

HOME & SCHOOL

Washington Junior High School

Home and School Board Meeting Approved Minutes

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 9:00 am

1. Call to order: Melinda Watson at 9:19am
 - a. Attendance: Melinda Watson, Kathryn Pegorsch, Karen Brown, Anne Jackson-Metzger, Emily Kozlowsk, Zareen Hassan, Jon Vogel, Eric Decker, Jepharya Badie, Ashley Workman

2. President's Report: Melinda Watson
 - a. Transitions: Are you continuing on with your committee?
 - b. Please communicate with the Exec Board and fill out the [Intentions for 2024-25 School Year](#) Sheet.
 - c. [2024-2025 WJHS Executive Board Slate.docx](#)
 - d. Positions will begin to be advertised in the Wildcat Weekly 2024-25 WJHS Executive Board slate open positions -
 - i. Treasurer
 1. Emily will ask Derrick Allen from Prairie. He has a current 6th and 4th grader.
 - ii. SpiritWear
 - iii. Lost and Found (co position)
 1. Maybe Ashley Workman, she is going to look into it.
 - iv. 8th Grade Celebration
 1. Zareen Hassan, Ashley Workman, Melinda Watson
 - v. Concessions (volleyball, G&B Basketball)
 - vi. 6th Grade Meet and Greet
 1. Bridget Karnick is signed up and we can ask her to find someone.
 - vii. Nominations - every elementary school
 - viii. Staff Appreciation (co position)
 - ix. SOAR?
 - x. Wildcat Welcome—fell by the wayside after Covid, hard to deal with confidentiality issues. Hasn't really been a committee since Covid.
 1. We can look for someone to fill it, but it is not a priority to fill.
 - e. Presentation and vote on the [Proposed Slate for General Home & School Executive Committee 2024-2025.pdf](#)
 - i. Approval of D203 General Home and School slate
 1. 1st motion: Jessica Jamrosz
 2. 2nd motion: Karen Brown
 3. All approved
 - f. Transition meetings with elementary schools
 - g. Ellsworth - March 13th 7pm
 - h. Prairie - April 9th 9am
 - i. Naper - TBD
 1. Zareen will check with the President at Naper.
 - j. School Supplies
 - i. Pricing and donations
 - ii. At the last meeting Anne said we hadn't received a check yet, Melinda followed up.
 1. We used to round up when paying in cash and had a donation button on the online sales and that is why we got money back, approximately \$600.
 2. Do we want to round up this year to the nearest dollar this year?
 - a. The school covers supplies for those who get free/reduced lunch.
 - b. Jepharya mentioned maybe using the round up money for Family Connections.

