



**Washington School PTO
September 25, 2018
Meeting Minutes**

Board Members in Attendance

Michael Paskin
Kim Kotnik
Shannon Schroeder
Cari Menchaca
Tara King
Vanessa Campos
Erin Muslera
Dustin Todd
Lilia Hine
Anna Stump
Kristie Chapman
Jessica Gin

Staff in Attendance

Christina Giguere
Heather McBurnie
Whitney Alegria

Parents in Attendance

Negar Haley
Holly Parker
Brady Charrette
Mary O'Flynn
Maggie Saunders
Mike Zapata
Teresa Anis
Matt Genovese
Maria Miller
Iliana Orozco
Beth Slifirski
Stephanie Riodan

1. Michael Paskin, PTO President

Michael welcomed the attendees and called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM. Introductions were made around the room. Michael reported that the PTO has listened to the feedback of the parent base



and the response has been great. We held off - on the kick off for PRIDE until after Labor Day. The AXXESS books are back and Party Book will kick off next week with the Mom's Night Out fundraiser.

2. Christina Giguere, Principal

We began school with 4 Curriculum Specialists/Teacher Assistants and 2 more highly qualified CS will be joining our staff very soon. We are excited to have the support and get settled with our schedules. SAFETY has been a major focus here at Washington. Our safety plan needed work as we were not as prepared as we would like to be. We had a 'lockdown' drill last week and plan to practice other safety drills once a month. The back gate will be closed, but not locked, during school hours. Our Crisis Response Team consists of: Kelly Moore (SB Unified), Ms. Chin, Ms. Blue and Rosa, who will be meeting with the School Site Council.

3. Kim Kotnik, Vice President

We have 15 Business Boosters 'On Board' for PRIDE. The Business Booster program begins now (with PRIDE) and will continue through the year.

Business Booster Sponsorship Program: Business Booster sponsorships are available again this year for \$1500 (Wildcat family-owned businesses and small businesses with fewer than 10 employees) or for \$2000 for large businesses. Sponsors receive a nice banner prominently displayed at school, promotion via Parent Square, school marquis and social media, and our gratitude!

4. Tara King, Treasurer

Tara is waiting until the end of the week (as PRIDE comes to a close on Friday) to see where we will fall in terms of the budget. We are currently at \$171,294. Including the business boosters. With 3 full days to go, we are at 86% of our goal. The kids are loving PRIDE Fridays and we have had some great sales with our Wildcat Wear on those days.

5. Shannon Schroeder, Communications Chair

Shannon's deadline for getting information into the Friday Newsletter is: Tuesday afternoon.

Elizabeth is looking for a 'Walk & Roll' Chair. This position includes organizing the meeting hubs for those who walk to campus or ride their bikes with schoolmates. Last year smoothies were given out the 1st Wednesday of the month. We are also looking for a Move-A-Thon Chair. This Chair and committee's work begins in November with looking for Sponsors and donations.

6. Dustin Todd, IT Chair

Dustin is currently working on - the online shopping for this site. www.WashingtonSchoolPTO.org

7. Erin Muslera and Kimberley Yaeger, PRIDE Co-Chairs



At 86% of the goal, Erin is very grateful to all those who have helped with the PRIDE campaign. The Chairs need a little bit more help with the final push over the next 3 days. The Last Pride Friday will take place from 8-8:30 am, this Sept 28. Grand Finale: DUNK our PTO President.

8. Other Business and Discussion

PARTY BOOK – Kristie Chapman presented a proposed Calendar of Events with fundraising Parties as well as free community building events (typically driven by the PTO). There is some discussion about wanting Party Book to welcome more families. The committee chairs have a plan to pass the torch of these Party Books to lower grade families (new Hosts with each Party). Cari Menchaca shares a historical perspective of how successful Party Book has been as a fundraiser. She offers to help spearhead a free community event (PTO) or to help Host a low price point Party Book. A motion is made (and PASSED): To move forward with the Calendar of Events and check back in at a subsequent meeting.

AXXESS Books – Last year the sales were \$50K gross, \$16K net for Washington. Michael has been in contact with Karim at Axxess and we have the option of all of the book sales done online (the buyer/end user also responsible for the shipping cost), where there isn't volunteer help necessary. Or the way it has been done in the past where the book is sent home with each student. Holly Parker volunteers to help organize the books upon delivery. A motion is made (and PASSED): That we continue the Axxess Book fundraiser as it has been done in the past, with the books going home with the students.

SHADE SAILS - The umbrellas arrived today to provide shade for the lunch tables. Not every table is able to accommodate an umbrella. Last year's 6th grade 'gifted' some money, so we are looking into Shade Sails. 1 pole mounted, taunt shade is roughly \$6K. The Board 'open to' and looking into other ways to provide shade for this area. (The district would need to approve something like this, so the research has begun.)

WILLY THE WILDCAT – A motion was made (and PASSED): For the Board to spend up to \$500. for a new school mascot costume. Teresa Anis volunteered to research the project.

6th GRADE SCIENCE ADVENTURE – This year our 6th grade students (all schools in SB Unified School District) will not be able to participate/are not going to the Outdoor Science Camp at Camp Whittier or Allegre (Last year's fires and mudslides damaged the camps and they are currently under Re-Build). A motion was made (and PASSED): To send our three 6th grade classrooms and teachers to the King Tut Exhibit at the California Science Center. The cost is \$1300. (not including the busses).

Wish List – Mr. Mack will post his list on ParentSquare.

Ball Wall – The Board is looking into ways to create another space for a Ball Wall. Mrs G is ready to approve.

Meeting adjourns at 8:30 PM