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APPROVED DATE: May 16,

PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Dixon

1<sup>st</sup> Emily King 2<sup>nd</sup> Jessica

Secretary: Sherri Satterwhite

**Date:** April 26, 2019  
**Location:** Washington GT Elementary School  
**Presiding:** Amy Thomas  
**Call to Order:** 9:33 a.m.

**In Attendance:** Sherri Satterwhite, Kara Goeres, Kim Olds, Carey Forman, Anil Daswani, Amy Jones, Amy Thomas, Jessica Dixon, and Bob Grant.

**Approval of Minutes:** Jessica motioned that the minutes from the March board meeting be approved. Carey seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

#### **Reports:**

##### **Administration: Principal Bob Grant**

Plans for the 95th Anniversary Celebration on May 6, 2019, are proceeding well. There will be an all-school photo taken that morning. At 2:15 p.m. there will be a Legacy program for students and honored guests. Julie von Haefen will speak as will two students. From 5:30 - 7:30 there will be an alumni meet and greet event with food trucks.

On May 1, Washington will be open to serve lunch to students. The PTA has allocated \$200 for an end of year teachers' luncheon.

Staffing Update: New teachers have been hired for next school year to replace retiring teachers Mr. Staley and Ms. Leonard. A new orchestra teacher has been hired as well.

##### **Faculty Rep.: Liz Harder**

No report.

##### **Standing Committee Chairs**

**Nominations:** Kara reported that the final proposed slate of officers is as follows: Jessica Dixon, president; Kim Olds, vice presidents of communications; Amy Thomas, vice president of membership; Carey Forman, treasurer; and Sherri Satterwhite, secretary.

The nominating committee will meet with Amy, Jessica, and Kin to help confirm other board positions and standing committee positions. Anil has volunteered to serve as the SCIC board member, Kara as media center liaison and Hollin has expressed interest in grants.

## **Communications & Recognition: Report by Amy Thomas**

**Yearbook:** Leigh Hines has said that most of the pre-ordered yearbooks have been sold, orders can still be taken but the price is now \$25.

### **Media Center Support: Kara Goeres**

Kara reported that the author event with Ginger Zee went well. Books were sold and the school got 20% of the sales. It was suggested that these types of events should be listed as a separate line item under the media center budget going forward.

For next year, the committee may advise taking book fair profits as cash instead of Scholastic dollars depending on the selection of materials that can be purchased with Scholastic dollars.

Also for next year, Mrs. Hash has an opportunity to join a consortium with other schools for an author event. The schools would split the author's expenses and fees (est. at \$2000 per school). The author would visit each school for an entire day and do 3-4 sessions with different grades. The board suggested that Kara talk with Mrs. Hash about the United Arts Council program to see if there's overlap. The UAC booking fair is in August. Could this be tied in with Arts & Letters Night?

### **Programs & Events: Amy Jones**

**Spirit Night:** The City BBQ event made \$100.

**Spring Fling:** We still need to nail down the food trucks. A selection of elective classes will be performing. Orientation for incoming first through fifth grade magnet students will be from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. that evening.

### **Advocacy & School Support:**

Anil submitted a draft plan for school-wide SCIC support (filed with the minutes). He will have an update at the next meeting and/or the August meeting. He has volunteered to be the SEIC (corrected as noted on May 16, 2019) chair for next year.

### **Audit: Carey Forman**

No issues to report.

### **Treasurer: Jessica Dixon**

Jessica said that if you have outstanding check requests, please get them in ASAP. They must be turned in by June 11 at the latest.

### **New Business**

#### **Upcoming Wizard Words**

Everyone, please write a blurb for your committee's updates in the upcoming newsletter.

#### **Wake Co. PTA Statement in Support NCAE Day of Action: Amy Jones**

Amy Jones reported that the Wake Co. PTA Council has issued a resolution supporting the NCAE May 1 Day of Action (outlined below).

**Whereas**, Wake County PTA Council, supports advocacy efforts that ensure every school system has sufficient funding to provide every child with an opportunity for a sound basic education.

**Whereas**, Wake County Public School System, will not hold classes on May 1, 2019, so that teachers and staff can elect to participate in a statewide education advocacy day coordinated by the North Carolina Association of Educators; and

**Whereas**, Wake County PTA Council is dedicated to empowering and encouraging its members by modeling best practices of a PTA and by collaborating with others be it

**Resolved**, that the Wake County PTA Council supports the May 1, 2019 Advocacy Day, coordinated by the North Carolina Association of Educators; be it further

**Resolved**, that the Wake County PTA Council supports the Wake County Public School System's decision to cancel school for students on May 1, 2019, enabling educators to participate in the Advocacy Day; be it further

**Resolved**, that Wake County PTA Council fundamentally supports our educators' right to assemble, advocate, and be heard; be it further;

**Resolved**, that the Wake County PTA Council will provide the community with information on local resources to address access to food, childcare and academic resources on May 1, 2019.

Amy Thomas motioned that the WES PTA board support the resolution and provide \$100 for a teachers' breakfast. Jessica seconded the motion. The motion passed with one abstention.

**Summer Play Dates:** The PTA will once again hold summer play dates at area parks this year. The list of parks includes: Eliza Poole, Kids Together, and Godbold. There will also be a "popsicle playdate" for incoming kindergarten students.

**Dues Increase:** The National PTA has proposed increasing dues. Currently national dues are \$2.25 and the proposal is to raise it to \$3.75 per person. The total for National and State dues would then be \$5.50 per person, which is more than we currently charge. Can we oppose the dues increase? Discussion was tabled until the May meeting.

## **Announcements**

Next General Meeting at Spring Fling, May 16

Next Board Meeting Friday, May 24, at lunch, location to be determined.

**Adjournment:** Amy Thomas motioned that the meeting be adjourned at 11:32 a.m. Jessica seconded. All were in favor.