- i. Jon said that Family Connections is a General H&S/district level issue.
 - c. We cannot find a need for this money but it does provide a cushion so we will continue it.
 - i. Approved
 - d. Keep the optional donation box.
 - i. Approved
 - k. 6Star planning meeting for Magazine Sales in April - Date TBD
 - i. All schools participating this year.
 - ii. Bus for bonus trip \$400, WJHS pays for it.
 - l. Upcoming dates
 - i. E-learning day for all students due to Election Day, Tuesday, March 19th
 - ii. No School: March 25-29 for Spring Break
 - m. District News
 - i. E-learning plan for next year is in the works
 - 1. A big issue in education right now is lack of independence for kids—parents doing too much.
 - 2. Discussing a check-in situation
 - 3. Some parents complain that there is too much or not enough work.
 - 4. District is reevaluating the process.
 - ii. Family Resource Fair Coming up in April at NCHS April 13
 - iii. HURRAH is looking for places to volunteer
 - 1. WJHS has some that regularly come in.
 - iv. Policy updates are also in the works - litigation, legislation and language updates
3. Vice President's Report: Kathryn Pegorsch
 - a. Check with Jessica Jamrosz about 8th Grade Celebrations
 - i. She has everything but needs to look at old decorations.
 - ii. She will ask Pam about ordering flowers.
 - iii. Ashley Workman, Zareen Hassan, Melinda Watson taking over next year.
 - iv. Jess decided on a Huskie key chain as a gift and is looking into how many kids are going to Benet.
 - 1. Also looking into cookies, including gluten/sugar free.
 - a. Karen Brown recommended looking into the Moose and Me bakery.
4. Treasurer's Report: Anne Metzger
 - a. Approval of February 2024 Financials: [11. February 2024](#)
 - i. 1st motion: Karen Brown
 - ii. 2nd motion: Jessica Jamrosz
 - iii. Approved
 - b. Ending Balance as of 2/29/24 \$52,735.70
 - c. Presentation of the [2024-2025 Budget.xlsx](#)
 - i. Why we operate on a deficit:
 - 1. We have a large cushion, so we operate on a deficit to draw that number down.
 - 2. We are supposed to have \$7500 in reserve each year.
 - ii. Need to add money to the budget for 5th grade classroom parties, parents need to know that they don't need to fund the parties to volunteer.
 - 1. Budget for this is \$200 to reimburse parents and \$300 for reimbursing the school.
 - 2. Making sure to communicate the reimbursement options to parents and Pam.
 - iii. Add 8th Grade Activities, \$1000.
 - iv. Where can DEIB event funds come from in the H&S budget?
 - 1. Add a line item for it but put it at \$0 just so there is a placeholder for the future years if they don't remember it.
 - 2. Add under Student Extracurricular Activities, called "Community Awareness"
 - v. With all these changes the deficit will be \$9075.
 - vi. Vote on the 2024-25 budget at the April meeting.

5. Secretary's Report: Emily Kozlowski
 - a. Approval of the [Unapproved minutes WJHS February 14, 2024 Minutes.docx](#)
 - i. 1st motion: Jessica Jamrosz
 - ii. 2nd motion: Karen Brown
 - iii. Approved
 - b. Correspondence
 - i. None
 - c. [Working Draft of 2023-24 Bylaws.docx](#)
 - i. Vote on the bylaws at the April meeting.
 1. Melinda will check with Gen H&S about wording that needs to be added.
6. Principal's Report: Mr. Vogel
 - a. IAR testing was moved up to March
 - b. Possibly move MAP from January to December
 - c. Month of Love/Black History Month just finished
 - d. Women's History Month is this month.
 - e. The Diversity committee is in charge of all the appreciations each month, i.e. Black History, Women's History, etc.
 - f. EL students are only at Jefferson currently, next year EL students will be in all 6th grades. So they are looking for an EL teacher.
7. Committee Reports
 - a. SOAR - continue next year?
 - i. Pre-Covid used to do Hugo's lunch, more involved in Giftsmart, work with a school in Aurora.
 - ii. Now school in Aurora is not interested, too many kids with Giftsmart and now the organizer doesn't want kids to volunteer.
 - iii. Have the School Resource Officer come in to talk about vaping, etc.
 - iv. This is a 7am club, providing juice/donuts/\$5 gift card.
 - v. They are proposing that it overlaps with Service Matters, so does it make sense to merge them or let SOAR go away.
 1. SOAR brings in outside speakers.
 2. A lot of what SOAR does is covered in PAWS and Health class.
 - vi. They have had 2 meetings this year, first meeting had correspondence through teachers and Talk203, and second meeting did that as well as in the Wildcat Weekly.
 - vii. There are a lot of activities before and after school.
 - viii. Decision made to dissolve this position and merge it with Service Matters and Student Council.
 - b. A. 8th grade moving on ceremony report
 - i. Help needed?
 - ii. Invite will be sent out at the end of April
 - c. Written reports
 - i. [Diversity Advisory Committee Meeting Notes 3/12/24](#)
8. New Business
9. Adjournment
 - a. 10:53am

Next/Last Meeting: Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 9:00am