



**Washington School PTO  
March 19, 2019  
Meeting Minutes**

**Board Members in Attendance**

Michael Paskin  
Kim Kotnik  
Shannon Shroeder  
Tara King  
Vanessa Campos  
Cari Menchaca  
Lilia Hine  
Jessica Gin  
Elizabeth Wagner  
Kimberly Yaegar  
Kristie Chapman  
Anna Stump

**Staff in Attendance**

Christina Giguere  
Michael Riley

**Parents in Attendance**

Jamie Crystal  
Jessie Sexton  
Eryn Hecker  
Leeandra Shalhoob-Conaway  
Cynthia Vong  
Jessie O'Sullivan

**1. Michael Paskin, PTO President**

Michael welcomed everybody and called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. He will give updates throughout the meeting.

**2. Christina Giguere, Principal**

Our next Wildcat Meeting will be Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 8:30 am on the blacktop. Parent Teacher Conferences are this week, March 18 – 22<sup>nd</sup>. 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are released at 12 pm (Movie Days are available after early release). Thank you to the PTO for the Hospitality lunches for our teachers and staff. Christina is still working with Kelly Moore regarding the weekend vandalism still occasionally



occurring. Christina asks the board if we will be able to keep the Curriculum Specialists (CS) through the end of the year.

Christina presents and opens up the discussion for Washington's SPSA (School Plan for Student Achievement). She is currently reviewing the plan written last year to see where we were successful and where we want to focus. She will write the SPSA for 2020. See attachment.

### 3. Jamie Crystal & Jessica Sexton, Science Night Update

Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup>, 5-7pm. There are 20 exhibitors confirmed. Many of the same amazing exhibitors will be back (MOXI, Natural History Museum, UCSB, Sonos...). This is a free event, while the Bake Sale will benefit next year's CIMI trip. Going to use the Scavenger Hunt idea again and better use of signage. Flyers will go home on Thurs. April 18<sup>th</sup>.

### 4. Tara King, Treasurer

MAT did great. Matt Genovese brought in \$8K with his Run4Fun fundraiser. Though we are on a tight ship, with Party Book events, the Come Sail Away (SBYC) fundraiser and the Brick Legacy Program, it's possible that we could break even. We will know in April if we will be able to keep the Curriculum Specialists through the end of the year. Tara shares that we are currently at Union Bank, but that she is interested in researching Montecito Bank & Trust or Riviera Bank which offer no fees and 1.7% interest. Kim Kotnik makes a motion for Tara to do the necessary research and have conversations about moving our banking business. Michael Paskin seconds, the motion is PASSED.

### 5. Kristie Chapman & Eryn Hecker, Party Book

Mother Son Bingo	April 13, Lead Host: Kathy Trujillo
Camp Out, Sage Hill	April 26-28 Lead Host: Kelly Malazzo \$65/pp
JR CHEF	May _, Lead Host: our own retired Mr. Nitikman!
Come Sail Away, SBYC	May 18, Lead Host: Brady Charrette \$50/pp Silent Auction

Elizabeth Wagner gives an update about the Campout. The hosts went to visit the site. Tara King is going to get Elizabeth the most recent rsvp list. Kristie Chapman shares with the board that she will meet with Brady Charrette to assess what they think the Come Sail Away Party will be able to raise. Tickets will cover the costs, so the Silent Auction items and Bricks will raise the funds. Tara's husband Joe King, will load the Party Books to the PTO site while Dustin Todd is on holiday. Eryn Hecker asks for help finding a kitchen for Mr. Nitikman's Jr. Chef party book. Tara K. may have a host.

### 6. Kim Kotnik, PTO Vice President

As of Tuesday evening, the MAT has raised \$58,356. With 3 days to go, we still time to get those donations in. There are tiers of prizes (No homework passes, Class pizza parties, whole school Dip & Dot Dance Party...) that room parents are emailing out for a final push. Appreciations to Jessica Gin, Lilia Hine & Kim Kotnik! Board cheers, hip hip hooray! Kim circles back to the question that



Christina asked earlier about keeping the CS through the end of the year: The board has a responsibility to be good stewards with how we spend the money we raise at Washington. Everybody would love to have the CS being used to support teachers/academics through June.

#### **7. Michael Paskin, PTO President**

In light of Mrs. Giguere's resignation, Michael Paskin and Kim Kotnik have had a handful of meetings with Santa Barbara Unified School District Superintendent (Dr. Cary Matsuoka) and Assistant Superintendent (Dr. Raul Ramirez). Michael and Kim have conveyed a desire to retain Mrs. Giguere if possible and to provide additional support to make the Principal job more sustainable and higher impact for Mrs. Giguere or whomever succeeds her. Our school needs an assistant principal, additional psychologist time, additional playground supervision and yard duty. This and other support would allow the Principal to substantively engage in our school's instructional quality and academic performance.

Progress Report: Two Assistant Principals positions have been approved and those jobs posted to the district site. Michael feels that we have their attention and they (Dr. Matsuoka and Dr. Ramirez) have responded to a number of items. We are community partners and these meetings and conversations are moving in a positive direction. The district is trying to support the PTO board, our Principal, teachers and the Washington parents. Michael feels reassured.

Brick Legacy Program: There has been a bit of delay. Michael is still looking at the idea of the bricks forming a fun shape (a tree or balloons). Michael has been in contact with another sign company for brick fabrication. The installation would take 3 weeks. We need to discuss the price and position (location) at the next PTO meeting.

#### **Open Discussion:**

Anna Stump, Parent Talent Show fundraising idea.

Next meeting: Tues April 23rd. Meeting adjourns at 8:35 pm