

Washtenaw International PTO Minutes
6:30pm Mon. 11/12/2018
WIHIMA Media Center

In attendance: Lisa Brown (President; G9 Victoria); Stacy Sucarski (Vice President; G12 Tim & G10 Ian); Rashonda Arnold (Co-Recording Secretary; G10 John & G7 Christina); Anne Hooghart (Co-Recording Secretary; G7 Kasey & G6 Cassidy); Sue Barker (Treasury Team; G9 Melody); Nancy Harvey (Treasury Team; G11 Alex); Debbie Globke (G8 Keegan); Mary Beth Maes (G9 Alina & G7 Reed); Carol Chase (G9 Chase); Jamie Mayo (G8 Nathan); Ruby Daily (G10 Dawson; G8 Kail); Chanda Victoria (Communications Secretary; G8 Patrick); Wendy Roberts (G7 Sarah); Daniel Giddings (Member of Administrative Team); Joslyn Hunscher-Young (Teacher Representative)

1. Welcome

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

Copies of the 10/8/2018 minutes were distributed. It was moved (Nancy) and seconded (Stacy) to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Principal's Report (Mr. Dan Giddings, IB Diploma Program Coordinator & Lead Teacher)

Thanked the PTO for all their recent treats and support for the school's staff, and discussed upcoming events.

*WIMA Spirit Week this week (but WIHI folks are welcome to participate, too!).

*EDJI Day this Wed. 11/14 (compressed schedule, like on a Late Start day, but with regular start time).

*Parent University this Thursday 11/15 (6:30-8:00pm) with focus on mental health.

*Blood Drive at the school in gym (Mon. 12/3).

*WIMA Career Day (Thurs. 12/20); still looking for volunteers, please contact Ms. Jessica Garcia (jgarcia@wihi.org). WIHI Career Day will be held on 3/8/2019.

As IB Diploma Program Coordinator, Mr. Giddings invited questions about the Diploma Program. During their sophomore year, students choose which courses to take in the Diploma Program. Parents can help students with this by encouraging them to choose what they are interested in now, not what they think they might like in the future, etc. There will be a meeting in the spring to help the sophomores make their choices.

IB revises one subject every 5 years, and the IB math curriculum is up for revision. WIHI teachers will be trained about the new changes prior to the student meeting.

4. Staff Representative's Report (Ms. Joslyn Hunscher-Young, Social Studies Chair)

a. Additional thanks for PTO support during the month of October.

b. Paying for college website is up – please check it out. <https://www.wihi.org/college-counseling/paying-for-college-workshop>

c. Parent University this week – on Thurs. 11/15.

d. French Trip – information meeting on Tues. 11/13.

e. Ms. Bargardi is hoping to get some funding for markers, games, etc. to use in Restorative Practices office.

f. EDJI (Education, Diversity, Justice, and Inclusion) Day this Wed. 11/14 – rebranding of previous Diversity Days; students will be in mixed class of 6th-12th grades, talking about issues of identity; parents are encouraged to encourage student attendance/participation. There will be four throughout the school year.

f. Information Nights/Open Houses – Our in-house cafeteria is offering the option of providing pizza (requires ordering by a school administrator at least one week in advance)

5. Treasurer's Report -

Nancy distributed copies of the PTO Treasurer's Report for October 1 – November 1, 2018.

a. Noted key items:

-- Wolf Faerie renamed Faerie Fund.

- Lots of generous monetary donations for the Conference Meals for teachers; any overages have been placed in the Hospitality Fund.
- Refund from Comcast has been placed in a "Tech & Media Fund" (approx. \$3500).
- Purchased PTO Insurance
- Thanks to active participation of parents & other school supporters, (approx. \$600) deposit to Grocery Store Loyalty Fund.
- Flower Bulb Sale fundraiser – final settlement still in process, but made at least \$1000 profit.

b. It was moved (Ruby) and seconded (Mary Beth) to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously.

c. The Treasurer's Briefcase (TBC) is being reloaded due to some reconciliation issues, but it should soon be available to all.

