



WASHINGTON GT MAGNET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
2019

APPROVED DATE: Mar. 22,

PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
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Secretary: Sherri Satterwhite

Date: January 11, 2019
Location: Washington GT Elementary School
Presiding: Amy Thomas
Call to Order: 9:32 a.m.

In Attendance: Sherri Satterwhite, Amy Thomas, Kim Olds, Hollin Goodwin, Kara Goeres, Carey Forman, Jessica Dixon, Amy Jones, Emily King, Dan Gridley, Tricia Coia, Bob Grant, Liz Harder, and Roxanne Sykes.

Approval of Minutes:

December 7, 2018, minutes were presented. Carey Forman motioned to approve the minutes and Jessica Dixon seconded. The December 7, 2018, Board Meeting minutes were approved.

Reports:

Administration: Principal Bob Grant

GT cares program started recently to help kids gain confidence in core skills. It is funded by a \$35,000 grant from the WCPSS and an outside donor. Parent partners will be included in the program.

An adult literacy program is starting in conjunction with the Mexican consulate.

The parent advisory team for safe schools will meet Jan. 17.

A team meeting for the 95th anniversary planning will be held Jan. 29.

Ms. Vicki Allen retired and Ms. Webb has filled the position of data administrator.

Amy Thomas will include a request for more online comments in the next newsletter. It might also be possible to set up computers for parents to post online during Math & Science Night.

Faculty Rep.: Liz Harder

January will be a testing month. The middle of the year testing period is going on. New for the EOG this year is that there won't be a need for proctors for class wide testing. Proctors will only be needed for one on one testing situations, read aloud testing, and hall monitors.

President's Report: Amy Thomas

Amy Thomas reported that income is up by approximately \$5000. We will add an extra \$550 for the spring celebration/anniversary, which will also include \$4000 for t-shirts.

Interim Vice President: Emily King

Emily King and Kim Olds presented a proposal from Carnela Hill for updating the teachers' lounge. A copy of the proposal will be included in the secretary's file. The estimate for the renovation is \$2500. The work will include: paint, furniture, dividing the area, and decorations. Room parents may be asked to provide/replenish the lounge staples and do something special/fun each month. The week of March 4 would be a great time to kick off the new space since that is teacher appreciation week. Emily King motioned to present the proposal for budgetary approval at the next General Meeting. Amy Jones seconded the motion. The motion was approved and the proposal will be put to a vote at the upcoming General Meeting.

The nominating committee will report at the next board meeting.

Emily updated the board regarding a Facebook group for Washington alumni.

Standing Committee Chairs

Communications & Recognition: Report by Amy Thomas

The yearbook still has no committee or chair. Amy Thomas will ask for volunteers in the next newsletter. Staff appreciation week will be March 4 to tie in with the lounge renovations.

Media Center Support: Kara Goeres

Cara will check with Ms. Hash on the read across the rainbow program.

Washington will have a school wide field trip on Feb. 25 as a reward for the Hurricanes Reading Incentive program.

Washington has been selected by the WakeEd Partnership in Raleigh for their Partner's Read Literacy Program. They will train volunteers and provide books (actual hard copies the kids can take home with them) to support 1st Graders at Washington who are not yet reading on grade level.

We are still looking for volunteers who are available during school drop off for 10 Fridays this spring, from 8:50 - 9:20 a.m. Dates are: February 15, 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22, April 5, 12, 26, May 3, 10. Amy Thomas will post the call for volunteers in the next newsletter. Sherri and Kim volunteered.

Ms. Hash is using Scholastic dollars for a cover 1 machine. Cara will write a summary explaining the benefit for Amy to post in the next newsletter.

Programs & Events: Amy Jones

The Chik-Fil-A spirit night did not have a lot of attendance. Other ideas suggested for possible future spirit nights included: Marbles, bowling, Moore Square Park.

Math and Science Night flier is done. We have enough presenters that we had to turn some away. We still need volunteers to help with setup. Two food trucks are lined up.

Science Fair is under control. T-shirts have been ordered.

International Cultural Night needs a committee chair. The event is scheduled for April 11, 2019. Amy Thomas will call for volunteers in the next newsletter.

Night of Stars will be April 25, 2019. The Wake Co. PTA council recognizes each local group's star volunteer

Upcoming School Spirit Nights include: Jellybeans - Saturday, Feb 23; and City BBQ - March.

Events Budget: The number drummer never got scheduled. We should add a separate line item to the budget to allot approximately \$50 per event for meals for janitors (for events with food trucks). Amy Thomas motioned to add the line item for janitors' meals to the budget. Amy Jones seconded it. All were in favor.

Advocacy & School Support: Hollin Goodwin

There is \$2000 left for one more round of teacher grants.

Special Olympics - how can we get the word out about Washington students' participation in Special Olympics? Could we have a showcase at the Spring Celebration? Hollin will get in touch with Anil and set up a coffee meeting with him, Amy Thomas, and Emily King to brainstorm ideas.

Advocacy - Amy Jones will help Hollin get in the loop regarding the Wake Co. Advocacy Group. Hollin will then help disseminate information on bond votes, school system news, and other advocacy related information in the Wizard Words newsletter.

Ways & Means: Reported by Amy Thomas

Veena is working on more matching grants.

Amy Thomas will talk to Mr. Grant about how to handle Box Tops funds.

Audit: Carey Forman

Carey reported that they have a picture of the old bank statement and that the issue is resolved. The committee has opted in to online only bank statements.

New Business

Budget Changes

The lounge renovation, room parent fund, additional one-time funds for "specials teachers," as well as other budget adjustments noted above will be added to the budget changes to be voted on at the January General Meeting. Amy Jones motioned that the revised budget be presented as outlined at the January General Meeting. Carey Forman seconded the motion. All were in favor. The revised budget will be presented for vote at the next General Meeting.

Community Partnerships: Dan Gridley and Tricia Coia

Mr. Gridley and Ms. Coia are developing a community partnership database and asked the PTA to help get the word out. They plan to add a link to Washington's website. Amy Thomas will distribute a form in an upcoming Wizard Words that interested community volunteers can use to indicate their interest(s).

Upcoming Wizard Words

January 24th - Everyone, please write a blurb for your committee's updates in the newsletter.

Announcements

Next General Meeting at Math and Science Night Thursday, Jan. 24

Next Board Meeting Friday, Feb. 8 @ 9:30am in boardroom

Adjournment: Jessica motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Sherri seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.