



WHS PTO

WHS PTO Board and Advisory Team Minutes Friday 12/11/20

In attendance: Elisa S., Jen C., Sejal S., Alexia O., Keata H., Stephanie L. Pam C.

Alexia called the meeting to order at 10:10 am.

Meeting Minutes: Elisa made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes, Tracy seconded. Motion passed. Alexia will send out June 2020 minutes before the next meeting.

Treasurers Report: So far, Gift Your Child has generated \$10,701.92. We spent about \$8,000 from reserves last year and plan to spend \$10,000 this year to take our reserves to \$20,000. We have \$20,000 to work with this year. We've spent about \$2,000 so far on staff appreciation and Allyson's discretionary fund. At the moment we have a limit of \$500 per request for Mini-Grants and Wish List. Sejal suggested we get rid of the limit. Pam cautioned that we are not going to meet our Gift Your Child goals this year and are going to have to trim our budget. Pam could send out suggestions before next board meeting about where budget could be cut. Elisa will send out request for grant applications without limits in January. Jen suggested that we can send an end of year tax push for donations. Sejal suggested that we don't ask for donations now because there's a \$300,000 fundraising need for Covid testing. Purpose of testing is to increase safety by identifying and isolating non symptomatic students. Testing will be part of a formula to decide about going all back to school.

Faculty Appreciation: Sejal shared that they gave staff lip balm and bath bomb in a bag. The team is strategizing for the rest of the year and might provide hot chocolate on a stick. The team is still waiting to hear back from Allyson about food restrictions because of COVID but currently all items are individually wrapped and purchased, not home baked foods. Vicky Sin will work with Nan.

Student Support:

Social Justice Equity Committee: Alexia reported that each school should come up with a committee of parents and teachers to discuss how to bring equity to the schools. Carolyn Hahn is coordinating the effort.

Metco: Keata reported that there will be an MLK virtual celebration on January 18. More information will be coming out. WHS PTO has a Metco line item that has been unused for a couple years. Keata will consider it and provide input and guidance on that line item.

Coffee Chats: Alexia will try to start one next week because there is a sense that people are feeling overwhelmed.

Beautification: Missy reported by email that the lights at the school sign are dim. She will look into it.

Social Media: Jen posted Board Meeting minutes on PTO website. Elisa suggested Board Meetings should be accessible to the entire community. There was discussion about putting the link in the eblast and Facebook. Jen will contact Maria McGrath about sending it out. The eblast still has information about PTO Facebook. There was discussion about whether we can put other information in the eblast. Jen opened a Twitter and posted about it on Facebook.

Board Meetings: In prior years, high school staff attended WHS PTO Board Meetings but they are busy and not as available this year. Joanne Schmidt, who coordinated last year, has not responded.

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 15 at 10:00 am