

Washtenaw International High School
Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Meeting Minutes
Inaugural Meeting – October 13, 2011

Attendees

Burt Okma
Bettina M Small
Delonaka Edwards
Ajmal Ansari
Kelley Bezrutch
Martha Crisler
Rabeea Khan
Teresa Rawson
Christina Howell
Venuri Gamage
Mary Ellen Paulson
Mirada Jenkins
Julie Bernas
Ayesha M Taj
Azizeh Abedrabbo

It was agreed that the Parent/Teacher committee shall be formed as a Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and will pursue non-profit status with the state.

Officers were elected as:

President - Delonaka Edwards
Vice President - Christina Howell
Treasurer - Kelley Bezrutch
Recording Secretary - Martha Crisler

Additionally Mirada Jenkins was selected as Communications Chair.

Those present agreed to the following activities

- Have a PTO station at parent teacher conferences to enlist parents to join. Several members agreed to staff the station.
- Provide dinner for teachers/staff and their families during parent teacher conferences. Several members agreed to provide items for the meals.
- Publish a student directory which will be made available to parents who join the PTO
- Investigate Scrip programs with local grocery stores as a fundraiser. Scrip is a program whereby grocers give a percentage of sales back to the PTO if groceries are bought with a pre-paid card associated with the PTO.
- Investigate Target charge card program which gives a percentage of all charges to the PTO

Assignments

- Investigate Process of becoming independent non-profit organization – Delonaka E.
- Research "Scrip" with Kroger, Meijer, Busch's, etc – Kelley B. and Mirada J.
- Research Target charge card association – Kelley B.
- Create information sheet for "Scrip" – Mirada J.
- Create Membership Form / Directory order form with release authorization and honor pledge – Mirada J.
- Arrange with Kelly Cartwright to have meal sign-up e-posted to parents to fill blanks in dinner items for parent-teacher conferences – Mirada J.