


Home & SCHOOL

Washington Junior High School

Home and School Board Meeting Approved Minutes
September 18, 2024 at 8:30am

- I. Call to order at 8:34am by Melinda Watson
 - A. In attendance: Jon Vogel, Kathryn Pegorsch, Melinda Watson, Justin Kozlowski, Emily Kozlowski, Shivani Desai (Zoom), Sharon Velkovich (Zoom), Pete Ditmars (Zoom), Kelly Kirch, Claire Merryweather, Jessica Hollander, April and Andrew Blair (Zoom), Amy Ditmars (Zoom), Zareen Hassan, Jepharya Badie, Ashley Workman
 - B. Introductions
- II. President's Report: Melinda Watson
 - A. Welcome back and introductions
 - B. THANK YOU'S
 - a. Thank you to School Supply Committee: Amity Caile
 - b. Thank you to the Fall Fundraiser Committee: Jepharya Badie and Naomi Wattles
 - i. We just got started with the Drive on 9/11 and are excited to hear more about it.
 - c. Thank you to Staff Appreciation, Emily Kozlowski, for August lunch and ongoing events
 - d. Thank you to Hospitality for Curriculum Night: Naomi Wattles
 - e. Thank you to Six Grade Meet and Greet: Bridget Karnick
 - f. Thank you to Lost and Found: Kelly Kirch & Ashley Workman
 - g. DirectorySpot update: any updates, contact Katie Munaco (naperville203.wjhs.directory@gmail.com)
 - C. Wish list update: process is beginning, I've created the form and it has been sent to staff. Mr. Vogel can talk more about this if you have any specific questions.
 - D. Facebook page: WJHS Home & School Association
 - a. Like and follow and tell your friends!
 - b. Committee Chairs: Have something to be posted? Email Melinda (washingtonhomeandschool@gmail.com) or Bridget Karnick (bridgetkarnick@yahoo.com) or Dana Hall (dkids99@yahoo.com)
 - E. Communication methods
 - a. Talk 203s/Wildcat Weekly: send to MelindaEmily and Mr. Vogel
 - b. Facebook: WJHS Home and School Association
 - F. Upcoming dates:
 - a. Fall Fundraiser: starts September 11 Periods 1,2 and 3
 - i. The money we raise goes toward the wishlist staff requests - we go over and approve in the next couple of months as a board
 - ii. Fundraiser Prize Days: During lunch - Wed 9/18 & Wed 9/25
 - iii. Friday October 4th - Last day for all donations and orders to count for the trip
 - iv. Friday October 25th - Scene 75 Trip
 - b. Career Motive-8 October 18th 8:45-2pm Naperville Yard
 - i. All 8th graders in the district
 - ii. Half day experience, indoor and outdoor
 - iii. Kids rotate through and fill out worksheets.
 - iv. Over 100 jobs represented.
 - c. Movie Night October 18th, approximate start time is dusk
 - d. General Home and School info
 - i. Learner's Mindset - what this means and how it affects core curriculum, workforce development pipeline - feedback from students and their families. In October the district will have a focus group talking more about this. Info to come in the newsletter.


- ii. Integrated School Experience - Staff feedback through their experience and collaboration with peers and students. The school day process as a whole from different perspectives.
- iii. Cafeteria food - Organic Life is the vendor.
 - 1. Good nutritional value
 - 2. District is going to try to tweek the menu to address complaints, contact the district with your concerns.
- iv. Digital Pass (new this year) - Mr. Vogel can speak more about this
- v. Shortened passing periods
 - 1. In junior high, went from 4-3min
- vi. 4 School Board seats are up for election
- vii. HURRAH Senior citizen community
 - 1. Volunteer in the buildings
- e. Parent/Teacher Conferences: October 10-11 (no school)
 - i. Sign up starting today, 9/18/24, for junior high
 - ii. 5th grade conference sign up starts 9/19/24
- f. H&S dates/times
 - i.  H&S meeting schedule 2024-25

III. Vice President's Report: Kathryn Pegorsch




A. Volunteer Sign Up Form

- a. Good response from families when it was sent out through Talk 203.
- b. Committees have received their list of volunteers.
- c. Will send out an "as needed" volunteer list to the group.

IV. Treasurer's Report: Justin Kozlowski

- A. Donation received from Prairie families
 - a. Last year's 5th graders had leftover money so they donated it to our H&S since the kids would be coming here.
- B. Approval of the monthly financial reports  August 2024
 - a. 1st motion: Kelly Kirch
 - b. 2nd motion: Kathryn Pegorsch
 - c. Approved: Yes
- C. Current bank balance \$30,846.89, as of 9/17/24
- D. Tax exempt form: Reminder you cannot be reimbursed for tax

