



PTO member in attendance

Monday, January 6, 2020 in WES in the library

Brigid Morrissey, Rachel Sule, Emily Marx, Amy Calabrese, Nancy Ferguson, Betsy Michau, Morgan Dorfman, Kate Myers, Elsa Lesmes, Sue Dahlstrom, Laura Wassel, Nicole Moore, Lawrie Coplin, Meg Staffelat, Geta Palshika, Leigh Oblack, Cathy Mascioli

Total number of parents/stuff/teachers attending: 12

Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting began at 7:05 pm with the pledge of the Allegiance and a welcome for the president Rachel Sule and Brigid Morrissey.

PTO meeting minutes were circulated.



Principal's Report

Nancy Ferguson

*See Principal's Report dated 01/07/20

- Mrs. Ferguson's updates about SWPB team :
 - o SWPB team continues reaching the goal to create a positive impact in the students with some examples as when the student said something negative the SWPA team follows why the student feels in that way instead judge him/her.
 - o "The Welcome Back Assembly" where the students of the month were recognize as a positive incentive. The students enjoyed playing "rock, paper, scissors". There were 3 rounds of the game teacher vs teacher, student vs student and student vs teacher.
 - o The annual pool party was another successful incentive where 350 people attended and the next after school incentive will be The Center Celebration.
- Mrs. Ferguson mentioned how, it is very important that volunteers at all times has a printed badge inside the building. Also the importance of not to approach teachers during the volunteer time. This time should be respected and Mrs. Sule suggested the possibility of sending a friendly email to the parents who are volunteering about don't disturb teachers in any place at the school during this time.
- Mrs. Ferguson informed that due to the new system every visitor should bring their driver license to be updated into the new system.



Officer's and Standing committee

Presidents' Report

Brigid Morrissey and Rachel Sule

- Mrs. Sule thanked The WES PTO for the strong presence at the Multilingual Family Community Resource fair held in Radnor Middle school on January 04, 2020.

- Mrs. Sule reminded us about some upcoming events and socials as follow:
 - Book Club - For this month the book suggested was THE WILD ROBOT by Peter Brown
 - BINGO - Friday, January, 10th at 7 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm)
 - Free workout class with orange Theory - Sunday, January, 25th at 12:45 pm
 - Terrarium workshop - Wednesday, January, 29th at 7pm-9pm
 - International Potluck dinner - Friday, January, 31st
 - Sunday Funday - Sunday, February, 9th at 1pm-4pm
 - Science Fair - Thursday, February, 20th at 6:30 pm (drop off is Feb ,19th 3:30 - 6:30 pm)
 - Staff appreciation event - Wednesday, March, 4th
 - Boys and Bowling (WES boys & moms) - Sunday, March, 8th
 - Talent Show - Wednesday & Thursday, March, 25th & 26th at 2:00pm - 4:30 pm
 - Sweetheart Dance - Friday, April, 17th - Need chair
 - Earth day - Sunday, April, 26th
 - Celebrate the arts Night - Thursday, April, 30th
 - Plant sale - Friday, May, 8th
 - Spring Fair - Friday, June, 5th



Treasurer's Report

Amy Calabrese and Emily Marx

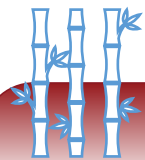
The income and expense summary for July 2019 - June 2020 was circulated along with a brief summary of the PTO current cash position. Some of the main points of the treasurer's report were:

- Fun Run/5k was very successful could be considered one of the most successful so far.
- Dinners out collected about \$300 ,more the details and description will be given in the report.

*The detail information about income and budget are reported in the **summary for July 2020 -June 2020.**

Grant Request:

On January's PTO meeting, Mrs. Ferguson requested grants for her diversity project (details of this project were explain on the last notes). A vote was taken by all the PTO members present. The PTO approved release \$920 to Mrs. Ferguson to be used for the first year of ink and paper in the project mentioned above.



Green Committee

Committee Reports

The Green Committee wants to inspire the kids and the community to go greener every day more. Joining with Mrs Ferguson the green committee is having at the cafeteria a recycle visual explanation, helping the kids to keep in mind how to recycle and the importance of doing it.

