

February WIHI PTO Minutes
2/9/2015
7:00 PM-8:30 PM
Media Center

Agenda Topics

Attendees: Susan Wichhart, Kim Vnuk-Kronick, Kelley Bezrutch, Sloan Talbot, William Garcia, Tami Schumacher, Susan Schmitt-Creech, Paula Drummund, Joy Lange, Carol Knight-Drain, Barbara Askew, Vikla Kaspoek, Karen Zaruba

Call to order- Kelley Bezrutch

Welcome/Introductions

Mrs. Do was not feeling well; her report was deferred until next month. Kelly reported WIHI has received a record breaking 230 applications for next year's freshman class.

Old Business:

Approval of the consent agenda: Approved

January meeting minutes: Approved

January financial report: Approved

Treasurer's report - Tami Schumacher

PTO Cash Available: -\$1696.85

The negative balance is due to the country flag project and the spirit wear purchase. There will be another request for donations for the flag project and once the flags are hung, we are hoping more families will contribute. Also, the PTO will receive funds as the spirit wear items are sold.

UN Flag Project update- Kim Vnuk-Kronick

The flag project has been very laborious; it needs to be completed by this weekend due to the gym floor being done soon and the district not wanting the motorized lift on the gym floor once it is completed. A portion of one of the walls in the gym needs to be painted as it does not match the other walls. This is the area where the mascot from the previous school was painted over.

PA mid-year check in- Kelley Bezrutch

Mrs. Do has requested that the parent ambassadors call the 9th and 10th grade families to see how the students are doing, to hear if there are any problems or suggestions from these families.

New Business:

Student updates-StuGo rep- Sloan Talbot

Cuties brand clementines, glow sticks and flowers will be handed out this Friday on Valentine's Day, it is a fund raiser for StuGo.

The Courtyard dance for freshmen and sophomore is coming soon, Saturday, May 16th. The Prom is being organized by the Prom committee, the theme is Starry night

and it will be on, Saturday, April 25, at Cobblestone Farm. There is a graduated ticket price; the ticket is cheaper if purchased now and more expensive as the date gets closer. The Prom evening includes dinner, dancing, hanging out with your friends and a photo booth. The tickets will be sold during lunch time.

The senior class fund raiser will be Friday, February 27th and will include a silent auction and dinner at WIHI. All are welcome. Each senior will donate an item or items or a service.

The senior service project was done this past weekend. The seniors painted the 800 wing and conference rooms in the teacher lounge area.

The Build-On Charity Ball raised \$2600 to build a school in Malawi.

Staff updates- Teacher rep- William Garcia

The internal assessments are done and are being readied to be sent to the IB office. Juniors had their first informational meeting regarding the IB extended essays. Every junior will be assigned a faculty mentor to assist them through the IB essay process. The mentor assignment will be determined by a first come first serve basis on sign up genius. There will be changes in student mentors as students determine what their essay topic will be. Some mentors will be better suited for some topics regardless of the mentor the student would prefer to work with.

If a sophomore student and family did not make the IB meeting, they should contact Mr. Wynn or Mr. Garcia to get the information given on the IB information night.

The four class deans met to iron out their duties: The deans will be the sponsor for their grades bonding trip, service project and fund raising event. Also, they will be the class communicators via emails to students and parents. The goal for the dean is to send one email every 2 weeks with pertinent information for their class.

The cafeteria is the next capital improvement project being planned. There is not a time line yet for the improvement.

PTO Assistance with parent emails for class deans - William Garcia. There are some parents who are not receiving the emails from the class deans. There will be an accounting of parent and student emails to make sure they are all present and up to date.

Great School's campaign- Kim Vnuk-Kronick

One way to get positive information out about WIHI is to go to the Great School's website to give a testimonial/review of WIHI. When writing a review on the website, express how it has positively impacted your student. The hope is to generate information and positive interest from the reviews and testimonials on this site.

Senior All Night Event- Kelley Bezrutch

There was a good turnout for the meeting for the post-graduation senior event. It will be held at WIHI and will include food, games, photo booth. It will be the evening and into the morning of Wednesday, May 27th, after graduation. The Committee is in need of underclassmen to help set up for

the post-graduation party. The event will also need 13 parent volunteers to take shifts to stay overnight. Junior parents are needed to set up light refreshments after the graduation, at Rackham Hall on May 27th.

Jamie will be sending out an email for sophomore parents and students to help decorate for the senior event.

The PTO is putting out a request for parents who would volunteer for PTO officers.

Next PTO meeting- Monday, March 9, 2015 7-8:30