V. Secretary's Report: Emily Kozlowski

- A. Approval of the minutes from 8/21/24 Board Meeting
 - a.  Unapproved Minutes 8/21/24 WJHS Board Meeting
 - i. 1st motion: Justin Kozlowski
 - ii. 2nd motion: Jepharya Badie
 - iii. Approved:
- B. Correspondence
- C.  Committee Directory 2024-25
 - a. If you are a committee chair please review and un-highlight your information when you have confirmed that it is correct.
- D.  Policy Statement 2024-25 Vote
 - a. Will need to send out a Google Form for Exec Board and Board members to sign for this school year after the vote.
 - b. 1st motion: Kathryn Pegorsch
 - c. 2nd motion: Jepharya Badie
 - d. Approved: All
 - e. Emily will send out a Google Form for Board Members to sign
- E. District 203 forms for committee chairs
 - a. [Policy and Procedure Documents Acknowledgement Form](#)

- b. All Exec Board and Board members (i.e. committee chairs) must fill out this form by the end of September.

VI. Principal's Report

- a. Profile of a Learner
 - i. This is the new model that is being rolled out by the district.
 - ii. Adaptability, Communication, Critical Thinking, Learner's Mindset, Global Citizens
 - iii. These will be incorporated into all aspects of the District.
 - iv. Asking teachers to incorporate these into their lessons
- b. Fall Fundraiser
 - i. Going well, first prize day is today (9/18)
 - ii. It helps all kids, helps teachers with items purchased from the wish list that H&S funds.
- c. Parent-Teacher Conferences are October 10-11
 - i. Signup open now for junior high, 5th grade open for scheduling on 9/19.
- d. School year going well
 - i. Kids are getting comfortable being here.
- e. A parent reached out asking about what is discussed with students regarding cyber security?
 - i. Go through slides about internet and chromebook safety
 - ii. 3-4 years ago the bulk of bullying tended to come from the phone, now it is easily half of that.
 - 1. Students tend to block problematic texts, have learned to not be on social media so much.
 - 2. Phones stay in lockers.
 - 3. Covered in SEL curriculum and PAWS lessons
 - a. They tell the students if it is a big issue go to police and parents first.
 - b. Don't ever share personal information
 - c. Don't ever meet someone in real life.
 - iii. Question from April Blair: Is there a possibility of a class for parents about cyber security?
 - 1. Emily recommended Devorah Heitner, Screenwise
 - 2. Zareen recommended having school resource officer talk, he had come to SOAR last year to talk to the kids
 - 3. Schedule our resource officer, Neil Desmond, for our November H&S meeting to talk to parents.

VII. New Business

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Verbal reports

- a. **Fall Fundraiser:** Jepharya updated. Not called the "Magazine Drive" anymore because it incorporates more than just magazines. Now called "Fall Fundraiser".
 - i. Kick off assembly was held the first day, 6starr is there promoting all the items the kids can earn.
 - ii. 6starr always compliments us on how polite our kids are.
 - iii. In one week we have had \$30000 in sales already and are in first place out of the junior highs.
 - iv. Scene 75 is the field trip kids can earn, those who earn it can bring a friend for \$25 as long as that friend at least set up their account and sent emails.
 - v. Is there equity in the running of this fundraiser is a main question each year
 - 1. They have done a good job addressing this:
 - 2. Fast start: set up an online store and send out email addresses and you are eligible for prizes without having to sell anything.
 - vi. 85% of online donations goes to the school.
 - vii. **Jepharya does need someone to take over for next year as this is her and Naomi's last year at WJHS.**
 - viii. Goal: will be to put something in Wildcat Weekly to explain the fall fundraiser up front to help offset concerns next year.

b. S.U.C.C.E.S.S.

- i. Annual cookout was last Sunday at Seagar Park and it was a success.
 - 1. Approximately 300 people showed up, some community tables were there, food, sports. Great to get to know each other.
- ii. Second event: Celebrate, Educate and Empower:
 - 1. Possibly in December. Tackles more serious topics, great for all age kids and adults. Last year's theme was "Black Joy". It is a free event at NNHS.
- iii. 3rd event in spring: Black Showcase.

B. Written reports

- a. **Social Media:** Social media pages have been quiet! Don't forget to text or email Dana Hall or Bridget Karnick with any exciting or important information you would like shared. Thanks!
- b. **Spirit Wear:** Deb's Embroidery's most recent flyer was included in this week's Wildcat Weekly. Hopefully this will generate more sales. In addition, Deb plans to attend the WJHS open house in February so that parents and students can see and order her merchandise in person.
- c. **Community Inclusivity:** The SUCCESS cookout was held on Sunday, 9/15 in support of the African-American/Black students of 203. The family event was a fun afternoon of food, games, and community.
 - i. Upcoming days of interest before our next meeting include Rosh Hashanah (10/2-4), Simchat Torah (10/6-7), Indigenous People's Day (10/9), National Coming Out Day (10/11), Yom Kippur (10/11-12), and Sukkot (10/16-23). Also, Hispanic Heritage Month is September.

IX: Meeting adjourned at 9:46am by Melinda Watson

Next Meeting:

October 16th at 7pm in the LC
(guest BOE Rep Kristine Gericke, wish list presentation)