

**Washington School PTO  
October 23, 2018  
Meeting Minutes****Board Members in Attendance**

Michael Paskin  
Kim Kotnik  
Shannon Schroeder  
Cari Menchaca  
Vanessa Campos  
Elizabeth Wagner  
Erin Muslera  
Dustin Todd  
Lilia Hine  
Kristie Chapman  
Jessica Gin

**Staff in Attendance**

Christina Giguiere  
Bridget Gankas  
Meredith Llewellyn

**Parents in Attendance**

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**1. Michael Paskin, PTO President**

Michael welcomed the attendees and called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

**2. Christina Giguiere, Principal**

October 18<sup>th</sup> was the Great Shakeout Day, Washington participated in the earthquake drill, along with the rest of the nation. Teachers and staff worked on evacuating quickly, counting children, search and rescue and setting up a command center. Christina has received feedback from the teachers and staff and we will be making some changes to our policies. Up next, the focus will be checking children out/releasing children to those who are on their emergency cards, in an orderly fashion. Safety first.

At the ELAC meeting last week, there were 22 families in attendance. Dinner and child care were provided. It was a successful meeting, there are 3 others scheduled for this year. The next meeting is Thursday Nov 15<sup>th</sup>. Lilia Hine has been a BIG support for this group. These parents are interested and eager to get their children 're-classified', a process that can take 8 years. Most families would like to see this happen before their child enters the secondary school level/junior high. There was discussion at the meeting about an after school Enrichment class that could help tutor these students. The Board



discussed a partnership with students from SBCC or from the local High Schools. Kristie C. suggests the Homework Club in the library, already in progress. Elizabeth W. will research what Monroe Elementary school is doing, as they have a strong ELAC community.

Playground balls have been ordered! It has been a slow process -making progress toward the Ball Wall, stay tuned. The kids are really interested in playing flag football at lunchtime, but there isn't enough supervision available for it to be safe for everybody. Christina proposes the idea of a 'Dads Club' (or moms). It would be a half hour/40 minute volunteer commitment (during their lunch time) where dads would sign up/commit to supervising the kids. Christina would love for them to be able to play safely, Dads (or moms), could help make this happen by volunteering. Maybe we could start with the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders to see how it can work?

We have all 6 Curriculum Specialists up and running now. They are helping/supporting grade levels with writing fluency, site words, establishing book clubs, meeting 1-1, working in small math groups just to name a few.

Now that the Student Council has been elected, Christina will be working with them on some fun projects. Lastly, the 5<sup>th</sup> graders had a wonderful field trip to the MOXI Museum. Thank you PTO.

### **3. Kim Kotnik, Vice President**

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!

We are waiting for only 1 BB Sponsor donation from the PRIDE campaign. There is some discussion about the option for more Price Level Tiers (\$600 or \$800 options – as well as the \$1500 or \$2000).

### **4. Vanessa Campos, Financial Secretary**

For future cash deposits, please use the WSF deposit forms (found in the Board's shared google drive). Please count the cash, name the event/fundraiser and sign your name. Vanessa would like to use a check scanner from Union Bank, at the next big fundraising event – along with our Square Readers (credit card swipes).

Michael speaks on behalf of Tara K., our treasurer. Regarding our budget, it's looking like we are going to need to come up with an additional \$35K. We have money in Reserves, but do we want to reduce it down or how can we raise the rest? There is some discussion about a less formal GALA (Mesa Burger event rather than the Canary venue). We would still need the Silent Auction and possibly get creative with Live Auction items. Other ideas: Salsa dancing at the Carillo Recreation Center, Wine & Movie under the stars. Cari M. mentions the 'Brick Legacy' fundraising idea that was meant to cover the flagpole area. The idea was approved back in 2014/15, but never came to fruition. Michael remembers the idea. Christina mentions that our flagpole will be under construction (getting replaced) THIS September.



#### 5. Shannon Schroeder, Communications Chair

Shannon's deadline for getting information into the Newsletter is: Tuesday afternoon. Shannon will continue to send the Newsletter through her email, she wonders if the urgent/dailies should go through [communications@washingtonschoolpto.org](mailto:communications@washingtonschoolpto.org)? Her concern is whether people may not be reading them.

#### 6. Dustin Todd, IT Chair

Dustin is currently working on - the online Event tickets. [www.WashingtonSchoolPTO.org/Events](http://www.WashingtonSchoolPTO.org/Events) (a number of new Party Books). Swag Sales, formerly Wildcat Wear, will go live as we have plenty of inventory to fulfill orders. The fulfillment plan will be to pick up the merchandise at the school office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8-9 am (and probably an afterschool option). The School Staff will be included on the PTO site, with correct contact information. Elizabeth W. will get teacher information to Dustin.

#### 7. Elizabeth Wagner, Volunteer Chair

Elizabeth now has Ginny M's database for volunteers, so that has been helpful. Kelly Ransdell is the Lead for the upcoming Movie Days (P/T Conference week). Rori Diaz is the Hospitality Chair again this year for the teacher/staff lunches that week (November 9-16).

The date for the Move-A-Thon has been set: Friday March 15<sup>th</sup> (half day). Still looking for a Chair, but will be in contact with last year's committee. This Chair and committee's work begins in November with looking for Sponsors and donations.

Elizabeth has an idea for Community Building through grade level dinners. Will be in contact with Julianna Zapata (room parent coordinator) to work on that.

#### 8. Party Book Chair, Kristie Chapman

Moms Night Out: **Sold Out**. Brought in \$1K.

Halloween Spooktacular: Tuesday Oct 30. La Mesa Park. 4-6pm \$15/pp

Football in the Funkzone: Sunday Nov 4. Shalhoob's. 10-4pm \$50/pp

Jingle Jog: Saturday Dec 1. 9-10am Location: TBA **FREE EVENT**

Ugly Sweater Holiday Party: Saturday Dec 1. The Cliff Room. 6-9pm \$20/pp

AXXESS Books – We sold 980 books. According to the calculations of \$13. A book, we raised \$12,740. 12 classes won Pizza Parties and several teachers earned a free Axxess book.

Meeting adjourns at 8:45 PM

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