



**PTO Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, March 10, 2020  
6:00 pm Washington School Library**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Michael Paskin  
Anna Stump  
Tara King  
Shannon Schroeder  
Anne-Marie Matthews  
Dustin Todd  
Matt Genovese  
Kim Kotnik  
Elizabeth Wagner  
Kristi Chapman

**Staff Members in Attendance:**

Christina Giguere  
Denise Granger  
Jackie Blue  
Kaye Cantu  
Lexi Molloy  
Cynthia Vong

**Parents in Attendance:**

Erika Adler  
Timothy Lee  
John Millei  
Maria Miller  
Stephanie Poole  
Zach Walker

1. Michael called meeting to order at 6:02pm  
Items added to agenda: Succession planning, Coronavirus/preparedness, GATE update, Science Night update, Principal search update
  
2. Christina Giguere, Principal – lots going on at Washington. Not coming back. PTO a favorite part of the job. Still working hard every day here. Thank you for continued support. COVID-19: district is continuing to consult with healthcare professionals. No cases in SB, using hygienic procedures at school. Monitoring travel history, 14-day quarantine based on guidelines. Fever/respiratory cases sent home. If 2 or more people in community test positive, then next level of precautions including limiting visitors to school. At this point, no changes to assemblies, etc. Community will be kept aware of any changes such as cancelling school. Mrs. Giguere will keep us updated. Comment from Shannon that district needs to be more prepared for the opportunity of at-home school. Comment that we could be short faculty, and we already have a shortage of substitutes. What can we do as parents/PTO/ other PTOs to prepare? District is working on it. Washington custodians have been given resources to do extra cleaning. Could there be a way to expedite independent study contracts? And what to do about students whose parents can't keep them home? Parents would like to hear more frequent updates from the district, Mrs. Giguere to follow up. Also, please



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announce expectations, particularly with Spring Break right around the corner. Perhaps some talking points for discussing with children in a non-scary and consistent way.

3. Lexi Molloy, CALM School-Based Therapist. Specific focus on child abuse/ family trauma, but expanding to more services. Promoting positive social/emotional development for students, staff and parents through mental health consultations, groups and individual therapy. Over 54% of her time spent on students. She visits classrooms to make students aware of her services. Referrals for year-round support for students in need. What can we do to ensure that this service continues at our school? ELCAP involvement, positive feedback. Mrs. Miller thanks Lexi and comments that she notices students often lining up to see Lexi.
4. Anna Stump, Vice President – We are ready for Move-a-Thon but exploring alternate dates, based on forecasted rainy weather. Possibly April 3<sup>rd</sup>? Prize committee doing great, raffles going well, funds coming in! Possibly move some stations to blacktop if field is too wet.
5. Shannon Schroeder, Communications – all good, nothing to report.
6. Tara King, Treasurer – Gala did awesome, net just under \$50k. MAT monies are trickling in, we will do well through the end of year.
7. Anna Stump on behalf of Party Book - Thanks to Gala committee. Mother/Son Bingo this Saturday, tickets still available. Campout tickets available. Painting Party April 19<sup>th</sup> \$25/person. Grassini Mom’s Night Out April 9<sup>th</sup>. Tickets on sale soon. Open Discussion – Wine Raffle this year? EOY Party May 29<sup>th</sup> Yacht Club. New parent with tasting room would like to do an event toward end of year. Laguna Camp voucher donated; will be used for Mother/Son.
8. Dustin Todd, IT Chair – maintaining, continuing Party Book changes. PB can give him all the events thru end of year and he can put them as “Coming Soon.”
9. Open Discussion  
GATE update: message sent today re: facts and info relating to student identification/qualification/what plans are at Washington. Goal was to disperse factual information regarding the plan at Washington. Program will run as long as there are enough students to run magnet class. Parent question regarding data on long term effects of GATE? Is there any? District should follow up with families whose students qualified and opted out and find out why? Could be done through parent groups. Are parents nervous because of last year? Are other schools working to keep their students? With principal and superintendent leaving, who is responsible for these decisions? School Board? Parents need to hold Superintendent Matsuoka accountable until his tenure ends.



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Science Night: still 4/23. A few drop-outs from prior year participants, but a handful of new as well. Continuing to work on logistics. Contact Jamie Crystal for updates.

Succession Planning: time to start thinking about succession of leadership ladder. Each chair to be contacted to see if interest in continuing current role. Goal to continue strong leadership and supporting the school.

Principal Search: Michael reached out to Assistant Superintendent Ramirez (Elementary Education) and Assistant Superintendent Becchio (Human Resources) for info. Search has already begun, ideally identify candidates in April. A panel of parents, board members will be assembled to help interview potential candidates.

Mrs. Blue and Mrs. Cantu thanked PTO for funding 6<sup>th</sup> Grade trip.

Yearbook – Stephanie Poole needs photos.

Erika Adler comment: 2016 bond funding – one of the top items was getting rid of temporary classrooms and we still have many. Michael will look in to it. Mrs. Giguiere has requested multiple master plan updates.

Michael respectfully excused teachers and staff from meeting, and reminds remaining attendees that the best way to effect change is to continue to bond together as parents. We make an impact by showing up, being vocal, and giving feedback.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:57

Next Meeting: 4/21/2020, 6-8pm, Washington School Library