



**PTO Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, May 19, 2020**  
**6:00 pm via Zoom**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

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

**Staff Members in Attendance:**

Christina Giguere, Principal  
Denise Granger, Assistant Principal  
Arielle Curry, incoming Asst. Principal  
Heather Grosch, teacher  
Jackie Blue, teacher  
Andrea Lashua, teacher  
Heather Volz, incoming teacher  
Lourdes Fleischer, Office Staff  
Jesse Aguilar, Interpreter  
Viviana Marsano, Interpreter

**Parents in Attendance:**

Sarah Matheson  
Kim Eubank  
Timothy Lee  
Susan Dunton  
Maria Miller  
James Matthews  
Stephanie Poole  
Kaitlyn (?)  
Sandra (?)

1. Michael Paskin, President. Called meeting to order at 6:04pm. Jesse introduced himself and Viviana as simultaneous interpreters. Last meeting of the year! It was a great year with a curveball at the end but our community has fared well; we are strong and kids are resilient. Looking forward to getting back to some level of normal. Full agenda today – this is our annual meeting, during which the slate of incoming Board of Directors will be presented. Board business and voting will take place at the end of the meeting.
2. Anna Stump, Vice President. Thank you to Michael for 2 years of service as President. We sincerely appreciate you and are glad you’re staying on the board. Thank you to all families on PTO and others who help throughout our school, and specifically for pitching in with families who have needed some additional help right now – over 20 families have been kept afloat by community help. Thanks to Anne-Marie for Move-a-Thon t-shirt distribution and virtual MAT communications. Thank you teachers for innovation,



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communicativeness and kindness throughout this time of distance learning. We appreciate you! Welcome Ms. Curry, we are looking forward to meeting you in person. Thank you to Mrs. Granger who is coming into Principal position. Thank you Mrs. Giguere for giving so much over a busy couple of years, for your support of our school and students. We will miss you.

3. Christina Giguere, Principal. Nice to see everyone remotely, miss seeing kids, families and teachers on campus. Last Monday Morning Meeting will be 6/1; appreciations will be given. Hope everyone is staying safe and well, and echo Anna's gratitude. Congratulations to Mrs. Blue, who was nominated for KEYT Teacher of the Month – we are proud of her! Congratulations to Ms. S, who was accepted into UCSB's credential program, to Counselor Lexi on the birth of her baby girl Sam on May 6<sup>th</sup>, and to our new night custodian Ricardo who is expecting baby as well. Mrs. Dalton has announced that she is retiring and we will find some special ways to honor and recognize her. Remote learning is winding down...fewer families are participating and fewer students are turning in work. Attendance was strong for first 6 weeks. Social-emotional challenges have kept some families from participating. Staff has done a great job of outreach to families who need additional support. Administrative team is starting to set goals for the future. Hope everyone can join virtual MAT on Friday! 6<sup>th</sup> grade Promotion 6/2, all welcome to jump on Zoom. 6/3 will be final materials pick-up / drop off of materials.
4. Denise Granger, Assistant Principal. Introduction of Arielle Curry, new Assistant Principal for next year. Introduction of Heather Volz, new teacher coming to us from McKinley. Ms. Curry looks forward to meeting us all in person. She anticipates working closely with parent community, and looks forward to continuing community building. Wishes us all a good rest of year and summer, and is looking forward to her daughter starting kindergarten at Washington in the fall. Heather Volz, said hello; she is a Santa Barbara native, and is looking forward to becoming part of the Wildcat team. Kim Kotnik brought up the question – is now the time to talk about probability of plans for next year? Understanding nothing is official yet, but is there any indication from admin of what scenario might play out? Mrs. Granger said no new information from SBUSD what Superintendent Matsuoka published at the last school board meeting. Weekly meetings are taking place between cabinet / union to discuss different versions of what scenario 2 would look like. Remote learning / Blended / Back in school? Possibly starting mostly remote then moving to blended model. Suggestion that we all keep paying attention to school board meetings, and Mrs. Granger will share anything she can as soon as possible. A stakeholder group is being assembled to consult on conversation moving forward throughout the summer.
5. Shannon Schroeder, Communications. It's been great serving on the board for the last 2 years; she will stay on the board just not in the Communications Chair role. Nothing specific to report; been trying to get communications out without flooding recipients' inboxes. Nothing formal going on right now.



6. Tara King, Treasurer. We're doing as well as could be hoped. \$57k in bank, with one more big SBUSD wage bill coming in. We'll end the year with less than normal but still some funds in the bank. MAT made some money, which was helpful. We'll be positive from a cash perspective, but below where we normally are going into next year. We still have reserves of \$50k. Michael commented that the PTO is honoring all of our funding commitments. Question from Matt Genovese regarding reserve balance – hasn't been touched for the last two years.
7. Sarah Matheson, Party Book. No updates.
8. Dustin Todd, IT. Going into next year, we should evaluate Qgive and other platforms, and renegotiate fees. Plans to revamp our website, hopefully making some adjustments on the site with additional resources / details depending on what learning scenario we'll be in next year.
9. Michael Paskin, President. Community brick wall – there wasn't a good time to reach out to families about purchasing bricks. We didn't earmark a large amount projected, but we have some already purchased bricks. We could reach out to the family that installed COMMUNITY lettering and if possible have them install the purchased bricks. What does everyone think about reaching out to 6<sup>th</sup> grade families about bricks? Is it tone-deaf to ask for fundraising right now? Do we reach out to alumni? Some say NO to fundraising now, others say that if handled gently and respectfully, we could reach out. Some families may not want to miss out on this sendoff for their 6<sup>th</sup> graders. No hard press for money, but communicate this opportunity carefully.

