




# Home & SCHOOL

Washington Junior High School  
Home & School Board Meeting  
Approved Minutes  
September 20, 2023

- I. Call to order at 9:03 am by Melinda Watson
  - A. [attendance 2023-09-20\\_111255.pdf](#)
- II. President's Report: Melinda Watson
  - A. Welcome back and introductions
  - B. THANK YOU'S
    - a. Thank you to School Supply Committee: Amity Caile
    - b. Thank you to Fall Fundraiser Committee: Jepharya Badie and Naomi Wattles
    - c. Thank you to Staff Appreciation for August lunch and ongoing events
    - d. Thank you to Hospitality for conference set up: Naomi Wattles
    - e. Thank you to Six Grade Meet and Greet: Dana Hall, Amity Caile
    - f. Thank you to Lost and Found: Tonia Batogowski & Roberta Bree
  - C. Directory Spot update
    - a. *DirectorySpot chair is Katie Munaco ([kmunaco@gmail.com](mailto:kmunaco@gmail.com))  
They are working on getting it up and running.*
  - D. Wish list update
    - a. *Process is beginning, Mr Vogel has sent a form out to staff.*
    - b. *Will discuss at the next H&S meeting.*
  - E. Facebook page: WJHS Home and School Association
    - a. Like and follow and tell your friends!
    - b. Committee Chairs: Have something to be posted? Email me or Bridget Karnick or Dana Hall.
  - F. Communication methods
    - a. Talk 203s/Wildcat Weekly: send to me, Emily and Mr. Vogel.
    - b. Facebook: WJHS Home and School Association, Bridget and Dana Hall.
  - G. Upcoming dates:
    - a. Fall Fundraiser: starts September 13 Periods 1,2 and 3
      - i. *Currently in 2nd place behind MJHS, approx \$30,000 sales*
      - ii. *The money we raise goes toward the wishlist the staff requests that we go over and approve in the next couple of months*
      - iii. *Fundraiser Prize Days: During lunch - Wednesday September 20 and Wednesday September 27*
      - iv. *Sign up Genius went out on 9.12.23*
      - v. *Friday October 6th - Last day for all donations and orders to count for the trip*
      - vi. *Friday October 27th - Scene 75 Trip*
    - b. General Home and School info
      - i. *No meeting this past month due to the power outage, LJHS and Riverwoods Elementary schools had e-learning days.*
      - ii. *No report.*
    - c. Parent/Teacher Conferences: October 12-13 (no school)
      - i. *Scheduling begins on 9.20.23*
    - d. H&S dates/times
      - i. [Meeting Calendar 2023-24 School Year](#)
- III. Vice President's Report: Kathryn Pegorsch
  - A. [Volunteer Sign Up Form](#) on website now
    - a. *66 responses so far*
    - b. *Volunteer lists will be sent to the committee chairs this week*
    - c. *Health screening volunteers should be contacted soon.*
- IV. Treasurer's Report: Anne Jackson Metzger
  - A. Approval of the [August Financial](#)
    - a. *1st: Jess Jamrosz*
    - b. *2nd: Liza Hood*
      - i. *Approved: yes*
    - c. *Checking account balance as off 8/31/2023: \$39,106.71*
  - B. Tax exempt form: cannot be reimbursed for tax.
    - a. *Copy in the H & S mailbox in the office.*
  - C. [Check Reimbursement Google Form](#)
    - a. *This will be added to the website soon.*

- D. Audit Update
  - a. None so far.

V. Secretary's Report: Emily Kozlowski

- A. Approval of the minutes from 8/31/23 Board Meeting
  - a.  Draft Minutes August 31, 2023 WJHS Board Meeting
    - i. 1st: Jess Jamrosz
    - ii. 2nd: Jen Krolick
    - iii. Approved
- B. Correspondence
  - a. Emily Brooks, 6th grade science and social studies teacher. Thank you for the wishlist item.
    -  FLIR Photos
  - b. Gina Pelligrino, thank you for the new baby gift Staff Appreciation gave her.
- C.  2023 - 2024 Committee Directory
- D. District 203 forms for committee chairs
  - a. *Reminder email will go out today to the chairs who still need to sign the form*
  - b. [Policy & Procedures Google Form](#)

