

# HOME & SCHOOL

Washington Junior High School  
Home & School Board Meeting  
Approved Minutes  
November 20, 2024 at 8:30am

- I. Call to order: 8:32am by Melinda
  - A. In attendance: Jessica Jamrosz, Melinda Watson, Nancy Emken, Betty Mikula, Kelly Kirch, Kathryn Pegorsch, Emily Kozlowski, Jon Vogel, Neil Desmond, Jepharya Badie
  
- II. Guest Speaker: Neil Desmond, School Resource Officer
  - A. Contact him at [ndesmond@naperville203.org](mailto:ndesmond@naperville203.org)
  - B. Staying Safe Online
    1. Now is the time to be having conversations with parents and kids because they will be 18 soon and then there will be real consequences.
    2. Kids: if you make a mistake get out ahead of it and report it right away before it snowballs.
    3. Parents own the devices, be educated about what they are doing online and all of the apps they can be using, know passwords.
    4. TikTok and Snapchat are popular now.
    5. Have kids use their real age, this will help block adults from being able to communicate with them.
    6. Have a code word with your kid, if they are ever in an uncomfortable situation they can use it so you can help them. An "EXIT" plan.
    7. Don't ever think twice about calling 911 if you are in trouble.
    8. Bark monitoring company has a free week long trial, a way to monitor your kids' devices.
    9. Life360 is another good way to monitor their devices.
    10. Be your child's parent, not their friend.
    11. Be wary of having your kids use Uber/Lyft.
    12. Cyber-Bullying:
      - a) Even if you are not involved, if you know of bullying report it.
      - b) This affects mental health, the mental health crisis gets worse every year.
      - c) With social media it lasts forever, police can access things that have been deleted, and can access the social media's storage cloud.
      - d) The words we use have an impact, there is no undo button.
      - e) Reporting Cyber Bullying
        - (1) Tip203 on the district website.
        - (2) Prefer telling the administration in person because that can give more information.
        - (3) Screenshot questionable things for documentation purposes.
        - (4) Even if it happens on the weekend but it was school related, call 911 don't wait until Monday morning.
      - f) Snapchat: the usernames are what you should document, not their display name. There can be multiple people with the same display name.

g) Sexting--it is considered child pornography if you are under 18. This is a felony, you have to register as a sex offender, it keeps you from certain jobs.

(1) DuPage has recognized that kids can be stupid, they have made a lesser charge that is not a felony.

(2) Sextortion: Using photos as blackmail.

13. Bark: an app that helps parents manage their kid's devices. They also have a home option that can manage all devices that access the internet. If you sign up you receive a free one week trial.

### III. President's Report: Melinda Watson

A. Thank you to the Staff Appreciation Committee for their ongoing work as always.

B. Thank you to Emily and the Staff Gift Card committee in setting up this program again. It was a huge success last year. We look forward to doing it again this winter and at the end of the school year.

C. Staff Holiday Brunch, Wednesday 12/18 8:30am. (Confirm date/time). SignUp Genius soon, donations needed!

D. Will begin setting up transition meetings for feeder schools in January.

E. General Home & School

a. Community Holiday giving program: District 203 email

b. The Safety Officer gave a presentation - How to report something, violence and how it is tolerated, protocols in schools.

F. Upcoming dates:

a. No School: November 27-29

b. Staff Holiday Breakfast: 12/18

c. No December Home & School meeting

### III. Vice President's Report: Kathryn Pegorsch

A. If you have volunteer needs

### IV. Treasurer's Report: Justin Kozlowski

A. Approval of [October 2024](#) financials

a. 1st motion: Jessica Jamrosz

b. 2nd motion: Jepharya Badie

c. Approved

B. Received payment from Fall Fundraiser of \$27,765.13 and School Supplies of \$396.03

C. Current bank balance: \$58,600.13

### V. Secretary's Report: Emily Kozlowski

A. Approval of the [Unapproved Minutes10/16/24.docx](#)

a. 1st motion: Jessica Jamrosz

b. 2nd motion:

c. Approved

B. Correspondence

a. Emily Brooks, Science Teacher:

i. Hello Home and School!

I just wanted to say thank you for a Wishlist item that was approved last year! When I received the watershed models last year, we were already past that point in the curriculum. Mrs. Pagano and I were able to get them together for our students this year with some additional blood, sweat, and hobby lobby materials. The students have LOVED these today and have made some amazing

connections using the models. Thank you again! [Photos from Emily Brooks, November 2024 Agenda](#)

- b. Sara Ferguson, 5th Grade Band Director
  - i. “Thank you so much for the gift card for my daughter, Maeve! It was so kind of you to think of us and we are so appreciative! I am so thankful to be a part of such a supportive Wildcat Community! Thank you, Sara, Brian, Maeve Ferguson”

## VI. Principal’s Report: Jon Vogel

- A. Wishlist 2024-25 discussion and vote
  - a. Many repeat items, year after year, such as books for ELA teachers, grade level team days. Possible we should put these in the budget as opposed to the wish list. Exec Board meeting after this meeting to discuss the budget.
  - b. \$14,000 is the amount to be voted on:
    - i. 1st motion: Jessica Jamrosz
    - ii. 2nd motion: Kelly Kirch
    - iii. Approved
  - c. Melinda will move forward with emailing the staff that their wish list requests were approved.
- B. The Veterans Day Assembly went really well.

## VII. Committee Reports

- A. Verbal reports
  - a. **Fall Fundraiser:** Field Trip to Scene 75 went really well. The owner at Scene 75 reported that the kids were very well behaved.
- B. Written reports
  - a. **Staff Appreciation:** We celebrated the following staff members:
    - i. Bus drivers on October 22nd with Crumbl Cookies.
    - ii. Occupational Therapist, Samantha Gorney, on October 27th with a gift card.
    - iii. School Psychologist, Stephanie Guglielmucci on Nov 12th with a gift card.
    - iv. National Education Support Professional’s Day on November 20th, we celebrated Stephanie Cook, Kerry Gustafson, Nancy Rapp, Carl Sissac, Jill Smith and Mary Baker with gift cards.
    - v. We will be providing lunch from Raising Cane’s for all staff on Tuesday, November 26th.
  - b. **Staff Gift Card Program:** the inaugural winter edition roled out on Sunday, November 17th. Parents can donate to staff members through Wednesday, December 4th at 9pm. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Staff will receive their gift cards prior to winter break. If you have questions regarding this program please reach out to Emily Kozlowski at [homeandschoolgiftcards.com](http://homeandschoolgiftcards.com)  
Link: <https://forms.gle/5Ueokq2cdarc9k3s6>

## VIII. New Business

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 15th at 8:30am