

WiHi PTO Meeting

Monday, June 13, 2016

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Attendees: Kelley Bezrutch, Kim Vnuk-Kronick, Meg Wallace, Tami Schumacher, Carol Knight-Drain, Beth Al-Heleal, William Garcia, Ayesha Taj, Janet Tang, Jing Liu, Paula Drummond, Kyle Pellar-Kosbar, Naina Chethan, Athur Talbot, Sarah Stone, Angie Smith, Celeste Green, Martha Baiyee, Karen Morey

Introductions

Principals report—Nhu Do

Staffing Updates: Katherine Beck (French teacher) Econ: Alex Gruscheck will be new next year (both full time positions). Our Physics teacher is returning to Huron. John Boshoven is leaving; WiHi is in the 2nd 2nd round of hiring a secretary. Cherrell moved to Grand Rapids. Have 2 candidates and will decide by end of week.

Q: Did we know the Physics teacher would leave after just one year? No, we were expecting him to stay. Not typical. Not that much turnover. Teachers seem to like it here and workload is more interesting. Our caring community is really a plus.

Enrollment: 9th 10th 11th grades all have students entering

- 9th class size of 170 expected
- There is a 70 student waitlist from out-of-county school-of-choice (who will enroll through the YCS)
- Phenomenal achievement of 2016 graduates:
- 48 from diff colleges acceptances
- 7.6 million dollars in scholarship over 4 years
- 4000 hours of community service
- 2nd Graduation was lovely. When students come across the stage we share IB learner profile and how manifested in this student.
- Mr Garcia gave a great speech. Will be posted to the website
- Ann Arbor superintendent was at graduation. This summer they have to decide number of students they will commit to. Still 40 for 2016-17, but in summer they will decide if more than or less.

Proposal on move: YCS approved. Working with WEOC. They are still negotiating on the lease. When work that out, WEOC will vote. They are negotiating a 1-year lease for there , and then will work on 4 year lease for new building.

Calendar:

- First day of school Aug 15th
- New student orientation Aug 10th.
- Registration day is also that day in Aug 10th pm. (Can get parking spot. Will enroll technology students at that time, etc. Photos)

Q: When is calendar set? Not set until April. But always start the 3rd Monday of August

Q: We will still have midwinter break? If Ypsi and AA decide they will change the dates for their break, we might change. But we will still have break. Some districts are adding 5 days. WiHi is already longer by 3 weeks. Same as all other IB districts. WiHi kids need the break. One parent suggested that it is better to start 3 weeks early than to start 2 weeks early and end one week late.

Start Times: Have been thinking of making an adjustment. To start at 8am. Would end at 2:50.

However, this is difficult for kids who do sports. Parents seem to think later start date might be trouble.

Junior SAT performance? Don't have calculations yet. Will share when we have it at beginning of year.-
10 students scored in 34-36 range

Technology:

The reason we are making a change to our WiFi capability is because of student and staff concerns about getting kicked off of google docs, etc. Much of the work we do at WiHi is done paperless.

Examples:

- Garcia uploads presentations to private Youtube with his commentaries.
- We want to enhance moodle access
- WEOC directors suggested 12 access points (each \$1200). Not an option for us. We struggle at WiHi with Wifi. Intent of our additional access is that we continue to be committed to technology. This is an alternate opportunity to expand but still have overarching umbrella to monitor student use.

As we register students on August 10, we will ensure that usage will be school specific and appropriate.

What assets are available at new building? Same number of access points, for same amount of space. More students on same infrastructure. More students here next year. As well. The Infrastructure is mandatory. It is used for Administration, cameras, etc. WISD tech people

Greenhills was contacted to understand their WiFi arrangement. Their focus is to education to be digital citizens. Teach rules of respect, report what they see online. Digital ship curriculum.

Q: Filter? Lots will be filtered but not as much as WISD.

Q: How teach code of conduct? Do this in Passport. "What do you do when" oWe will provide an opportunity to discuss academic malpractice, bullying.

Q: Who will monitor? Teachers will be responsible for monitoring usage.? Yes, same as now. Usually students bring issues to teachers attention. Garcia will be the technology person.

Q: What about after school? Should also have adult monitoring. Will there be a way to monitor? No.

Q: Cost? Lowest level would be \$70/month up to \$300/month. Students have a strong motivation to stay in good standing.

Other details: Registration is optional. Sign a form to sign up. Computer and phone information will be given. This will be done on 10th. When get forms. Will go in info packets. Will include directions for how to logon.

Q: What is the cost to students? Suggested donation of \$20/year. People can put in more. What happens if money is not raised? Where will the money come from? In perfect world, we will hear about 5013c filing (soon). We should hear by end of June. When that happens, we can apply for grants. (ps. The PTO did get a grant from the Knight Foundation to cover the cost of the hard ware and one year). We cannot make the fee mandatory because we are a public school. Don't say optional or mandatory. Suggested Donation?

Q: How can we vote if we don't have the money?

Vote that we agree to pursue this technology venture, making it contingent upon funding with grants and donations? There were no objections. Angie abstained.

5013c: We have not heard anything back. We should hear by 90 days. They don't assign anyone to this unless they need additional information. (PS we did get the status after the meeting)

New business: Parent Ambassadors needed to welcome new families. 10-15 calls. Angie will provide a script to follow. Each volunteer will get ~20names.

Announcing a new initiative at the Honors Convocation

WiHi PTO recognizing Kelley's service. Special fundraising to fund new outdoor space with a bench and a plaque (which will go with us to new building). Send check to school. Drop off cash. "Together we do great things" financial goal is ~\$1000. New school will have a lot of outdoor space.

New business: We still need a Spirit Wear coordinator. This position involves ordering, designing and taking it to events. Product team? Need a parent to take ownership. This is our number one need for a new volunteer.

Exam week: snacks to who school donated by freshmen class reps. Missing volunteers to help pass out. 2 days are empty. 9:45-10 is the timing for handing out the snacks.

Teacher Update: Mr. Garcia

Main focus was to plan for technology discussion. Last week very hard on teachers. Emotionally and physically. During finals week teachers will be here for an hour or so. Teachers have to grade quickly so we ask students not to stay. Garcia working on timeline of all IB assesments. To explain when. We will be trying not to have all assessments in the same month. Other notes:

- 45 students signed up for college app class.
- Internship has to be approved in advance. Email Ms Persells.

Parent Comments:

Parents recognize that teachers have been rocking it out of the ball park.

WIMA really appreciated the support of the high school during their grief

Ayesha Taj thanks staff. Her son attended the bbq. As a Muslim mother she was really happy that it was all Hallal. Also, Muslims parents though it was so kind to have the bags for the parents fasting for Ramadan to take home snacks from the honors convocation.

Treasurer report.

Last Target award of \$200.

\$1300 leftover.

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