VI. Principal's Report

- A. *End of the honeymoon period with the students, some behaviors are popping up but (knock on wood) they are all really good kids.*
- B. *Sports are up and running: girls volleyball, flag football, cross country.*
- C. *Movie night is October 20th. It will be outdoor but if it does rain it can be moved indoors to the gym.*
- D. *Parent-Teacher conferences scheduling opened today.*
  - a. *They will be virtual as Zoom is easier when you have multiple kids and there is more attendance by parents in this format.*
- E. *Grading system*
  - a. *There have been some bumps and hiccups with standard based grading on Infinite Campus.*
    - i. *Formative is practice work (0, 2, 4), counts for 10% of the grade IF the teacher chooses to utilize this category.*
    - ii. *Summative assignments and summatives assessments (3x the weight of an assignment) account for 90% or 100% of the grade.*
      - 1. *A problem right now is that summative assignments and summative assessments are weighted the same in the system and they are trying to fix it but until it is fixed teachers are having to manually go in and fix it. The assessment should be weighted 3x that of an assignment.*
  - b. **A= 3, 3.5 and 4. They are all an A and this is the goal.** B= 2.5 2=C 1=D 0=F
  - c. *For some assignments there is no option of a 4*
  - d. *Parent feedback from pilot schools for this grading system was that they want letter grades, not just numbers.*
  - e. *Official grade will be a letter grade*
  - f. *A positive to standards based grading is that it provides specifics in a subject that your child excels or needs help with, informs teachers/parents more effectively.*

VII. Committee Reports

- A. Verbal reports
  - a. *Movie Night (Jess Jamrosz)*
    - i. *A SignUp Genius is coming soon.*
  - b. *Fall Fundraiser (Jepharya Badie)*
    - i. *\$30,000 in sales as of today, tracking close to last year.*
    - ii. *Robo calls about the fundraiser went out 9/19/23 to 5/6/7 families and a separate one for 8th grade families reminding that portion goes toward the end of year boat trip. Naomi Wattles is working on social media posts. Mr. Gorey is working on in house visuals that the students see. Jephary and Mr. Decker are working on content for S'more. The committee is trying to be purposeful in their communication so as to be effective for parents and students.*
    - iii. *Today is prize day during the three lunch periods.*
    - iv. *Equity piece, you don't have to sell to participate.*
    - v. *Privacy: photos taken during prize day and shared are not of faces, just volunteers and hands/arms.*
    - vi. *Donation of cash on the website does count towards sales and H&S gets a larger percentage of a cash donation from 6Starr than for a magazine or product purchase.*
    - vii. *6Starr has been great to work with, very helpful.*
  - c. *SUCCESS (Jepharya Badie)*
    - i. *There was an informational meeting on 9/13, in person and virtual. The virtual was recorded and can be sent out.*
    - ii. *Their next event will be on 11/16 at NNHS. Celebrate, Educate and Empower event.*
  - d. *Spirit wear (Betty Mikula)*
    - i. *The sale of spirit wear has earned \$125 from Debs Embroidery so far this year.*
- B. Written reports
  - a. Diversity Advisory Committee

VIII. New Business

A. Kate Munaco - School Dance

- a. *She is not here and Mr. Vogel had to leave early.*
  - i. *Will add to the October meeting agenda to be discussed.*
  - ii. *The discussion so far has been to have it in November or December, maybe make it a learning experience for social interaction. DJ could lead dances or get people on the dance floor for certain things.*
  - iii. *Mr. Decker took notes of what we discussed and will report back to Mr. Vogel.*

B. Community Inclusion Committee Chair

- a. *Karen Brown was introduced*
  - i. *She has 3 kids, has lived overseas and is very excited for the ability to take on this position.*
  - ii. *Jepharya will send me the write up of the role so that I can add it to the WJHS H&S Policy Statement*
  - iii. *She is the conduit for that relationship between staff/families/students. H&S represents families so this position is key.*

IX. Correspondence

1.

**From:** Emily Brooks <[EBrooks@naperville203.org](mailto:EBrooks@naperville203.org)>

**Date:** August 30, 2023 at 2:23:15 PM CDT

**To:** [washingtonhomeandschool@gmail.com](mailto:washingtonhomeandschool@gmail.com)

**Subject:** **Wish List Item - Thank You**

Hello Home and School families!

I just wanted to take a moment and send a thank you email with a follow up from the wish list item I received. Last year I was able to purchase a Flir mobile thermal camera to support the work of our students in the science classroom. By the time I received the camera, it was a bit past when we would use it the most. This year, however, we have already been able to put it to good use!

If you would like to see the camera in action, check out [these slides](#) with pictures from our lab today! Students are investigating how the energy from the sun impacts different surfaces like land and water, and the camera was a huge addition to our lab.

Thank you again for your support in helping our students have an awesome time at school!

2.

Hi Emily,

I just wanted to take a moment to thank you and the Home & School community for the thoughtful baby gift. The generous Amazon gift cards have already been put towards a baby bouncer. We can't thank you enough!

Warmly,

Gina Pellegrino & Family

Meeting adjourned at 10:56am

Next Meeting:

**October 10th at 7pm in the LC  
(guest BOE Rep Amanda McMillan, wishlist presentation)**