

# **WIHI PTO November Meeting Minutes**

11/11/13

7:00 PM -8:30PM

Media Center

**In Attendance:** Stacey Spencer, Kelly Guthrie, Karen Morey, Paula Drummand, Ju-Yun (Julie) Li, Barbara Askew, Ali S. Huwio, Tammy Schumacher, Kim Vnuk-Kronick, Jen Barber, Karyn Goven, Nadia Husin, Carol Knight-Drain, Karen Zaruba, Ayesha M. Taj, Majid Taj, Kelley Bezrutch, Susan Wichhart, Sloan Talbot, William Garcia

**Call to Order**-Kelley Bezrutch

## **Old Business**

PTO Agenda for current meeting

Treasurer's report-Karyn Goven

Balance on hand- \$2380.88

October minutes available on website for review

Agenda, Treasurer's Report and October minutes Approved.

## **NHS request-Kelley Bezrutch**

Student groups are requesting money from the PTO. NHS is planning a waffle breakfast tomorrow before the late start and asked for money for the toppings. The

NHS's service project is to decorate the college guidance room in the Library. The money from the waffle fundraiser will go toward this project.

Mr. Ezekiel's club requested money to buy hot chocolate to raise money to pay an electrician to teach them how to install a solar panel at the school.

The questions is if and how much the PTO should donate.

Kelley spent \$89 from Sam's club to buy the toppings. Kim's opinion is to not have the PTO donate money to student clubs, she thinks parents should donate money for these requests.

Kelley thinks students should fill out a request form in a timely manner for funds; in addition there were comments that if the PTO was to donate to these requests there should be a set process.

This generated a discussion about how the PTO money should be spent.

PTO has limited funds, Scrips participation is low, and PTO membership fee participation is low.

It was agreed that a small PTO focus group should be formed to discuss if PTO should donate funds to club and regardless of where the money comes from, there should be a set protocol for granting money to school clubs.

Let Kelley know if you would like to be on the focus committee to discuss club donations and where this money should come from.

## **Update-International Dinner-Sloan Talbot StuGo Rep**

The International Dinner was a huge success. Thank you to all who participated.

StuGo and MSA each made \$600.00 after all expenses. Small snafu regarding using gym, StuGo had to purchase special paper to cover the gym floor; this was an

additional added expense. Next year the event will be held offsite to accommodate the crowd.

#### **Update-Meals for staff during conferences-Kelley Bezrutch**

Thank you to parents for bringing food, as well as set up and clean up after meals. A big Thank you for conference food via Mr. Garcia on behalf of entire faculty, Parents efforts was greatly appreciated.

There was a suggestion that for future teacher food events, there be more direction to volunteers who are coming in to set up as it was not clear what needed to be done.

#### **Regarding conferences-Mr. Garcia:** How was the 5 min conference length?

Teachers thought it worked well, if a parent and teacher felt they needed more time then they could set up an additional meeting to discuss further issues.

There were mixed reviews about the format from the parents in attendance, some felt it was enough time and others felt it was a little to short. Some parents thought the length of conference time might be dependent on subject matter. It was agreed that it was nice for the teachers to know which student's parents were on the schedule so they could have the student's materials ready.

#### **Update-Dress code-William Garcia**

Below is the current version of the dress code. Mr. Garcia will give to Mr. Okma for review and approval.

#### **New Business**

##### **AAPS decision-Kim Kronick**

All in attendance agreed WiHi students and parents made an impressive showing at the last school board meeting. According to Kim Kronick who stayed for the remainder of the meeting, the AAPS school board will most likely renew consortium contract for another year, but they may put a cap on the number of Ann Arbor students allotted for WIHI so they can budget for it.

Mr. Garcia said in one year the first ACT scores will come in and he is optimistic they will be very good; AAPS will be able to add these to their standardized test statistics which will be positive for AAPS and WIHI.

There is an AAPS board meeting this Wednesday, it is recommended some parents attend the meeting and be present for the vote.

There was agreement that students need not attend as it's a long night evening and they have school the next day.

The Vote to stay in the Consortium is Item 11 out of 16 on board meeting agenda; it's going to be toward the later part of the meeting. Below are the AAPS School Board meeting details.

Nov 13, 2013, 7:00 at main library in 4<sup>th</sup> floor boardroom.

##### **Drop off/pick up/parking issues-William Garcia**

Who will keep the cars moving to the end of the sidewalk during drop off? It was agreed that cones and signs will be set out to direct parents to drive to the end of the sidewalk and to pull up as far as possible to allow for as many cars to drop off in front of school as possible.

### **Parent Survey regarding fundraising-Karen Morey**

Karen shared her thoughts about coming up with effective ways to fundraise. One thought is to develop a survey on Survey Monkey to get parent input about ideas and how PTO might get more participation in fundraising. She relayed how it's essential to establish a fundraising goal either monetary or % of participation and then what will be done with the funds raised.

A committee was formed to expand on and develop ideas to bring back to the group.

Group members:

Karen Morey

Karen Zruba

Christina Howell

Kim Kronick

Karyn Goven

### **WIHI School Directory**

Who should do it? WiHi or PTO

There was a brief discussion about who should be responsible for the school directory. No decision made.

**Next PTO meeting December 9, 2013, 7-8:30**

Respectfully Submitted by Susan Wichhart