

## **WIHI PTO Meeting**

**2/10/2014**

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

**Media Center**

**Attendance:** Bharya Tummala, Tami Schumacher, Julie Li, Julie Drummond, Nadia Husin, Susan Wichhart, Karen Zaruba, Joy Lange, Kelly Guthrie, Karyn Goven, Kelley Bezrutch, Sloan Talbott, William Garcia

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Call to order-Kelley Bezrutch**

#### **Approval of the consent agenda**

January meeting minutes and financial report approved

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

PTO balance \$5388.56

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

The StuGo sponsored talent show was a huge success. There was a blue theme to support Xander who is recovering from a brain tumor and who was present at the talent show. Students and teachers dyed their hair blue and wore blue to show support for Xander.

### **Upcoming StuGo events:**

Movie night- needs parent chaperones; it will take place the week after break Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.

WIHI court yard dance- The date has not been set.

Mom to Mom sale- April 26<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 1pm, this event will be a sale of infant and toddler clothes. StuGo will sell tables and sell tickets; \$2 for early birds and \$1 for regular admission, no strollers after 10 AM. The sale will be advertised on the Mom to Mom website (currently up on website), parent group website, also tickets will be sold for admission. There will possibly be classrooms open for child care.

StuGo is asking the PTO to run the concession stand at the sale to sell snacks and drinks as an additional fundraiser to fund the senior party. The PTO will send out a sign up for items to sell at the concession stand.

Prom Update: StuGo took a tour of Cobblestone farms, there was a presentation given, this option was well received by other students. They are leaning toward the venue, it is a beautiful location, and food can be brought

into the venue. Other locations being looked at include Weber's and The Polo Fields. The date for the Prom is May 30<sup>th</sup>. A survey was sent out to students and over half wanted a Junior/Senior prom. It will be a similar format as the Charity Ball.

Next agenda to be look at for Prom will be catering. Pricing for the event is being discussed. Some students think it should be in the \$20-\$30 range. PTO members shared that some local schools charge \$45 to \$80 for the event; the pricing is still being debated.

### **Buildon info-Sloan Talbot**

There will be a used electronics drive at the end of the month. It will be a passport competition to see who can get the most electronics. It is not clear what will be accepted, for sure small devices like cell phones and pads. Another fundraiser will be March 14 from 7-9pm. It will be an El Salvadorian dinner, at the 1<sup>st</sup> Methodist Church in Ypsilanti. The church holds 120 people. StuGo is looking for a jazz band to play at the dinner. Also they will be Selling tickets in advance to this family friendly event.

### **School news-Kelley Bezrutch/William Garcia**

Drop off pick up-There will be a letter going out to families which will outline the procedure for drop off and pick up. There will be a sign set up on curb that will inform drivers to move forward past the second door, which will be open so students can enter there in the morning. A suggestion is that the sign needs to be clearer and set so all can see. This process is being actively worked on.

Current sophomores who want to take music and science for a full year need to decide if they want to take government online or in the summer. These sophomores do not have enough time in there schedules to take the government requirement during the school day with the additional music and science classes. The online government has a cost and a teacher needs to over see the course.

An IB curriculum night will be Tuesday, March 11th for sophomores and their parents. This will be an informational session to ask question about requirements and what to expect over the next 2 years. The students will get boxes and due dates.

Mr. Garcia is working on official assessment documents for the next 2 yrs. He will have a final draft at the next meeting.

A special tutoring class is not recommended for the IB assessments. The teachers at WIHI will be able to assist with preparing students for the IB assessments.

ACT is the mandated State of MI test; it is offered in the school and is free.

A survey was sent out to teachers and staff to seek suggestions as to what they would like PTO to do for them. Every teacher requested dry erase markers. They also loved the food and the small things PTO does for them. A new refrigerator was donated for the teachers lounge and a second refrigerator was donated and was placed in the gym. The funding of the additional items are being looked at.

A meeting took place to discuss unifying the student population. A survey was created and feedback included doing an all school activity that is more local and community focused, i.e. a Huron River watershed event. A suggestion was made to have an all school BBQ as a social activity.

### **Funds request for update-Tami Schumacher**

A PTO fund request form was developed by Tami Schumacher and committee members. PTO members are to look at the form and make suggestions.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Teacher lounge makeover project**

There will be a planning meeting in the media center on February 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 to develop ideas and a strategy for making over the teacher's lounge. An email will be sent out to inform and confirm participants.

### **WIHI graduation ceremony 2015**

The PTO was asked to help plan the 2015 WIHI graduation. A time frame mentioned was sometime in the last 2 weeks of June, but many at the meeting felt this will be too late. PTO board members will follow up on the graduation date options.

### **The Cafeteria**

An assessment was made that the lunch room is messy at all lunch times and all are to blame. Currently there is not enough staffing for the cafeteria to be supervised for proper waste disposal at all times. There are cleaning bottles in the cafeteria; all students should be cleaning up their own mess. There is

a plan for a renovation of the cafeteria after the second science lab is completed.

**Miscellaneous**

There will be additional dates added to Sign Up Genius for a visit with Xander.

Applications for next year's WIHI class currently stands at 104. This is well ahead of last year. The deadline is midnight on Friday.

WIMA PTO has a popcorn machine which WIHI is able to use.

New books are coming to the library which will be appropriate for WIMA.

Mr. Garcia will be available in the library as a resource for juniors with their extended essays.

Mr. Garcia will look into pre approved community enrichments.

**Suggestions of topics for next PTO meeting**

Open campus for seniors

**Next PTO meeting March 10, 2014 7-8:30**

Respectfully submitted by Susan Wichhart