



**PTO Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, August 31, 2021**  
**6:30 pm in-person and via Zoom**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Emily Ashlock  
Denise Jaimes- Villanueva  
Susan Dunton  
Kelly Milazzo  
Kim Eubank  
Elizabeth Wagner  
Shannon Schroeder  
Tara King  
Matt Genovese

**Staff Members in Attendance:**

Denise Granger  
Heather Volz  
Jen Griffith  
Meredith Llewelyn

**Parents in Attendance:**

Camila Constancio  
Dara Goldyne  
Erika Peralta  
Iliana Orozco  
Curry Smith  
Charlotte  
Bee Saunders  
Mitsuko Yoga  
Kim Kotnik  
Sarah Anthony  
Melinda Vjor  
Lisa  
Erika Adler  
Brandi Rosander

Kim Eubank called the meeting to order at 6:37pm

Spanish interpretation instructions were given.

Kim Eubank welcomed everyone and had board members (that were in person) introduce themselves. There will be a zoom option for PTO meetings all year.

Thank you to Erika Adler for creating and posting all new signs (teacher signs, walk bike signs, etc) around campus

Thank you to Matt Genovese for installing new bike racks at the front and back of campus

Updates:

Staff and teacher birthdays are being added to the newsletter. Also a "Did you know" section that will include hot topics from teachers and to better connect parents and students.

Suggestion: We could start with "What is Pride" (especially for the new kindergarten parents)

PRIDE beginning Sept 13th

Denise Granger Update:

There are three teachers joining us on zoom today. Grateful to everyone that is here.

Current enrollment at Washington is 535 students.

Heavy in Kindergarten, 5th grade and 6th grade - there is a potential for some class shifts and possibly hiring a new teacher



Many new teachers/staff this year: Caitlin Garcia (4th grade), Anna Stump (4th grade), Gizelle O'Loughlin (5th grade), Jen Griffith (5th grade gate), Maria Miller (MTSS specialist), Charmaine Jacobs (CALM therapist) working on "Behavior shaping" with Cody

Hoping for a new assistant principal soon (we have a retired principal as an interim right now)

Because there are so many new staff, we will be introducing one staff group a week in the newsletter.

We are short on paraeducators and play ground staff

Shaping Behavior-rotations are happening during recess, lunch, playground time, to TEACH kids how they SHOULD behave. Also reteaching expectations as we have to (for instance, bathroom behavior) - getting kids involved

COVID protocols -

All COVID protocols are dictated by public health. We are still in the middle of the pandemic-protocols continue to shift because kids are getting sick. If a student has a covid symptom, they will be sent home and have to follow protocol.

- If they have been exposed, and/or positive- includes 10 day quarantine. They will need a doctor's note and/or negative covid test to return to school.
- If a student tests positive, they need a PCR test to return to school (Ms. Granger will share a list of testing sites)
- we have to adhere to the side of caution and follow all of the protocols.... masking of students inside always (no more carpet gatherings)... outside and unmasked is ok, but spreading students out at lunch
- gaiters need to be double layered

Lanyards are on their way

School Work - if a student is quarantined they will receive a packet of work that will be provided by the school. Additional work can be given from teacher

not possible for a child to ZOOM in if they are quarantining (unless the entire class is quarantining).

Q: is the work packet mandatory?

A: not required for attendance, but lets the teacher know if they want to stay caught up

If there is a full class quarantine, there will be a zoom option

Ms Griffith chimed in and said it is hard to keep one student engaged on ZOOM and manage a class on top of that. Would be really hard for a whole school year. Google classroom could work- depends if the students are willing to do the work (maybe for older kids).



Switching to CANVAS over time (Can be a way to assign work)... not possible yet

Not feasible to be in class and on ZOOM at the same time

TRAVEL: is no longer a restriction (all from public health requirements). Cannot require a COVID test to return.

