

# HOME & SCHOOL

Washington Junior High School  
Home & School Board Meeting  
October 10, 2023 at 7pm  
*Approved Minutes*

- I. Call to order by Melinda Watson at 7:04pm
  - A. Attendance: ■ 10\_2023-10-16\_0824411023attendance.pdf Shannon Olsen, Kathryn Pegorsch, Anne Jackson-Metzger, Melinda Watson, Karen Brown, Amanda McMillen, Emily Kozlowski, Kate Munaco, Eden Bonsonto, Jessica Jamrosz, Kari Walker, Alysse Bergmann, Roberta Bree
  
- II. President's Report: Melinda Watson
  - A. Welcome to special guest, Board of Education member, Amanda McMillen
  - B. Thank you to the Staff Appreciation Committee for ongoing staff gifts, *travel mugs for the custodial staff.*
  - C. Thank you to Family Communications for updating Directory Spot: The email for Directory spot has been changed on the Board Directory. 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)
  - D. Thank you to the Lost and Found Committee for continually checking the Lost and Found. Please let us know when donations are made so parents and students can come check it periodically.
    - a. Possibly will post on FB page of pictures of what is there.
  - E. Thank you to the Fall Fundraiser Committee for a fabulous fundraiser!! Totaling \$54,000. Approximately \$27,000 of that amount will come back to WJHS H&S.  
Breakdown of earnings:  
Magazines 43%, online donations 26%, gift items 17%, Tervis tumblers 8%, stationary and frames 6%.  
We had higher monetary donations than before and WJHS led the junior highs in all categories.  
Update on donation drive through NEF  
NEF Drive with LJHS was a pilot program this year and did not go as well as they expected.  
Thank you to everyone for their support!
  - 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/wjshomeandschool>
  - H. Wish list procedure has started: vote in November.
    - a. Anne will send Emily a version to send out to the Board
  - I. General Home & School Information
    - a. Home & School Fall 2023 Survey: Due in early November.
    - b. Career Motiv-8 event: 98 Businesses have volunteered including 26 trades and manufacturing companies.
    - c. 360 Youth Help
      - i. *Cornerstone Home for Boys - in our District. This home provides services, supplies and living spaces for boys in need offering them independence*

*and critical life skills so that they can become self-sufficient and independent members of society. There are around one dozen boys there now and they are in need of very specific donations.*

- ii. *SignUp Genius to purchase items:*  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4AA8AB2FA7FC1-44916444-cornerstone#/>

- 1. Emily will write a Wildcat Weekly blurb for the next two weeks promoting this.
  - d. Gift Mart - Donations for Gift Mart can be made 11/3-11/28. Unwrapped items from \$20-\$30. Toys, books, clothing, etc.
    - i. Should H&S do a drive for this? Check with the Service Matters club so that we are not double dipping on asking for donations.
  - e. 2023 Crosstown Classic
  - f. Video Series on Instrumental Mindset - there will be one a month.  
[www.smore.com/am4n7-community-collaboration](http://www.smore.com/am4n7-community-collaboration)
  - g. School Board meetings - 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month
    - i. Only one meeting in November on the 13th.
  - h. Other
- J. Upcoming events:
- a. ALMAS (Alliance of Latinos Motivating Action in the Suburbs).-
    - i. Event was this evening at the DuPage Children's Museum.
    - ii. A discussion to celebrate spanish heritage month.
  - b. School Conferences this week 12th and 13th
  - c. Board of Education Meeting Monday, October 16th
  - d. Halloween: Tuesday, October 31
  - e. Fall Band Concert: Wednesday, November 1st at 7:30pm
  - f. Career-Motive-8 10/20 9-noon
  - g. Boys Basketball and Wrestling start in November
  - h. Girls volleyball goes into playoff season next week, both 7th and 8th grade.
  - i. To all committee members, if you have an event approaching and need help, or need us to spread the word please let me know.
- K. Discussion
- a. Guest speaker -
    - i. Would we like a guest speaker, possibly in February?
    - ii. Possible ideas, mental health speaker.
  - b. Phone usage in Middle Schools
    - i. No usage allowed in class, not good to have them on them all the time.
    - ii. Lots of bullying stems from phone usage.
    - iii. Good for them to focus away from the phone.
  - c. Calendar planning feedback for 2025-2026
    - i. The District wants parent feedback regarding the calendar so let Mr. Vogel or Melinda know so they get the feedback to the District.
  - d. Meetings - Another Guest speaker?
  - e. Raffle to get parents/guardians to attend?
    - i. Possible to raffle off a parking spot for a big event.
    - ii. Question to include a Zoom option for meetings?
      - 1. We will set it up for the next meeting in November.
- L. Ellsworth was awarded the Blue Ribbon school
- M. Beach balls: The District has hundreds of beach balls that they would like to get rid of, if you have a need for them let Melinda know.

