

HOME & SCHOOL

Washington Junior High School

Home and School Board Meeting

Approved Minutes

November 7, 2023 12:30pm

(Zoom Link: <https://naperville203.zoom.us/j/95028813677>)

- I. Call to order by Melinda at: 12:37pm
 - A. Attendance: Betty Mikula (Zoom), Kasey Gilliam, Karen Brown, Jessica Jamrosz, Jen Krolick, Melinda Watson, Emily Kozlowski, Kathryn Pegorsch, Anne Jackson-Metzger, Tonia Batogowski, Roberta Bree, Jon Vogel.

- II. President's Report: Melinda Watson
 - A. Thank you to Staff Appreciation Committee their ongoing work
 - B. Staff Holiday Brunch, December 14th at 8:30am. (Confirm date/time) confirmed. Clean up at 10:30am.
 - a. Bagels needed to be added.
 - b. SignUp Genius soon, donations needed!
 - i. Will go out after Thanksgiving.
 - C. Will begin setting up transition meetings for feeder schools in January.
 - a. Maybe wait until February.
 - D. General Home & School
 - a. Community Holiday giving program: gift card donations this year.
 - b. Results of the Home & School survey: to be discussed in January.
 - c. NEF Fundraiser will not be happening again next year in place of the magazine drive.
 - i. Magazine drive works well at WJHS.
 - E. Upcoming dates:
 - a. No School: November 22-24
 - b. No December Home & School meeting

- III. Vice President's Report: Kathryn Pegorsch
 - A. No report

- IV. Treasurer's Report: Anne Metzger
 - A. Approval of [October 2023 Financials](#)
 - a. 1st Motion: Jess Jamrosz
 - b. 2nd Motion: Jen Krolick
 - c. Approved: Yes
 - B. Current bank balance as of October 31, 2023: \$37,383.49
 - C. [Wshlist 2023-24.xlsx](#) discussion and vote.
 - a. 1st Motion: Jess Jamrosz
 - b. 2nd Motion: Jen Krolick
 - c. Approved: Yes
 - d. Addition to the wish list after our last meeting:
 - i. Miss Bergantino, an LBS for 5th grade, is asking for \$350 for a "Who Feast" incentive. This incentive would purchase a fun lunch for (5) 5th graders per month for those who are following the rules.

1. Anne mentioned that 5th grade was underrepresented on the original wish list.
- ii. Mrs. Rees, reading specialist, is requesting \$535 to purchase (3) sets of Rebecca Caudill books for 6th grade.
 1. The original wish list did include purchasing these sets for 7th and 8th grade.
- iii. The two additions above will be voted on separately, by Google Form.
 1. Emily will send the form out to the entire board for review with a deadline.

V. Secretary's Report: Emily Kozlowski

- A. Approval of the [Unapproved Minutes 10/10/23.docx](#)
 - a. 1st Motion: Jess Jamrosz
 - b. 2nd Motion: Jen Krolick
 - c. Approved: Yes
- B. Approval of the [Updated Policy Statement 10/12/23](#)
 - a. The update was to add the Community Inclusivity Chair position and is highlighted in the document.
 - b. 1st Motion: Jen Krolick
 - c. 2nd Motion: Jess Jamrosz
 - d. Approved: Yes
- C. Correspondence
 - a. Thank you from the Wojtkiewicz Family; the Staff Appreciation committee made a donation to the American Lung Association in honor of Mr. Wojtkiewicz's father when he passed.
 - i. [thxwojtkiewicz2023-11-03_081130.pdf](#)
 - b. Thank you from Mr. Vogel regarding the Fall Caramel Apple Bar that the Staff Appreciation committee organized for the staff on 10/27/23.
 - i. *"Thank you so much for taking the time and effort for the delicious caramel apple bar! Unfortunately, I was out of the building on Friday and was unable to partake, however several staff members shared how much they enjoyed it and what a special treat it was. Thanks again, we really appreciate it!"*

VI. Principal's Report

- A. Conferences went very smoothly. Zoom is enjoyed by all.
- B. 7th grade Single A champs in volleyball.
- C. Fall sports assembly was held. Mr. Vogel felt old playing volleyball during the assembly.
- D. The FACS room had smoke in it from the parchment paper being used to cook clay. There was no fire, alarms did not go off.
- E. The Veterans Day assembly will be on November 11, school wide. The assembly is 30 minutes long including veterans speaking, students playing music and a reading of In Flanders Field. Taps is played at the end and the kids leave quietly.
- F. B&G update: new windows and doors were installed over the summer and the next step is an addition of a film over the windows that are bullet resistant. There will also be a reinforced window/door installed at the front by check in.
- G. Thank you for the wish list.

VII. Committee Reports

- A. Verbal reports
- B. Written reports

- a. Staff Appreciation:
 - i. We were glad to hear that the staff enjoyed the caramel apple bar. That is always a fun one to plan! We also celebrated all of our bus drivers with Crumbl Cookies and our OT, Nora Plank.
 - ii. This week is School Psychologist Awareness Week, so a big shout out to Stephanie Guglielmucci, and next week is National Education Support Professional Day. Thank you to Mary Baker, Jackie Mullin, Nancy Rapp, Heidi Roffman, Carl Sissac, Jill Smith, Wendy Welch and Jodi Chung for everything you do in the classrooms.
- b. Diversity Advisory Committee
 - i. [11/06/23 Diversity Advisory Committee Meeting Notes](#)

VIII. New Business

A. Mrs. Jen Trannon

a. Escape Room

- i. Probably will be more highly attended by younger kids.
- ii. Not tied into a book.
- iii. PLC will make different puzzles..
- iv. Tied to the Paris Olympics. George the Wildcat has the torch to start the Olympics and he is missing. The kids will have to find him.
- v. Evening, 6-8pm
- vi. Sign up as teams, ideally as a country.
- vii. Groups of 5 or 6.
- viii. Teams, go room to room to solve puzzles.
- ix. Paris themed party in the gym after.
- x. Parent and teacher volunteers.
- xi. January 25 or 26
- xii. This was weighed in on by the students and is instead of a dance.
- xiii. Connected with SFCP

B. Mr. Gorey

a. Author Visits

- i. Naperville READS is back after the pandemic
- ii. Theme for middle school this year is "Stories From the Past Form Our Future"
- iii. Authors Sharon Cameron and Ralph Shayne coming to WJHS.
 - 1. Ralph Shayne, 7th grade on Dec 4th
 - 2. Sharon Cameron, 8th grade on Dec 5th
- iv. Qr codes to order books through ABC Fairs will come home on flyers.
- v. Usually have a banner to welcome authors, if anyone wants to help.
 - 1. Jess Jamrosz wants to help with lettering.
- vi. Looking for an author visit for 5th/6th graders in the spring probably.

Adjourned at 1:16pm.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 @ 12:30pm...See you next year!