

## **WiHi PTO Meeting Minutes**

**12/09/13**

**7:00 PM-8:30 PM**

**Media Center**

**In Attendance:** Kelley Bezrutch, Sloan Talbot, Paula Drummond, Karen Morey, Susan Wichhart, Karyn Goven, Mira Cooper, Karen Zaruba, Tami Schumacher, Carol Knight-Drain, Stacey Spencer, Kim Vnuk-Kronick

**Call to Order:** Kelley Bezrutch

### **Old Business:**

Approval of consent agenda- Motion approved

### **Treasurer's report-Karyn Goven**

See expenses on Treasurer's hard copy report

Balance: \$2923.23

### **WiHi directory update-William Garcia**

Postponed until January, Mr. Garcia unable to attend this meeting

### **Dress code approval-William Garcia**

The dress code, as discussed at the last PTO meeting, has been written and approved, but it will not go into the handbook until August. Until then, WiHi teachers will be given verbal instruction on the approved dress code.

### **Student update-Sloan Talbot StuGo representative**

There is a planned meeting between a diverse group of students and parents regarding senior party and prom to generate thoughts on how to make it all-inclusive. They will put together a survey for feedback on ideas for the prom that will accommodate all students.

Some questions might include: How many from MSA will attend? What might a senior party and prom look like from MSA perspective? The committee will be looking for a way to include all students who want to attend to make it successful and financially possible.

### **NHS waffle sale update-Sloan Talbot**

The waffle sale went well. A big thanks to all who donated, NHS made approx \$200, and would have made more if they had had more time to sell. Further waffle sales are banned because it took too long to clean up. Students said waffles were delicious.

### **BuildOn benefit dance- Sloan Talbot**

The dance will be on Sat, Jan 11<sup>th</sup> and tentatively being held in the EMU ballroom. If the event is held at this venue, the club needs to hire a police guard which is approx \$200 per hour per officer. Due to this expense, other options are being discussed; Dawn farm barn, The Rock in

Saline. Both of these options have the same price for the party room and seat 150 students. The format of the evening will be a dinner and then a separate dance after dinner. The spirit committee will take care of decorating the space with donated decorations. 12 families will be asked to bring a pasta dish that should feed 20. Additional donated items to include: dessert, salad, bread, paper products, drinks, tray warmers and cash. Sloan will ask students if they mind parents as chaperones in addition to the 10 Teachers who are planning on being chaperones.

### **Drop off/pick up parking report- William Garcia**

Kelley had a meeting with Bert regarding student drop off. He will send out a letter to all families explaining the preferred safe drop off process.

### **AAPS BOE decision-Kim Vnuk-Kronick**

The AAPS Board voted to continue another year in the consortium. WEOC will cap the number of students from AAPS to participate in each options program as follows: ECA 40, WIHI 40, WAY 10 per each year. The superintendent sets these numbers. The students will be taken on a first come first serve basis, with additional students possible in the program via lottery. The trend of students attending WIHI from AAPS is doubling each year. There is currently no active movement by AAPS for an IB program in their district other than WIHI.

The AAPS Board is concerned about losing any students. Questions they need to answer include:

Does WIHI cost AAPS more? All of the foundation money from the state goes with students, but WIHI only uses this foundation amount where as if they were in the traditional high school, the amount spent per student may be more than the foundation amount.

WIHI has run in the negative for the past 3 years. The most important issue right now is to get students into WIHI so it is fully subscribed. The program needs to be fiscally viable. Parents need to be informed ambassadors so they can go out into the community and inform parents of the WIHI option.

Kim is planning on hosting an informational WIHI coffee at the Common Cup on Washtenaw, tentatively planned for January 11, 2014.

Some additional ideas for getting the word out about WIHI include:

Facebook, a WIHI table in Whittaker road Ypsilanti public library, flyers on bulletin boards around town.

Burt will hold an educational meeting for current WIHI parents so they can go out and inform the community about the school. This meeting is tentatively planned for December 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Survey committee report-Karen Morey**

The survey committee found this process to be very satisfying, and they were able to send out the survey.

The survey was sent to 297 emails and there were 107 responses. A majority want to participate, many people said they would like to give a one time donation to the PTO, some did not know what the scripts program is, 93 said email was the best way to communicate, 9<sup>th</sup> grade had the best survey response.

Kelley proposed we put together a committee to set goals and decide on how the PTO will

respond to and implement the survey results.

A full account of survey results will be compiled and presented at a later date.

## **New Business**

### **Staff holiday platters-Kelley Bezrutch**

Staff holiday platters will be plated and ready for teachers to take home on Friday December 20<sup>th</sup>. 48 platters are needed for WIHI and WIMA teachers and staff. The platter assembly may take about 2 hours and will take place in the teacher's lounge. Sign up will take place on Sign up Genius and donations for the platters are to include: baked goods, candy, fruit. Also volunteers can sign up to help assemble platters on Sign up Genius.

### **Wish list for teachers- Kelley Bezrutch**

The teachers were very touched they were asked to give a wish list, below are some items that are on their list:

Full size refrigerator, Ice maker, garden hose, iPad, speakers for a computer, stools for forensics, 33 calculators, 17' equipment trailer, a table for the college planning room.

### **Suggestions of topics for next PTO meeting**

There was a request for a discussion of WIMA student's messiness and rude language in the cafeteria and halls.

Next PTO meeting January 13, 2014 7-8:30

Respectfully Submitted by Susan Wichhart