School

Home and School Board Meeting Agenda CHAIRPERSONS ONLY August 31, 2023

Approved on 9/20/2023

- I. Call to order at 10:03 am by Melinda. In attendance, Jon Vogel, Shannon Olsen, Kathryn Pegorsh, Jepharya Badie, Amy Amato, Jennifer Krolick, Kari Walker, Naomi Wattles, Jessica Jamrosz, Tonia Batogowski, Roberta Bree, Zareen Hassan, Anne Metzger, Emily Kozlowski, Melinda Watson, Ashley Workman.
- II. President's Report: Melinda Watson
 - A. Welcome back and Executive Board and Administration introductions
 - B. Recent Events
 - a. Locker Grams: Thank you for approving the Locker Grams They were a huge hit! We raised \$550
 - i. NEF attended and manned the table during the evening.
 - b. Curriculum Night: Thank you Naomi for the cookies and water for the parents/guardians and staff.
 - c. Hospitality: Thank you Shannon, Amy and Emily for organizing the staff lunch on August 14th.
 - d. School Supplies: Thank you Amity for organizing.
 - Everything went well, no missing items this year.
 - e. 6th Grade Meet and Greet: Thank you Amity and Dana,
 - i. So hot that day, the event was moved inside.
 - ii. Raffled off spirit wear for two students.
 - C. Thank you to everyone who stepped up to fill vacant Board positions
 - a. Review the open positions make updates if necessary
 - D. Check Board directory for correct information
 - a. 2023 2024 Committee Directory
 - E. Review of Policy and Procedure document for 2023-2024
 - a. Policy Statement 2023-24
 - We will go over this at the next meeting.
 - b. Chairperson opportunities:
 - i. Kari Walker filled open positions, the Community Inclusion Chair and Ellsworth Nominations Chair. CI position will be discussed at a future meeting in more detail.
 - ii. Nominations Chair from Ellsworth
 - iii. Family Connections
 - iv. SFCP ???
 - v. Community Inclusion Chair (CI)
 - 1. Jepharya spoke on this.
 - a. The CI will focus on DEI, H&S should represent all aspects of a student.
 - i. The CI chair would represent H&S's commitment to DEI and serve as a conduit to families-district-school.
 - ii. Emily is the Diveristy Advisory Council representative from WJHS. The DAC representative is separate from CI.
 - iii. CI would be sharing relevant events from the District, work with faculty about events, and promote awareness of the Diversity Calendar.
 - 1. Example: Think about the functional awareness of those holidays; Ramadan may not be the best time to do the Pacer in PE.
 - iv. CI would work with a faculty member who is the point person for DEI.
 - v. Deal with requests that come in from the community about donations.
 - vi. Provide a lens of inclusivity for when things are being planned.
 - Example: Think of the equity of expensive tickets for a H&S event.

- vii. This should be a fundamental component of H&S.
- b. Melinda—no budget set aside already for this year; using this year to plan as a jumping off point moving forward.
 - i. Possibly use part of the SFCP budget or the Diversity Club's.
- c. Next steps
 - i. Invite prospective CI to the next meeting to talk with them.
 - ii. Speak with Tim Panega and Kaitlyn Henaghan, who are the Diversity club sponsors (they handle the cultural side of the Diversity calendar).
- c. Vote on the updated Board for 2023-2024
 - i. Melinda will look into whether we need to include all H&S, not just the board, in the vote.
 - ii. Hold on thevote until the next meeting.
- F. Communication/Advertising methods
 - a. Talk 203s/Wildcat Weeklys
 - Send to Melinda and Emily, by noon on Wednesday. Emily will pass on to Mr. Vogel when approved.
 - ii. Send as a Google Doc, not a pdf.
 - iii. Copy and paste content into the body of the email or send a link.
 - iv. If you want a picture included, attach it to the email as a pdf/jpg, not as part of the message because it makes it more difficult.
 - v. Principal Vogel likes to keep all communication to just the Wildcat Weekly, he does not want to regularly send out emails during the week.
 - b. Facebook: WJHS Home and School Association
 - c. Website: Mr Gorey
 - i. Cc Melinda on correspondence.
 - d. Wildcat TV: Mr. Gorey
 - i. Cc Melinda on correspondence.
- G. Upcoming dates:
 - a. Magazine Drive Kickoff: September 13-30th
 - i. Sometimes the end date may be extended.
 - ii. Will need volunteers for kick off and prize days.
 - iii. Work with Mr. Decker on needs for this.

 - c. Movie Night: 10/20
 - i. Haunted Mansion, original version, sunset start.
 - ii. Movie night started during Covid.
 - iii. If the weather is bad it can be moved into the gym.

III. Vice President's Report: Kathryn Pegorsh

- A. Volunteer list
 - a. A form will be sent outat the beginning of the year to parents to indicate if they wish to volunteer for specific committees or on an as needed basis.
 - b. Confirming which committees would like to be included in the email as needing volunteers.
 - i. School Supplies-yes
 - ii. SFCP-no, add them to the as needed group
 - iii. Staff Appreciation-no
 - iv. Magazine Drive-yes
 - v. SOAR-no, they will do their own SignUp Genius.
 - vi. Health Screening -yes
 - vii. Family Connections—yes
 - viii. 5th grade-no
 - ix. 6th grade Meet and Greett-check with Dana and Amity but probably no.
 - x. 8th grade Celebrations (Things)—yes
 - c. There will be an as needed list.

