

# Home & School

Washington Junior High School  
Home & School Board Meeting  
October 16, 2024 at 7pm  
Approved Minutes

- I. Call to order at 7:08am by Melinda Watson.
  - A. In attendance: Melinda Watson, Jon Vogel, Justin Kozlowski, Emily Kozlowski, Jepharya Badie, Karen Brown, Kristine Gericke
- II. President's Report: Melinda Watson
  - A. Welcome to special guest, Board of Education member, Kristine Gerike
    - a. On the BOE for 7 ½ years, currently the President.
    - b. Always feel free to email anyone on the BOE if you have questions/concerns.
    - c. Updated Mission Statement
      - i. Came from the Profile of a Learner Committee earlier this year.
        1. Trying to figure out what our kids need to be successful in their lives.
      - ii. Learner Mindset, Communicate Effectively, Global Citizen, Adaptability and Critical Thinking are the characteristics of the Profile of a Learner
      - iii. Now the schools are trying to find ways to incorporate these aspects into the school/curriculum.
    - d. Questions for Kristine
      - i. Jepharya: How do you feel the process of educating the caregivers and parents about the new mission statement is going?
        1. Have received no bad emails from the community.
        2. The videos seem to have a positive feel to them.
      - ii. Emily: Are the various grades looking to change the way the school day is structured?
        1. Each grade level is looking at how that could manifest. Teachers and admin are looking from all angles.
        2. If they do want to move forward to change the schedule then there would be community engagement.
      - iii. Jepharya: Is there a school in the US that you feel is a goal for our district when it comes to the school day structure?
        1. Not specifically, but our district does interact with other districts. Another district is visiting ours this week, including the Career-Motiv-8 event on 10/18.
  - B. Thank you to the Staff Appreciation Committee for ongoing staff gifts.
    - a. Sara Ferguson, 5<sup>th</sup> grade band director, had a baby girl named Maeve. We provided a congratulatory card and an Amazon gift card.
    - b. On October 2nd we celebrated our custodial staff with a delicious assortment of cookies from Crumbl.
  - C. A few issues with Directory Spot being updated for this year. If you know of anyone having issues please reach out to Kate Munaco at [naperville203.wjhs.directory@gmail.com](mailto:naperville203.wjhs.directory@gmail.com).
    - a. Add Home & School Board?
      - i. Good idea

- D. Thank you to the Lost and Found Committee for continually checking the Lost and Found. Photos are posted each week in the Wildcat Weekly.
- E. Thank you to the Fall Fundraiser Committee for a fabulous fundraiser!! Totaling \$57,019 Approximately \$30000 of that amount will come back to WJHS H&S. Breakdown of earnings: (as of 10/9/24 will update when we get the final breakdown) (Last year we raised \$28306.98)
  - Magazines \$20,548, online donations \$14,675, personalized products \$3428.50, Tervis tumblers \$3835.02, gift zone \$7720, candles \$4133.10.We had higher monetary donations than before and WJHS led the junior highs in all categories again!
  - Doug's involvementThank you to everyone for their support!  
Thanks to Jepharya Badie and Naomi Wattles for running the show and all volunteers.  
Jessica Jamrosz is possibly going to be taking on this committee for next year.
- F. Updated Home & School website with Minutes and Board Directory
- G. Facebook page: WJHS Home and School Association
  - a. Like and follow and tell your friends!
  - b. <https://www.facebook.com/wjhshomeandschool>
- H. Wish list - The Exec team has met to compile the staff requests. Mr. Vogel will present it tonight to the group.
  - a. We will vote on the wish list at the November meeting.
- I. General Home & School Information
  - a. School Board meetings - 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month
    - i. Available on YouTube channel live if you cannot make it in person.
  - b. Stonington Connecticut school district was here to observe our district.
  - c. NCHS and Scott are the most recently awarded Blue Ribbon Schools in our district totalling 12 schools in our district to receive this award.
  - d. District to crack down on social media posts.
  - e. If you have blocked texts from Talk 203 you have blocked all texts from your school as well.
  - f. Tentative date for Focus 203 - Profile of a Learner 10/29, in person
  - g. Other
- J. Upcoming events:
  - a. Career-Motive-8 10/18 8:45-2pm Naperville Yard (113 businesses)
  - b. Board of Education Meeting Monday, October 21st
  - c. Halloween: Thursday, October 31
  - d. Boys Basketball and Wrestling start in November
  - e. Girls volleyball goes into the playoff season this week, both 7th and 8th grade.

### III. Vice President's Report: Kathryn Pegorsch

- A. To all committee members, if you have an event approaching and need help, or need us to spread the word please let me know.

### IV. Treasurer's Report: Justin Kozlowski

- A. Approval of Monthly Financials [September 2024](#)
  - a. 1st motion: Karen Brown
  - b. 2nd motion: Jepharya Badie
  - c. Approved
- B. Current Balance: \$30,777.90 as of 10/16/2024

V. Secretary's Report: Emily Kozlowski

- A. Approval of the [Minutes Sept 18 WJHS H&S \(unapproved\)](#)
  - a. 1st motion: Justin Kozlowski
  - b. 2nd motion: Jepharya Badie
  - c. Approved
- B. [District 203 Print Shop Instructions \(2\).pdf](#)
- C. District 203 forms for committee chairs
  - a. [Policy and Procedure Documents Acknowledgement Form](#)
- D. WJHS H&S [Policy Statement 2024-25](#)
  - a. Form to fill out: [WJHS H&S Policy Statement 2024-25](#)
- E. Correspondence

VI. Principal's Report

A. Wish List:

- a. Went over the wish list with the Exec Board tonight
- b. Asking for \$14000 due to our large intake from the fall fundraiser.
- c. Highlights: field trips, author visit, pumpkins to explode, GimKit subscriptions, Rebecca Caudill books for the classroom, PAWS motivational treats/shirts, hanging microphones for the theater groups, blacklights and neon highlighters for making annotating fun, etc.
- d. Unity Day was today, wear orange. The Culture Committee is the group in charge of this in the District.
- e. 8th grade cross country boys won today.
- f. Career Motiv8 is this Friday.
  - i. District is promoting career pathways in junior high.
- g. E-learning changes:
  - i. Now a mandatory checkin process at 9:15am, office hours at 11am and 1pm
  - ii. November 5, election day, is not e-learning, just a regular day off of school.

VIII. New Business

IX. Committee Reports

A. Verbal reports

- a. Fall Fundraiser: Went wonderfully. Looking for replacement committee chairs, possibly Jessica Jamrosz and Nikki Genthner.
- b. Doug's involvement: (The rep from 6Star fundraising). Question as to whether we want Doug running the prize days or have parents run them?
  - i. Mr. Decker and Jepharya feel it is important for the parents to just come in to help. Doug does provide a lot of value with running that and keeping track of who earned what.
  - ii. If he doesn't come, it is not that big of a monetary savings.
  - iii. Conversations are still continuing on this matter.

B. Written reports

- a. **Staff Appreciation:** We celebrated our custodial staff on October 2nd with a delicious assortment of cookies from Crumbl.

VIII. Adjournment at 7:57pm

**NEXT MEETING: November 20th at 8:30am**