

WASS ELEMENTARY PTO MEETING
September 21, 2021 7pm Zoom Meeting

In attendance for meeting via Zoom

Principal Matt Jansen, Matt and Heather Miller, Ayessa Potts, Megan Guilbault, Harpreet Singh, Melissa Destross, Ashleigh Jennings, Katie Veltema, Sandra Guilbault, Vihaan C., Alessandra Nicole Van Houw, Kelly Detrich, Liz Pugh, Aaron Burch, Amy Wiechec, Hajra, Grace Derocha and Mr. Kolbe

PTO Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. PTO Presidents Report:

- Megan G. shared cards from staff members thanking PTO for annual checks for supplies for their classroom.

- PTO Presidents board meeting

3. Secretary Report:

- Harpreet Singh explained her role of taking notes during PTO meetings which are then posted on the Wass PTO website.

4. Treasurer's Report: Matt Miller

- Reviewed last year revenues; PTO did not fundraise much last academic year due to pandemic and uncertain times. Our biggest fundraiser Running With The Wolves was conducted last year however, the PTO covered the costs since it was a difficult year and the PTO decided not to make it a fundraiser. PTO treasurer Miller applied and received a \$10,000 grant from Oakland County last academic year. PTO also raised significant funds from restaurant nights and Kroger rewards. Some accomplishments from PTO last academic year was replacing 4 basketball hoops and purchasing slag for the baseball field.

- Mr. Jansen mentioned keeping our balance around \$10,000 and not below \$5,000; academic year 2021-22 we are counting on Running with the Wolves to make a significant amount since it is our one major fundraiser and PTO does not want to keep asking the Wass community for money through multiple fundraising efforts. Mr. Jansen mentioned Learning Night, Bingo Night and 5th Grade Camp are scheduled to happen and if for any reason the events are canceled the funds will remain unused in the account.
- Treasurer Matt Miller went over 2021-2022 proposed budget plans line by line.
- The PTO presidents' motion to approve budget: 1st approved by Melissa Destross and 2nd approval by Katie Veltema; Budget Passed.

5. Principal's Report: Principal Matt Jansen

- The school year began with a strong start. School environment looks and feels familiar but not 100 percent. 416 students back in the building digging into learning: readers workshop, writers workshop, math and all other subjects.
- Teachers are prepared to provide engaging instruction; students and staff are building up their stamina to get through the day.
- Mr. C. and Waking with the Wolves normally held on Tuesday mornings at 8am had a huge turnout; he held another to celebrate the first full week of school on Friday which had an even bigger turnout.
- We are facing a national food supply shortage. A nutritious lunch is free to all students across the entire United States. With the shortage there may be last minute changes to the lunch menu.
- First Wolf Pack lesson on Respect will be held on September 30th; Wolf Packs will be conducted with core class. Hopefully in the future it can go back to the original wolf packs concept.
- Wass now has a full time social worker Allison McKee; she is assisting with lessons in core values in the classrooms.
- Meeting with Rob Carson regarding Kindergarten playground equipment; the district may assist our school with an emergency fund. Following the meeting Mr. Jansen plans on working with Kindergarten teachers to talk about developmentally appropriate playground structures.
- Wellness Coordinators started 09/21 for the Troy School District; at this time no Wass teachers are participating. Wellness coordinators are teachers who are allowing cameras into their classrooms and if any students have to be quarantined they can log into the assigned grade level wellness coordinator classroom to hear instruction. One per grade level- K, 1, 2 and 4th started. The Wellness coordinators follow district pacing with live instruction one way with reading, writing and math.
- Support High Expectations: Wass is committed to support high expectations by face to face instruction, veteran staff members, heavy dose of the Red Pillar (focusing on the social, emotional well being of students throughout the day) by doing daily character challenges, Wolf Packs, whole class social work support- K and Grade 1 which started today.

6. Committee Reports:

- Restaurant night: Jet's Pizza (Sterling Heights location) will be on Thursday September 30, 2021 from 9am-10pm. Please mention Wass when you order and 20% of sales will be given to Wass PTO.
- Room Parents/Class Parties: Sandra Guilbault will be sending out room parent details soon.
- Open Positions: Flower Sale(event usually happens before Spring break and delivers by Mother's Day) and 5th Grade Recognition (collect baby pictures, distribute t-shirts) are open. Please feel free to reach out to Mr. Jansen or PTO board member for more information if you are interested.