



Washington School PTO Board Meeting Minutes

9/17/19, 6-8pm, Washington School Library

Board Members in Attendance:

Michael Paskin
Anna Stump
Tara King
Shannon Schroeder
Anne-Marie Matthews
Lilia Hine
Kelly Milazzo
Kim Kotnik
Elizabeth Wagner
Cari Menchaca
Jamie Crystal
Kristie Chapman

Staff Members in Attendance:

Christina Giguere, Principal
Suzanne Dalton, Teacher
Laurie Yarnell, Teacher

Parents in Attendance:

Natalie Grubb-Campbell
Brian Campbell
Beth Slifirski
Janice Zee
Erica Peralta
Eryn Hecker
Sarah Matheson

Others in Attendance:

Brian Cronk, Roosevelt PTO - REEF
Robert Sanchez, California Book Fair

1. Michael Paskin, PTO President

Michael called the meeting to order at 6:02pm, welcomed the group, who made self-introductions.

2. Christina Giguere, Principal

Christina is happy to report that we have 7 curriculum specialists up and running, providing additional support to our teachers and students. Global Climate strike happening in coming week; may or may not affect Washington. Teachers are participating in trainings, and SBUSD is



partnering with UCSB on GATE training for teachers. School psychologist is on duty. Facilities improvements are still coming along. Vacancies for back-up custodian and crossing guard for Salida del Sol gate. Interested parties apply through the school district. Question arose: could parent volunteers fill the crossing guard vacancy? Possibly sign-up for shifts through Parent Square? Thank you to Kimberly Yeager, along with parent and United Way volunteers for working on the new murals. We are now on Instagram at @sbwashingtonwildcats. New behavior documentation policy in effect to assist in correction of behaviors. Minors for minor incidents; majors for more significant events, such as those that lead to suspension. Majors are documents in Aeries.

3. Mrs. Yarnell and Mrs. Dalton thank the PTO for ongoing support

4. Anna Stump, PTO Vice President

Anna thanks volunteers for library clean-up project. No other VP update.

5. Robert Sanchez, CA Book Fair

California Book Fair is 7-8 year old, company and a competitor of Scholastic. For their book fairs, they do all setup, 20% discount of list price, 30% back in profit, which can be taken in book credit of 60%. They bring starter cash, registers, credit card machines. Average \$4.99-\$6.99 per book, less 20%. Bargain books, not "freebie." Monte Vista is hosting a fair with them in December if we want to see what it looks like. Less setup / work for Mrs. Szumski than in the past.

6. PRIDE: Kelly Milazzo & Lilia Hine

Update: \$182K. Per Tara King, last year, last week was about the same but had \$10k extra in matches and brought in \$60k in last week. Kelly and Lilia indicate that PRIDE needs more energy / support in communicating via tables, etc. talking to people. PTO board needs to show up with positive energy. Sign-up sheet circulated for board members to cover shifts at PRIDE tables before school and at Back to School night. Business boosters last year \$24k, this year's target \$27K, we're at \$26. A few still outstanding. Suggestion to make BB program more robust, maybe social media posts, give more than the banner.

7. Michael Paskin spoke on behalf of Dustin Todd, IT Chair

Please get all IT requests into Dustin's PTO email and he'll take care of them.

8. Shannon Schroeder, Communications

Nothing major to report, Shannon is busy sending out communications. One School, One Book coming up in less than a month. There will be sign-ups for parent volunteers for reading, etc. Lilia suggested that we look for parent volunteers to make volunteer of the week. PRIDE team thanks Shannon for all her work.

9. Tara King, Treasurer



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All is good and bills are paid. We'll make \$3500 this semester from Enrichment with 18 classes. Tara aims to bring in \$10k this year through Enrichment. Need to spread out PRIDE, Move-a-Thon and gala in order to keep funding fluid.

10. Eryn Hecker & Sarah Matheson, Party Book

Great Mom's Night Out made \$1500. Halloween coming up; need date / venue. Casino night suggestion, Nov 15? Ugly sweater party booked. Potential Mother / Daughter event this year. Duo offering facility for a couples' event around Valentine's. Suggestion to resurrect Wildcat at Wildcat. Gala in April. May need to shuffle events to prevent cash flow issues, as mentioned by Tara.

11. Brick Campaign, Michael Paskin

We have a few commitments and will need volunteers to put up community brick signs. Large \$1,000, Medium \$500, Small \$100. Someone will need to take it on at some point...probably push it towards the end of the year.

12. Open Discussion

Kristie Chapman – Axxess Books will go home this coming Friday. 2 week selling period.

Meeting Adjourned 7:48pm

Next Meeting: 10/15/19, 6-8pm, Washington School Library