Michael is resigning PTO presidency, after serving in this position for two years. Stepping down comes at a difficult time, but its time for him to pass the baton. Time for new leadership, energy, ideas. He appreciates everyone's' availability and the assets they have brought to the team. Thank you to everyone for showing up and making Washington a great for our school.

10. Anne-Marie Matthews, MAT update. "Virtual" Move-a-Thon will take place on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, with students and staff wearing their yellow shirts. Teachers will show staff warm-up video via Zoom, and then complete a classroom physical activity. Then students will continue their day with their choice of physical activity. Encouraged to submit photos / videos to Mrs. Giguiere and Mrs. Granger for the Instagram page. Emphasis is on community rather than fundraising. Reminder to please support all of the sponsors listed on the back of the MAT shirts.

6:48 public meeting adjourned; voting members remain.



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Succession planning:

Self-nomination forms received represent parents who show up for events, in the classroom, and at PTO meetings. We have 4 new parents interested in joining. New perspectives are good! No President / VP yet, but we can vote them in later. New slate to be voted in tonight, leadership roles can be determined. President / VP slots can remain vacant until we have more visibility on what next year will look like. Michael has tried to do his best to leave a “playbook” for the future. Leadership will have great support in this upcoming board. Many hands to help with the lifting.

It is mandated by our foundation’s bylaws for 7 members BOD, not more than 16, of those 2 teacher reps (who must be identified before the start of the upcoming year). We can allow for 14 people to join. Tough to turn away people, but we will need to motion to consider to allow for additional members to join. No real downside, except that for quorum and voting, we need a lot of people to show up.

COMMENT: Elizabeth Wagner - some parents are considering homeschool curriculum so could affect board positions...err on the side of saying yes to all parents. Anna Stump - tough to know, when we don’t have any word from district on what will happen in the fall. That could completely change how next year looks for schooling our kids. Dustin Todd - we should accept as many parents as want to help us get through the next year. We will benefit from having a larger board this year. Lilia Hine - agree, but also if people are volunteering to be on Board, they are committed to the school. Important to start strong. Michael Paskin - 13 of slate of 17 are current board members. Self-nominees generally are committed. In order for us to allow for additional members we need a motion, second, and vote.

Kim Kotnik moves that next year we consider increasing number of BOD members. Elizabeth Wagner seconds the motion. Motion carries.

Comments that everyone who self-nominated seems committed. Shannon Schroeder commented that she knows them all and has no reservations. Hopes parents don’t give up on Washington even if they choose to home-school for a period.

Elizabeth Wagner moves to approve slate for 2020-2021 to include:

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| Susan Dunton             | Dustin Todd      |
| Christine Todoroff-Bolli | Matt Genovese    |
| Shelley Eschelman        | Cari Menchaca    |
| Timothy Lee              | Elizabeth Wagner |
| Anna Stump               | Kelly Milazzo    |
| Tara King                | Kristie Chapman  |
| Anne-Marie Matthews      | Lilia Hine       |
| Kim Eubank               | Kim Kotnik       |
| Shannon Schroeder        | Michael Paskin   |



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Anna Stump seconds. Motion carries.

Voting officers:

Tara King, Treasurer – happy to stay on, or pass the baton if someone wants it. Financial Secretary position not necessarily needed if committee chairs are willing to make their own deposits, and just let Tara know when it has been done.

Kim Kotnik suggests that we “group nominate” officers who want to stay on in their respective positions, and have an additional meeting to fill additional roles, or shuffle current roles.

Kim Kotnik moves that Tara King (Treasurer), Dustin Todd (IT Chair), and Anne-Marie Matthews (Recording Secretary) stay on in their current roles. Anna Stump seconds, motion carries.

Jamie Crystal announced that she is leaving Washington School, as her family is moving out of town, so doesn't feel like she should vote. Everyone appreciates Jamie. She said farewell and dropped off the call.

President and Vice President positions are still available. There is a lot of uncertainty in the future. The incoming board can choose to hold off on making those appointments until we have more info and can make an informed move forward. We should have another meeting shortly to appoint the balance of the positions. Elizabeth Wagner asked - Could we appoint someone to be a school board liaison type of role? Michael Paskin - we could do co-presidency to share the leadership responsibilities. We do have to get this position filled in the new future.

Elizabeth Wagner is willing to take on Communications.

We need to calendar future meeting date, can be close to the start of the school year, since we won't know what school is going to look like until into the summer. Mrs. Giguere would like to think that before teachers and families go on break for summer, hopefully a tentative plan will be pushed out. Teachers are asking about PTO support, Curriculum Specialist budgeting, etc. Elizabeth asked - is there a public date when a new superintendent will be announced? Interviews have happened, and the school board is hoping to announce by the end of May. Superintendent Matsuoka is on duty until the end of June. We should expect to receive a lot of info in June. Teachers' union has a leadership group, which is supposed to be getting information from a larger group. In terms of preference, teachers would rather have students back in the classroom!

Next PTO meeting will June 16<sup>th</sup>, with info to follow regarding Zoom vs. in-person.



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This evening is the last official public meeting of the year so the June meeting will be a “special” meeting. Dustin and Anne-Marie should make new group emails, and a “welcome to 20-21 board” message should be sent.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:52pm

Next Meeting: 6/16, Time / Location TBD