

WIPTO Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2020 - 6:30 pm

I. Welcome - 6:34 pm

Attendees: Chris Africa, Rashonda Arnold, Sue Barker, Shonda Brewer, Bobby Brinkley, Lisa Brown, Jeff Clark, Cameron Cochran, Nhu Do, Anne Hooghart, Rozan Hijazi, Herman Humes, Bethany Kennedy, Tamara Larson, Mary Beth Maes, Jamie Mayo, Rebecca Najarin, Kathy O' Bryan, Sonal Owens, Tasha Porht, Nadia Shahid, Ruby Daily-Stange, Stacy Sucarski, and Leticia Tenner

II. September minutes:

None were taken due to the fact that WIPTO is in need of a recording secretary and there were technical difficulties with connecting to the September Zoom meeting.

III. Ms. Do shared slides (RL Updates & Mission, Vision, Values)

- Going forward decisions regarding school moving to a hybrid plan vs. remote learning will be handled on a quarterly basis. We are all going through a very uncertain time, the school's administration, staff, and teachers want to ensure a safe learning environment for all! They will be adhering closely to State & health guidelines.
- Since COVID cases are on the rise in Michigan (particularly in our area code 48197), WIMAHI will remain on RL (remote learning) for the 2nd quarter (November to January).
- Ms. Do mentioned that cameras are not "required" to be on during RL classroom time (due to privacy concerns, etc.). Teachers do miss the in-person interactions and are sure students are too!
- The WINS program has been expanded to offer students who would like more social interaction. The program is held at the school building on Wednesdays from 9:00 - 3:10pm. Students are not locked in the building, while the weather is agreeable students/teachers have access to outside classrooms. There are hourly breaks and students can bring a sack lunch. Those that qualify for the reduced or Free Lunch program will have a sack lunch provided. Please see the school wide email that was sent out on Tuesday, October 13th for more details to sign-up.
- Be on the lookout for a Parent/Teacher Conferences email! Conferences will begin November 4th, and student-led. ***Please be on the lookout for the school's email for additional information.***
- Mr. Cochran was the teacher rep and he informed us that the peer mentoring program has begun. As of now, 55, 9th & 10th graders are mentored by upperclassmen, which takes place every other week.
 - ◆ Also, teachers are sharing with each other their "best practices" in this RL environment. Mantra "**We are ALL learning from each other**"

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IV. Treasurer's Report

Sue & Rashonda shared what the treasurer did and extended the opportunity for additional team members to assist. As of Monday, \$9441.05 is left in the budget. In addition to PTO administrative fees, the Faerie Fund, Wellness Fund, Staff Appreciation, Pastries w/Principal, Staff Grants, Tech & Media Fund, the 30 to 45 student-led organizations which are managed by the WIPTO treasury team. A motion was made by Tamara Larson to approve the September 30, 2020 budget and seconded by Ruby Daily. The motion was approved.

With the current cash on hand of \$9441.05 after all expenses have been approved for distribution. It was determined that we would like to have another PTO Community Support Drive to help replenish our funding. In lieu of asking for a specific amount, **ANY** and **ALL** contributions are appreciated. ***An newsletter email will follow asap.***

IIV. Art Auction

→ One of the parents, Letithia Tenner, who is the owner of ***Painting With A Twist***, offered to donate a considerable number of paintings. The proceeds would benefit the 8th Graduation and the school. A committee of Tamara, Kathy, Leticia, Ruby, and Sue will begin coordinating this generous donation.

IIIV. Zoom Kuddos for staff & students

→ Rudy D. has come with an idea to send Kuddos notes via Zoom to offer a "Thanks" from parents & students. We are hoping to have this done and distributed out by the last week of October. Rudy is coordinating with Lisa to get this done. Also, this is coinciding with Spirit Week that STUGO plans with the teacher advisor, Mr. Giddings

→ Holiday Baskets for the teachers/staff/faculty will most likely not happen this year. A suggestion by Tamara was a "WishLists" and how can we support the school during conferences when we are not allowed in the building? Any ideas/suggestions can be forwarded to the PTO inbox (www.pto@wipto.org).

IIIIV. Adjourn - 9:17 pm

Next meeting: November 9th at 6:30 pm

***Our meetings are not this long, however since the announcement was made regarding remote learning; there were more inquiries.**