

Washtenaw International PTO  
Meeting Minutes 9 September, 2013

Attendees

Kelley Bezrutch	Jennifer Temewan
Karyn Goven	Paula Drummand
William Garcia - (teacher rep)	Sandi Cvercho
Stacey Spencer	Kim Vnuk Kronick
Mira Ageawal Cooper	Jeannette Jackson
Barbara Askew	Tami Schumacher
Sara Johnson	Barbara Robertson
Karen Morey	Carol Knight-Drain
Karen Zaruba	Julie Li
Steve Fleischmann	Michelle Tuplin
Dorte Junler	Michael Rodemerte
Charlotte Nixon	Su- Fen Lin
Angie Smith	Ayesha M. Taj
Tuba Khan	Khadija Peracha
Christina Howell	Sloan Talbot ( student rep)
Weiling Huang ( student rep)	

Old Business

Treasurer's report- Karyn Goven

Treasurer's report for the month of August was presented- payments over the summer went out to finalize the DR trip expenses as well as the final payments for the 5k. The PTO had a few outgoing expenses for the start of the school year - welcome back student ice cream float party as well as the welcome back teachers snacks.

PTO officer positions available for the 2013-2014 school year-

Secretary- duties include taking of the minutes and posting the minutes to the website

Communication officer- duties include creating sign up sheets for the various school events that need volunteers.

PTO Membership fees/family commitments-

Each WIHI family is asked to pay an annual \$25.00 fee- the fee will be used as seed money to help support WIHI events. Each family is also requested to participate in 2 volunteer activities within the school year.

Student Government (StuGo) Representatives attended and provided the following information and requests

StuGo will be hosting their first WIHI dance on Saturday 18 October 8:00-11:00 PM- they are in need of 8 chaperones 4 from 8:00-9:30 and 4 from 9:30-11:00 they will be sending out a request for volunteers via sign up genius. Tickets are available at the door however they encourage all students to pre purchase tickets as it helps them better plan- not to mention ticket prices are cheaper.

International Dinner will be held on Friday 1 November , 2013 from 6:00-10:00 PM This event will be open to both WIHI and WIMA- due to the large school population the majority of the school will be used to accommodate. Mira Cooper brought up the fact that this is also the start of the Diwali holiday- ( Indian equivalent to Christmas) and may prove to be a conflict- unfortunately because of a full activities calendar the date can not be moved. We are hoping that this will not conflict with our WIHI families and that this may be a nice way to introduce the WIHI community to the Diwali holiday. will send out request for families to bring dishes via sign up genius. This is a ticketed event- proceeds from this event will be used to support both StuGo and MSA-

Fall Flower Sale- StuGo will now be organizing a flower sale using the contacts that the PTO previously used- Funds raised from the sale will be used to support StuGo activities including the end of year student picnic/BBQ- Senior prom, etc.- sales forms will be sent home soon.

#### New Business-

PTO is hosting a WIHI bonfire/hayride ( haunted and regular)- Saturday 5 October 7:00 -11:00 PM at Wiard's orchard. Cost for the event is \$20.00 per student. Tickets MUST be purchased in advance. Last day to buy tickets is Friday 4 October by 3:00 PM. Refreshments will be provided by the PTO s'mores, cider and donuts.

PTO is committed to avoiding any fundraisers that require us to sell a product. We are asking for 100% participation in the many fundraising opportunities that require families to not sell anything- We have FREE money available to us we simply need to take advantage of it. The PTO is registered and participates in the following- Kroger community rewards, Target red card, Bushes community rewards, Meijer community rewards, Hiller's community rewards and Scrip- If every family utilized the scrip card for gas and groceries we could finance all WIHI events.

School Dress Code- a concern was addressed that the WIHI dress code is too vague and too restrictive. Specific areas of concern are the length of shorts primary for girls. As this is not written out in the handbook it is hard for parents to enforce. Another concern brought to attention is that students are being "called out" who have different body types while other students wearing same items are not. Mr Garcia addressed the issue that male teacher do NOT comment on what female students are wearing. This is only

addressed to the female student by a female teacher. He also suggested that the PTO come up with suggestions and specific wording to reduce the vagueness of the dress code. In addition if we can come up with a less restrictive dress code while still being respectful to the many cultures of WIHI while at the same time allowing students the freedom to express themselves . As WIHI is a public high school we need to respect all of the WIHI families and students. A suggestion was made that WIHI should consider a school uniform. Again as we are a public high school this suggestion was vetoed. Once we come up with wording and appropriate revisions Mr. Garcia will present this to Mr. Okma. This discussion is slated for the PTO agenda at our October meeting.

Additional concerns brought to the attention of the PTO-

- Lockers- broken, not clean, unable to open
- Drop off/Pick up- the line is CRAZY families are not pulling all the way up, drivers are getting out of their cars and leaving cars in line while entering the school.
- Late start confusion- what do working parent do?
- GPA not on powerschool

Mr. Garcia will address all of these issues with head of school. He did address the issue of “why” the GPA is not listed on powerschool. Too many students are OBSESSED with their GPA’s this should not be their focus. As the GPA changes often students should be focusing on their current school work and what they are learning. GPA’s are available on report cards for both parents and students.

Next PTO meeting is 14 October, 2013