IV. Treasurer's Report: Anne Metzger

- A. Approval of financials
 - a. April 2023
 - i. Bank balance as of 4/30/23: \$58,538.06
 - ii. April 2023 Financial Folder
 - b. May 2023
 - i. Bank balance as of 5/31/23: \$57,013.61

- ii. May 2023 Financials Folder
- c. June 2023
 - i. Bank balance as of 6/30/23: \$41,337.29
 - ii. June 2023 Financials Folder
- d. July 2023
 - i. Bank balance as of 7/31/23: \$40,905.92
 - ii. July 2023 Financials Folder
- e. Approval of financials from April, May, June, July 2023
 - i. 1st motion to approve: Jennifer Krolick
 - ii. 2nd motion to approve: Naomi Wattles
 - iii. All approved
- B. Cash handling policies
- C. Deposit slips and procedures
- D. Check Reimbursement Form
 - a. New procedure this year.
 - i. Anne will create a Google Form to submit your check requests.
 - ii. Goal is to make the process easier.
 - iii. Zelle payments are available in addition to paper checks. Turn around is faster with Zelle payments.

Google Check Reimbursement Form

- iv. Emily will send the Google Form out to all committee chairs.
- E. Tax exempt letter: CANNOT BE REIMBURSED FOR SALES TAX
- F. Current bank balance
 - a. \$39,106.71 as of 8/31/2023
- V. Secretary's Report: Emily Kozlowski
 - A. Approval of WWJHS April 2023 Home and School Minutes Unapproved.docx
 - a. 1st motion to approve: Naomi Wattles
 - b. 2nd motion to approve: Jesssica Jamrosz
 - c. All approved
- VI. Principal's Report: Jon Vogel
 - A. Curriculum Night
 - a. Standards Based Grading
 - i. This means a lot of new work for teachers.
 - ii. ELA Teachers are also working on a new curriculum.
 - iii. Infinite Campus is not the most intuitive for keeping grades.
 - iv. If you have questions please ask.
 - v. Looking for non-educator perspective/feedback on what works and what doesn't.
 - b. The night was very well attended, went well, even 8th grade parents showed up.
 - B. Kona Ice
 - a. They sent a thank you note, and a refund check.
 - C. MAP Testing is done.
 - D. Building and Grounds improvements
 - a. New windows and exterior doors; the windows can now be openned.
 - b. New FACS room which will support the new changes in the exploratory curriculum.
 - i. More focus on entrepreneurship and career/skill readiness.
 - 1. There is a vaccuum of skilled workers in the country currently.
 - 2. Career exposure should start in late elementary school grades and move forward through junior high and high school.
 - 3. Want to more align the exploratory classes to high school classes.
 - 4. Goal is for students to find their passion, college is not for all.
 - E. Career Motiv-8
 - a. Career fair for all 8th graders.
 - b. Local businesses have booths and hands-on activities for students to explore different career paths.
 - c. October 20th, during the school day.
 - F. New Staff
 - a. New Music, French and FACS teachers as well as two LBS and a counselor (Nicole Torres, she is trilingual and taught in China).
 - b. It is going well with the new staff.

Jepharya:

- A. The Diversity Advisory Council would like to know if they can add the diversity calendar to the registration materials? This will help coaches and sponsors of clubs in planning seasons and meetings.
- B. S.U.C.C.E.S.S. is a parent led community group for those who identify as African American.
 - a. They provide 3 District wide events each year, the first this year is on 9/10, the annual picnic at Seager Park. They already have 200 RSVPs which is an increase over last year.
 - b. They host a 6th-11th grade young womens peer group.
 - c. S.U.C.C.E.S.S includes anyone who supports their mission.

VII. Committee Reports

- A. Verbal reports
- B. Written reports
 - a. Social Media

Bridget Karnick (<u>bridgetkarnick@yahoo.com</u>) and Dana Hall (<u>dkids99@yahoo.com</u>) are cochairing Washington JHS Home and School social media (which is a Facebook page thus far.) If you have any announcements to post, please send via email. If you have taken photos at any event, please also send those along to share!

b. 6th Grade Meet and Greet

Chairs: Amity Caile and Dana Hall

Very hot temps pushed the event mostly indoors. Turnout of about 20-25 families. Melinda and Mr. Vogel introduced themselves. Raffle winners collected their prizes (spiritwear) on-site. Remainder of the raffle ticket wheel was given to Melinda for future events. Kona Ice will be donating 20% of their sale profits back to H&S!

c. School Supplies

Thank you to WJHS custodians for unloading pallets from the truck to the gym. H & S and School Toolbox unpacked boxes onto the stage. We will request School Toolbox for the freight company to unload moving forward as it was done last year.

On orientation day, 6th grader families were welcomed by WJHS staff in the gym and then entered the stage for their kits.

Thank you to Naomi W., Jessica J., Colleen B., Jane W., Erin M., Ayrissa F., Amy A. and any names I may have forgotten for help with distributing kits.

Notes for next year, it was convenient to have school supply lists and My Toolbox Contact business cards on hand. Expandable binders and headphones/earbuds are "extras".

Question for Mr. Vogel: Because kits are available online, can we please eliminate option to have kits onsite for purchase and remove it on registration materials?

This can be removed per Mr Vogel.

Melinda will confirm/check with Amity about this.

2023 School Totals		
	Pre-ordered	Shipped home
5th Grade Box	33	4
6th Grade Box	92	7
7th Grade Box	87	14
8th Grade Box	65	9
Total	277	34

Adjourn at 10:58am by Melinda Watson

NEXT MEETING: September 11 @ 9am