

Woodward Middle School

PTO General Meeting

Sep 9, 2015

In Attendance:

Lisa White - President

Michele Blackford - Past President

Brandi Bispham - Site Based Council

Fallapalooza - Nicole Wingfield

Sarah Barnes – Treasurer

Carolyn Westphal - Secretary

Mike Florian– Principal

General Attendance

Colleen Bourgeois

Fred Whittlesey

Kate Hough

Aurora Roesler

Kyle Boynton

Jake Reynolds

Approval of minutes.

* Motion made by Sarah Barnes to approve the Jun 11, 2015 WMS PTO General Meeting minutes. Approved.

Presidents report - Lisa White

* PTOCC September meeting. Topics include the proposed bond for facilities projects - Blakely repair and BHS building 100; the number of students opting out/refusing to participate in state testing (impacted WMS test scores negatively between 10-12%).
* Review PTO General Meeting dates/times for 2015-2016. Every second Wednesday (exception Nov 10th, a Tuesday evening at 7pm, and no December meeting).
* Registration report/ Paper Products takeover. Successful process.

Treasurer’s Report - Sarah Barnes

* P&L reported through September 9, 2015
  + Income Change: 8th Grade Banquet: $3,455.00; Escrip: $444.59; Fallapalooza: $3,705.00; Directories: $2,270.00
  + Total Current Assets: $12,464.28
  + Other Current Assets: Band Fund $1,520.08

Boys and Girls Club - Kyle Boynton

* Opened on Sep 10th. Fee schedule on their web site, by "session." Annual Pumpkin Walk at Bainbridge Gardens on October 17th, 6-8pm.

Volunteer Coordinators Report - Michele Blackford for Sandra Allen

* Many volunteer opportunities. Forms on the district website.

Site Based Council Report - Brandi Bispham

* Explained role as the WMS representative to develop site plans for the school district, and brins those issues back to individual school PTOs.

Fallapalooza Report - Nicole Wingfield

* Explained event as the one and only fundraiser for WMS PTO. Includes a DJ and dance area, as well as mazes, sports, and food and prizes. Save the date - Oct 16th, 6-8pm.

8th Grade Banquet – Lisa White for Emily Teran & Anne Shirley

* Explained options for volunteer opportunities in June. Buy your tickets early.

Principal’s Report - Mike Florian

* Open House Sep 16th, 6-8pm. Meet in the WMS gym. Adults only. (Bring your student's schedule)
* BISD did not make AYP (adequate yearly progress) from the Smarter Balanced Testing (due to % opting out of testing). Notice coming from WMS describing potential funding impacts.
* