



**WASHINGTON GT MAGNET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

APPROVED DATE: 25 Oct 2018
1st Hollin Goodwin 2nd Manjri Lall
Secretary: Sherri Satterwhite

Date: September 28, 2018
Location: Washington GT Elementary School
Presiding: Amy Thomas
Call to Order: 9:30 a.m.

In Attendance: Emily King, Sherri Satterwhite, Amy Jones, Kim Olds, Yiyi Sun, Amy Thomas, Jessica Dixon, Carey Forman, Veena Shanmugham, Kara Goeres, and Bob Grant

Approval of Minutes:

August 31, 2018, meeting minutes were presented. Sherri motioned to approve the meeting minutes and Jessica Dixon seconded. The August 31, 2018, Board Meeting minutes were approved.

Outstanding Forms:

Sherri will check to see if all the code of ethics and conflict of interest forms are in.

Reports:

Administration: Principal Bob Grant

- Open House.
 - Survey parents to determine what they want. What is their goal for Open House?
 - Meet the teacher is similar. Do you need both? Is there a way to communicate the differences between the two events?
 - Consider two different nights for different grade levels?
- Numbers Update
 - 559 students
 - 26 classroom teachers
- School choice
 - Charter impact? Need parent feedback?
 - Use Parent PTA Board to help strategize ways to get feedback.
 - Going from specific waitlist number feels vague. Don't know where they stand, will more heavily research other options.
 - Neighborhood connections - help build community. Neighborhood socials?
- Principal chats
 - Social Emotional Learning overview in October
- Tech purchases--Last year of parent contribution
 - Two 70 in monitors to purchase \$1800 each
- Shining Star Incentives
 - Tie incentive into Fall Picnic (Oct 18) week

- Teachers join PTA
- Dojo message regarding shining star fundraiser

Faculty Rep.: Liz Harder (Reported via e-mail)

- Homeroom interims go home Oct. 8th, this is a change
- We are almost finished with mClass assessments, literacy assessments we give all students K-5
- Report cards will go home Nov. 13th
- 3rd grade students took the beginning of grade 3 assessment in early September, which will give us a baseline reading score. Results will be shared with parents next week.
- 3rd grade students will take Cogat assessment in early October.

Treasurer: Jessica Dixon

The budget will be presented at the upcoming general meeting. Checks are waiting to be signed once the budget is approved at that meeting. Income of approximately \$2200 has been collected.

Standing Committee Reports:

Ways and Means: Veena Shanmugham

Shining Star Fundraiser: \$4150 collected to date.

Passive Fundraising: it doesn't appear that any checks have been received. Veena will follow up. Michelle Faircloth will handle boxtops this year.

Wizard Wear: Kim Olds and Leigh Hines have wizard wear well underway.

School Store: 5th grade students are volunteering to help younger students with navigating the school store.

Membership: Emily King reported that currently there are 158 members and that people are joining online.

Communications:

Amy Thomas reported that room parent training will be Oct. 2.

Media Center: Kara Goeres

Book Fair: The committee, with help from Ms. Hash, is researching whether or not to take book fair profits as Scholastic Points or "cash." If we go with the Scholastic Points it looks like we would be able to fund more books for the library vs. cash profit. May need to adjust the budget if the committee recommends Scholastic Points. Kara will find out if it possible to split profits between cash and Scholastic Points. The committee hopes to have a recommendation at the next meeting.

Reading Incentives: Readevolution with the Carolina Hurricanes is a new program. The school's goal is the read 2020 books to enter a drawing for a Hurricanes field trip. If students log 800 minutes or reading they will get two vouchers for a hockey game.

Programs and Events: Amy Jones

Jessica Dixon motioned that Amy Jones be named standing committee chair for programs and events. Veena seconded the motion. All voted to approve Amy Jones as standing committee chair. Amy J. reported that the committee has members.

Fall Picnic: Oct. 18. Emphasis will be placed on families bringing their own picnic, though Moe's will also be selling food. Veena will follow up regarding tying in a Shining Star goal with the picnic.

Arts and Letters: Nov. 8. The theme will be enchanted forest. Bluegrass Stomp will be the featured performance. They cover the history of bluegrass and how many cultures meld into bluegrass. The fee is \$700. The committee will meet next Thursday morning.

Reflections: Theme is Heros Among Us. Grants have been awarded. All submissions will be digital.

Advocacy: Hollin Goodwin

Reported via electronic communication: Teacher startup funds and grants are underway.

Audit: Carey Forman

Jessica will get Veena an old account statement to take to the old bank.

President's Report: Amy Thomas

New Business:

School Bond Referendum: There will be a school bond referendum on the ballot in November. Do we want to pass a resolution in support? Amy Thomas proposed adopting the NCPTA's resolution and send it out via Monday folders. Amy Jones motioned that the board proposal be approved. Jessica Dixon seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Committee / Volunteer Needs by Standing Committee

List for each Team - last year / volunteers / contact info etc.

Host a Social for each Standing Committee - dates and invitations will be listed in the next newsletter.

Communications:

Upcoming Wizard Words - Wednesdays (?) Oct 3, 17, & 31: to include information on Shining Star, Reflections, Upcoming Event Dates, Link for Upcoming Volunteer Needs Sign Up (MemberHub) SEND NEEDS TO AMY THOMAS ASAP, Join PTA Membership Online Link (MemberHub), Teacher Spotlight (Lola), Passive Fundraising Info, Other?

Old Business: None noted.

Announcements: Next Board Meeting, Thursday, Oct. 24 at 9:30 a.m. in boardroom.

Adjournment: Emily motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Jessica seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.