Some of the activities that the green committee is planning to reach their goal are:

- *Classroom events wider guideline about better recycling practices.
- *In genius sign up the system used for parents to sign up for donations to school events and participation in them, little suggestions are having made as:
 - Avoid to bring plastic bottle of water to the events or plastic utensils
 - Rethinking about finger food in order to use less plastic utensils or wasting too much food.
 - Make sure how many kids are participating on the event in that way only the
- The WES Green Committee educates students on proper lunch time recycling habits, explaining the recycling rules that apply to recycling at school.
- The green committee also mentioned how RHS kids are involved in this initiative with the purpose of create a more conscience in the community about not only recycling but also reused things as much as we can.

Other general suggestions made by the green committee were:

- *Send beverages in a thermos or reusable bottle, not juice boxes or bottled water.
- *Send food in reusable plastic containers, not plastic baggies. Avoiding buying snacks that are pre-packaged as “single serving”.
- *Send reusable utensils instead of using disposable ones. These should be brought home daily for cleaning.
- *Whole fruits and veggies are great items to include.
 - *If children are buying lunch, they may bring in their own plate and utensils.



Community Outreach

Kate Myers

Mr. Myers reminded us about The WES Community Service Challenge and how this program is really encouraging the kids to be involved with the community and shows how all the nice things that kids can do for the community



Multicultural Committee:

Geeta Chapati

- *The Multicultural Committee announced the celebration of its 12th International Week January 27- 31, 2020 being India the selected country. In school, kids will learn about India through food tastings at lunch, a school wide assembly featuring exciting bhangra performers, Indian magic up close and much more. Mrs. Kapadia mentioned that many volunteers are still needed.
- * International Week is closing on January 31 with The Potluck Dinner, Indian magic performance, henna artists, and a Bollywood dance workshop while dining with WES Families. Families are asked to **bring a main or side dish to share**. Indian dishes are welcome but not required. The event will be held at WES cafeteria from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.



On February Cultural art committee is holding different events as follow :

*** February 6 -**

● **Dr. Daisy Century – Performance Actor** (Grades 4 & 5)

Dr. Daisy Century defines her role as a Historical Interpreter because she becomes that character. She dresses like the character from that particular time period and brings their stories to life for the audience.

● **Harriet Tubman** - (Grade 4) She lived as a slave on a Maryland plantation. Frequently threatened, beaten, whipped, and starved, Ms. Tubman's indomitable spirit could not be broken. She overcame many daunting obstacles to free herself and many others from slavery. A Union spy during the Civil War as well as a nurse, Ms. Tubman directed her considerable energies

● **Bessie Coleman** - (Grade 5) The first African American woman to become a licensed airplane pilot and the first American to hold an international pilot license. Ms. Coleman's desire to be a pilot could not be thwarted and she overcame significant challenges to earn her pilot license, including going to Europe for flight school when she learned Black women were not allowed to be licensed pilots in the USA.

*** February 7 -Carol Spacht and John Lopes - Performance Actors (Grade 2)**

Martha & George Washington - Two acclaimed character actors will take the students back in time for a visit with Martha and George Washington. This interactive theater program shares Martha's remarkable, and mostly untold, story highlighting the unique role women played in the building of our nation as well as the impressive accomplishments and leadership of our first President.

***February 24-28 -Hip Hop Fundamentals - Assembly and Dance Residency**

The Principles of Hip-Hop: Peace, Love, Unity and Having fun. Inspire positive change in young people through an exploration of the roots of hip hop culture. This ensemble of dynamic and energetic dancers uses breakdancing and abundant audience participation to explore hip hop's rich cultural history and how underserved inner-city youth changed the world. The performance focuses on youth empowerment, diversity, creativity, and working together, embodied by hip hop's four principles: Peace, Love, Unity, and Having Fun! Since 2010, they've performed thousands of shows for schools, libraries, and youth organizations. Hip Hop Fundamentals will be in residence at WES for 5 days, conducting workshops with individual classes as well as performing in a school-wide assembly.



Bingo Night

Emily Marx

- * The registration for the bingo night will be closed this Wednesday, January 8, 2020.
- * Mrs. Marx also suggested that RHS could help as a volunteers, the RHS students can sign up through Genius.

PTO Minutes from 10/11/2019 were approved

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

Respectfully submitted
Elsa Lesmes, PTO secretary