6. Current/New Business -

a. Resignations –

Brianna Jackson has submitted her resignation as PTO Vice President (WIMA rep.), and Nicole Nessler-Stuhec has resigned from the fundraising committee, both citing scheduling reasons.

We appreciate their service, and welcome volunteers ready to step up and assume those duties.

b. Fundraisers -

- Chipotle fundraiser: Failed to make the \$300 minimum required by the store, so no profit for us.
- Salsa fundraiser: Sold \$1465 total, and made \$733 profit.
- SCRIP: Fundraising committee planning to have it up and running for holidays
- Possible upcoming fundraisers:
 - Selling coupons from local pizza restaurants like Hungry Howies or Marcos (Ruby will look into these)
 - Motown soup: Instant soup packets, which also benefits other charities (Mary Beth looking into this)
 - Restaurant discount card (Mary Beth will look into this)
- Dine to Donate – Lisa recommends we set one up with Aubrees' for December.

c. School Calendar – Nancy reported that a recent website coding issue got repaired, so the online calendar on the WIHI.org page is once again complete/updated. Parents can subscribe to this on their Gmail calendars.

d. Holiday Baskets – Nancy is willing to co-lead this with another volunteer (thank you for stepping up, Carol Chase!). Families are asked to donate goodies (baked goods, fruit, nuts, etc.) or money, and volunteers assemble them into baskets for all the staff members. Tentative date: Tues. 12/11. In the past, there has been suggestions to include gift cards, but as a non-profit organization, that would require the organization and the teachers to claim it on our taxes.

e. Hospitality Committee – The PTO has had a lot of success with donations and a small set of volunteers for providing meals for teachers/volunteers for Parent-Teacher Conferences, Teacher Appreciation Week, etc., but the PTO Board has decided that we need to come up with a different approach in the future, perhaps involving catering (of the main dishes, at least) by YCS Food Service, or a local restaurant. The majority of the staff are vegetarians, so we might want to look into a local restaurant like Veg-O-Rama. We have a budget; just need hands.

f. WIMA Game Night (5:00-7:00pm, Friday 11/16) – The school will providing the pizza, so the PTO will sell concessions at this event. No spirit wear will be sold.

g. Open Houses: Two remaining for WIHI (Nov 27, Jan 17) and one for WIMA (Dec 13). The school's cafeteria can provide pizza (requires ordering by a school administrator at least one week in advance).

- h. Parent University (6:30-8:00pm, Thurs. 11/15) – topic focus is mental health
- i. Cultural Proficiency Meeting (Wed. 12/12) – topic focus is religious diversity
- j. WIMA Career Day (Thurs. 12/20) – Looking for more volunteers/parents to present! Contact Jessica Garcia.
- k. Blood Drive (Mon. 12/3) in gym – state law says donors can do it from age 17 (or age 16 with parent consent)
- l. Fall Beautification Day (Sat. 10/20) – very limited attendance, but got lots of bulbs planted, etc.
- m. WIMA Chili Cook-off (11/2) – About 20 attendees, enjoyed 6 different types of chili, hush puppies, etc. In the future, we might want to move it away from a Friday night, to increase attendance.
- n. Teacher Wish List - Regarding Ms. Bargardi's request, Sue suggested that we set up another teacher wish-list, and invite her (and other teachers) to add their desired items to the wish list. Sue volunteered to set up a SignUp Genius and an email to send out to parents.
- o. Communication/Record-Keeping – Lisa noted that communication from the Deans seem to be working, for the most part. There have been lags in communication about certain events, etc. Chanda (Communications Secretary) explained that the PTO's GSuite is now all set to go, now that she's figured out the server/bounce-back issues. Committee work session at 6:30pm on Wed. 12/5.

Next PTO meeting: Monday 12/10 at 6:30pm
Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.