

Washtenaw International High School PTO
Meeting Minutes 10 September, 2012

Attendees:

Kelley Bezrutch – President	Martha Crisler – Recording Secretary
Christina Howell – Vice President	Karyn Goven – Treasurer
Julie Bernas	Fatima Burgeid
Tanya Garay	Barbara Askew
Rabeea Khan	Teresa Talley
Seemi Fatima	Saima Asad
Harm Derksen	Sobeyla Marzban
Paula Strenski	Mirada Jenkins
Kim Vnuk-Kronick	Stacey Spencer
Su-Fen Lin	

May 2012 Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes from May were approved.
Meeting minutes will be distributed to attendees of this meeting.

Officers / Roles

President – Kelley Bezrutch – Liaison to school leadership
Vice President – Christina Howell – backup to president
Recording Secretary - Martha Crisler – Recording meeting minutes
Corresponding Secretary – Julie Bernas – Communications of events / meetings to school via the school distribution list and Google calendar
Treasurer – Karyn Goven

Treasurers Report – Karyn Goven

Generic / Preliminary budget was distributed
\$622.00 is on hand
501(c)3 is in progress

PTO Role – Kelly Bezrutch

The PTO is not responsible to establish school policy. A question was raised regarding participation of teachers in PTO. Bert Okma had intended to participate in tonight's meeting, but had an unplanned out-of-country trip. One suggestion was to offer a stipend for a teacher representative. Stacey Spencer offered the use of her conference line if a teacher would like to call in to join.

Updates from WIHI – Kelley Bezrutch

- Last school year Principal dialogue had limited success. This school year some alternative times will be utilized including attaching a few to PTO meetings.
- New signage for face of school is in and ready to be installed. Old banner will be repurposed.
- New mural will be painted in gym – coordinated by art teacher (possibly as an enrichment)
- Verification process for IB certification is on track for November status update
- Grants which were proposed have not come through with funding, but this will not stop facilities progress.
- Chemistry lab is ready to begin construction in November/December in 700 wing. Blueprints are complete.
- Superintendent observed crowded situation in cafeteria and construction for an addition will be pulled ahead.
- Courtyard will become available in near future for lunchtime with added supervision.
- Custodial service has changed beginning today – lockup schedule will be stricter and bathroom maintenance will be improved
- New lunch tables have been installed
- Bathroom updates are seriously needed

Request for funding from school

PTO has been requested to purchase / provide regulation trash cans for the courtyard and front entrance of the school. A concern was raised regarding the use of PTO funds for facilities types of uses. Several parents voiced that they would prefer funds to be used for student events and project teams. Kelley Bezrutch to communicate decision to principal's office.

Communications

- Mirada Jenkins will be leaving WIHI PTO as her daughter has transferred to A2 Huron. She has requested someone take over her responsibilities at PTO. She has been responsible for creating flyers for all PTO events and advertising. Julie Bernas accepted this responsibility as part of communications secretary.
- Printed PTO announcements sent home with students are not being received by parents. PTO will avoid using students to carry announcements home.

Fall Flower Sale

Friday September 14 is pickup day – Paula Strenski will help Kelley B pick up the flowers from Banotai Nursery and sort them for pickup.

Marketing Plan for New Students

Kim Vnuk reports that WIHI is undersubscribed and needs to create a marketing program. She and Su-Fen Lin are working with WIHI leadership to identify marketing opportunities.

Upcoming PTO Events

Teacher conferences will be October 25 & 26. PTO will provide snacks and meal for the teachers those days. Detailed plans will be discussed at the next PTO meeting

Next PTO meeting will be Monday, October 8 at 7:00pm