III. Vice President's Report: Kathryn Pegorsch

A. Has the volunteer spreadsheet all put together and it will go out to board asap.

IV. Treasurer's Report: Anne Metzger

A. Approval of [September 2023 Financials](#)

- a. 1st Motion: Jessica Jamrosz
- b. 2nd Motion: Alyse Bergmann
- c. Approved

B. Current Balance: \$38,617.04 as of 9/30/2023

C. Review Wish list - No action at this time

- a. Anne will send Emily a copy to send to the board.
- b. Wish list is funded by magazine sales.
  - i. The staff submit requests.
  - ii. Mr. Vogel and the Exec Board go through it and then present to the Board.
  - iii. Proposed is \$12780, over the budget of \$8000 but we have the extra money.
  - iv. We recommend approving it at the November 2023 meeting.

V. Secretary's Report: Emily Kozlowski

A. Approval of the [Unapproved H&S Minutes September 20, 2023](#)

- a. 1st Motion: Jessica Jamrosz
- b. 2nd Motion: Kari Walker
- c. Approved

B. [District 203 Print Shop Instructions \(2\).pdf](#)

C. [Policy & Procedure Form](#)

- a. Signatures needed from Kari Walker.
  - i. Done
  - ii. All Board members have now signed the form.

D. Correspondence

- a. None

E. Update our Bylaws

- a. Please review and add comments if you think something should be changed or added.
- b. [Working Draft of 2023-24 Bylaws.docx](#)

F. RSVP for meetings

VI. Principal's Report

A. School Dance

- a. Mr. Vogel will meet with Melinda and Mrs. Trannon to discuss and come up with a proposal.
- b. Maybe January, maybe between fall /winter sports. Friday night, 5-5:30 possible start.
- c. Possible dance/karaoke
- d. Melinda will look into what other junior highs do.
- e. Budget questions

B. Concessions for Athletics

- a. Parents organize it. Talk about having a committee chair to organize it.
- b. Have made \$600 just from girls volleyball, also sell at girls and boys basketball.
- c. Jessica Jamrosz may head it up and it will be place under SFCP.

C. Washington updates

- a. Parent-teacher conferences this week, on Zoom.
- b. Movie Night October 20th
- c. Spirit week Oct 25th

d. Anti-bullying campaign

VII. Amanda McMillen, Board of Education Representative

- A. Mom of 4 kids in the District.
- B. This is her 3rd year on the school board.
- C. Enjoys being out in the community and going to events.
- D. Appreciates all of H&S's volunteer work.

VIII. New Business

- A. Roller Skating Fundraiser
  - a. Jessica Jamrosz: Aurora Skate, \$10 a kid, they give a percent back and we would give it to student council.
  - b. During the week, maybe over winter break.
  - c. Jessica, Mrs. Trannon and Mr. Vogel will get together to plan
  - d. Not a H&S event.

IX. Committee Reports

- A. Verbal reports
  - a. Staff Appreciation: Fall caramel apple bar for the staff on October 27th, Mr. Vogel approves date/event.
  - b. October 23rd, Crumbl cookies for the Bus Drivers.
- B. Written reports
  - a. None

VIII. Adjournment 8:04pm

**NEXT MEETING: November 7th 12:30pm with a Zoom option**