

11/13/17 PTO Meeting Minutes

Angie Smith (PTO president):

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Nhu Do's report:

A consolidation meeting for WIHI/WIMI took place on 11/14/17. A survey went out with questions about how people feel this will affect them. There are concerns about how the consolidation will affect YIES. Currently WIHI/WIMI is planning to stay in YPSI and allow all YIES students in WIMA and all WIMA students to be accepted in WIHI.

Depression/suicide awareness meeting: On 11/14/17, a Depression/suicide awareness meeting took place at Pioneer. The Millage passed for mental health and special ed in Washtenaw county.

Dress code: Ms. Do, recently updated the language to make it consistent with our community's philosophy. She developed a dress code with student, parent, and teacher input. This code includes more respectful language:.

[WIHI Student Dress Code.pdf](#)

Homecoming: 351 people attended. We used a bigger venue than last year and will use this venue for future. We might get a discount in the future. Teachers won the homecoming soccer game.

Diversity Day: We tried a new Diversity Day format and it went well. It was a slow start, but got better as people did ice breakers. This was a "get to meet your group" first session. We will have more sessions through the year.

Day before Winter break: Students will play teachers in basketball.

Standards based grading: **Senior Braun** gave a presentation on standards based grading:

([link to more info](#)).

Summary:

- Standards based grading allows teachers to grade based on students' mastery of subjects.
- Students can do a reassessment within 2 weeks of getting the assessment back (not two weeks from the assessment)
- Students can reassess even if they did "well."

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1YEtlCSwe_xWAQXqENkfaJXlhzkajs2H2iJLdoOrz_T8/edit

Conferences: The Parent/Teacher/Student conferences went well. Teachers were very grateful for food donated.

Gift baskets: For the holidays, we plan to put together holiday gift baskets for 60 staff members.

We usually give a basket of cookies and fruit.

We are discussing adding a \$10 gift card to each.

December 14 is the day we'll put together the baskets.

Nancy Harvey will organize this whole-day event.

We are looking into different ways to allow parents to donate money for gift cards.

Cultural proficiency group: Parents, students, and staff are getting together to make diversity a comfortable, constant conversation. The next meeting for this group is December 14 at 6:00 PM.

"Angst": We are discussing buying the rights to show a movie called "Angst" about teenage depression

Night out fundraiser: We could use some help planning a Night out February fundraiser.

MLK Jr day service project: Students have MLK jr. day (January 15) off and will be invited to a family service project. Stugo and the Wihi PTO are coordinating a plan to open up the school to do "[Sole hope](#)," where families bring in old denim and cut the denim into shoe soles to reinforce shoes. We will also assemble care kits for local shelters.

Meeting adjourned.