



Washington School PTO
May 21, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Board Members in Attendance

Michael Paskin
Kim Kotnik
Shannon Schroeder
Tara King
Vanessa Campos
Cari Menchaca
Lilia Hine
Elizabeth Wagner
Anna Stump
Dustin Todd
Erin Muslera
Gillette Hall

Staff in Attendance

Christina Giguere
Heather Grosch

Parents in Attendance

Matt Genovese
Kelly Milazzo
Megan Bright
Eryn Hecker
Anne-Marie Matthews
Jason Statucki
Stephen Martin
Stephanie Riordan

I. Michael Paskin, PTO President

Michael welcomed everybody and called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm. Discussion about the 2019/20 PTO Board Slate and Leadership positions.

Volunteers to serve in Officer Roles:

President, Michael Paskin
Vice President, Anna Stump
Communications, Shannon Schroeder
Recording Secretary: Anne-Marie Matthews
Treasurer, Tara King



Financial Secretary, Vanessa Campos
IT, Dustin Todd
Teacher Representatives: tba

Returning Board Members:

Cari Menchaca
Elizabeth Wagner, Business Booster Program
Kristie Chapman, Axxess fundraiser
Lilia Hine, PRIDE
Kim Kotnik

New Members:

Matt Genovese
Kelly Milazzo, PRIDE
Jaime Crystal, Science Night

Leadership Fundraising Chairs:

PRIDE: Kelly Milazzo & Lilia Hine
Party Book: Eryn Hecker, Sarah Matheson, Kim Eubanks & Kimberley Yeager
MAT: TBD
GALA: TBD (if held)

The Washington School Foundation PTO Bylaws state that, the Board may have 15 voting Board Members. There are 14 self-nominated parents (+2 teachers TBA) who wish to participate. Gillette Hall makes a motion: The PTO Board makes an exception to allow 16 voting Board Members for the 2019/20 school year. The motion is PASSED.

Erin Muslera makes a motion to approve the 2019/20 PTO Board Slate. The motion is PASSED.

Michael feels that this year's board has been successful this year at listening to voices that were underheard. Successful at representing different grade levels and experience. Michael appreciates everyone new and returning and is excited about the meaningful impact this new board will have at Washington.

2. Christina Giguere, Principal

Cristina wants to share her gratitude and appreciation. She feels excited about what is on the horizon for Washington. She feels lucky to be working with a PTO Board that is so engaged. She hopes that everyone had a lovely time at the Volunteer Tea last Friday. She was not able to make it to the Come Sail Away event, but has heard from everybody how amazing it was. Over the summer she plans to reflect, regroup and be ready to go on Tuesday August 20th!

Staff Update: Ms. White will return to Washington and will be teaching 2nd grade. Ms. Alegria will move to teach 5th grade. Jacqueline is our full time School Psychologist. Daniel Mera has been hired as



Head Custodian. Denise Granger is our new Assistant Principal. The TOSA position (Teacher on Special Assignment) has posted and when it's time to interview in June, Christina will reach back out to Michael (and 2-3 board members) to participate in the interview process.

Student iPads will be sent home with students this summer. Restrictions to be installed by the district. Open House is this Thursday, May 23rd.

3. Shannon Schroeder & Megan Bright

One School, One Book – A family Literacy Program. <https://readtothem.org/> A new idea to Washington. Every child/family reading the same book. Kinder thru 6th graders enjoying the same book. One chapter each evening (or week), being able to talk, share and experience together. Parents reading to children or children reading to their parents, but families reading together. Let's invest in the future of our student climate, it's wonderful for our parent community as well. The cost for every child to receive a book and the materials is \$6.95 (\$4240. For the whole student body). We can find ways to celebrate this curriculum.

Anna Stump makes a motion to support One School, One Book -Family Literacy Program. The PTO would fund the program if supported by the teaching staff when Megan and Shannon present to them next week. The motion is PASSED.

4. Tara King, Treasurer

Tara will be receiving the expenses from teachers and others soon (busses, field trips, teacher support etc.). It's looking like we will close at the breakeven point, right where we need to be. \$390K.

5. Eryn Hecker, Party Book

Come Sail Away sold 136 tickets and made \$9700. Some discussion about Party Book being fundraising and community building. Eryn shares that Party Hosts feel good about raising money for Washington. Historically free events have been hosted/organized by the PTO Board. Michael thanks Eryn and the rest of the Party Book committee for having taken on both this past year. The Jingle Jog did not raise money, but was successful in community building. Eryn has some new ideas for Parties next year – including Anna Stump's idea for an Adult Talent Show.

6. Michael Paskin, PTO President

Brick Legacy Program: The Tier 1 Bricks will sell for \$100. (4X8), Tier 2 Bricks will sell for \$500. (8X8), Tier 3 Bricks will sell for \$5,000. (12X12). For this Inaugural year, we have the front wall which is roughly 32 feet high by 50 feet wide. Washington families can purchase a Brick between May 24th and the end of the school year June 5th. Installation over the summer. Michael is looking for a Donor/Donation of \$5-7K to underwrite the entire cost of the bricks and installation for this first year.

Gillette Hall makes a motion to move forward with the Brick Legacy Campaign, End of Year Release, as to not compete with our PRIDE Campaign in the Fall. The motion is PASSED.



7. **Dustin Todd, IT**

Dustin will be working on the Directory (teacher's emails) and Business Booster opportunities.

8. **Elizabeth Wagner, Mural Project**

We have two big walls/blank canvases that we are able to paint and make beautiful (outside Ms. Angelopoulos's room and Ms. Frausto's room). Elizabeth will contact Barry Hollis (alumni parent and artist) for ideas, but the idea is simple, bright and colorful.

9. **Open Discussion:**

Stephen Martin, has been a Washington parent for 5 years, his daughter Bailey is in fourth grade. Steve is concerned about a group of children who have student ID numbers containing the grouping of 666. He understands that these are automated numbers, but this grouping has a negative association. Christina G, will follow-up with him. These numbers are issued by the unified school district.

Jason Statucki, has a son in second grade. Jason works at the SB Maritime Museum and came to speak about a potential - 4th grade field trip on the Tall Ship, the spirit of Dana Point. <https://sbmm.org/education/> Jason encourages the board to go and check it out, the cost of the field trip is \$2500./per classroom to participate in the program with a 50% discount to schools that qualify as Title I, which he knows that we are very close to achieving.

Appreciations: Come Sail Away Fundraiser... Brady Charrette, Kristie Chapman, Maggie Saunders, Tori McLaughlin and Kimberley Yeager.

PTO Board Retreat: TBD, in August. Dates to be determined prior to August 20:

Kindergarten Meet & Greet, Registration Day and Campus Beautification Day.

Meeting adjourns at 8:40 pm