Suggestion: add an option on CrisisGO for a non-health related absence

More updates:

Beginning of year assessments will be given before sept 17th to get some baseline data. Also, running records and reading assessments (to compare end of year data). This data helps us with interventions that we want to get going quickly

Teachers will communicate when their students exams will be to remind them to eat a good breakfast, get to bed early, etc

MTSS- multi tiered systems of support- how are we helping students in academic and behavior

-students that need extra help (3 levels of support)

Staff- interventionists and paraeducators have not been assigned to us yet. The interview processes are going- finding people that are qualified that can afford to live here (there is a supply and demand issue)

Qualifications for interventionist include teaching experience or tutoring background and Paraeducators need a high school diploma

District is funding 1 interventionist, and our school site is funding 2

Our school is getting 2 paraeducators from district funding

Would be nice to have one per grade

If anyone knows anyone that is interested in interventionist position, let Denise Granger know so she can make a request to the district

PS communication should go out as a need for parents ("Did you know that you can work at washington")

paraeducators are 25-30 hours

going to put a description of the job on PS

shortage of COVID tests

If there is no consent to test there will be an option to shift to full time independent study

Self swab at school- class by class (in auditorium). There will be a demonstration. Staff members will be helping small groups at a time.



Question regarding Back to school night. Individual vs group

There will be a grade level chunk time because we don't have enough interpreters to do individual classes. Working on a pre-back to school night. Denise Granger will be brainstorming with teachers tomorrow

Cannot give a site update about COVID (for privacy issues) but if there is a positive case, the school will be notified

a positive test = quarantining.

students will be tested every other week

back to hiring: kindergarten, 5th grade and 6th grade have the largest classes, so we are possibly getting a new teacher. Other grade levels will not be smaller. There were a lot of kindergarteners added late, which is making it tough to keep the numbers down

Parent Volunteer application process: going through the process for kindergarten volunteers right now. Looking for lunch and play support. District decision (not a principal decision)

water bottle filling stations: we have ONE filling station right now. trying to get 2 more installed.

Each kindergarten is a little different (volunteer opportunities depend on the teachers needs and the parent interest)

There is a TK/K student teacher in Ms. Esparza's class

Kim Eubank- PRIDE

Raul will be our new treasurer.

Updates from Tara - we do not have money from our current account. Pride is going to be super important this year. We have some reserves, but we are starting this year behind.

If we want to fund paraeducators we need to raise more money

Susan Dunton-

no new reports

Timeline for when we need information for the newsletter- if we could have input by Tuesday night so we can get translation by wednesday night

There are many different ways to get information - text, email ,etc

Anyone can add agenda items to the meetings. Let Emily know and she will add ideas to the agenda.

Kelly is the new IT person- all board members should have a PTO email. We are updating the PTO website. There will be a PRIDE page... links to wildcat wear on the PTO website.



Denise - wildcat wear

New shirts for kids, adults, hats

getting some orders in soon

pickups will be delivered to teacher - put teacher name on order forms (put in teachers boxes)... may have to put teacher name in the memo

- looking for new ideas: beach towels, hoodies, masks, etc
- Alonzo's grandmother will make masks (she can use old wildcat shirts).

Back to school picnic

- possibility (taco truck, wild wear sales)
- would need proof of vaccination or negative COVID test
- would happen in late october

Building community ideas from Denise J-V

- room parents- highlight a student and their family (fun facts, etc)
- CALM counselor- wellness activity on the newsletter (self care, etc) for anxiety
- Bulletin Board at Salida del Sol - maybe highlight a student in each grade (or put pride info)... maybe use one bulletin for the staff in front of the school
- Photos from teachers would be really nice to post on Parent Square
- Looking for room parents - teachers need to finalize their room parents
- need a room parent coordinator - suggestion to have a bilingual room parent

Back gate:

- need to maintain the back corridor (may have to be a community effort)
- Need more walk your bike signs through the corridor
- trying to get a crossing guard - hard to hire because its unusual hours
- need someone for morning drop offs (8:05-8:31), and wednesday afternoons (can someone create a google sign up for parent volunteers to act as crossing guards)
- E bikes- need to be walked through corridor and parked next to back entrance
- Crossing guards to remind students to walk bikes

Julie Hewitt and Erika Adler working together to make signs for bike safety and to remind cars not to stop on crosswalk

Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm

Next meeting will be Monday, September 20th @ 6:30pm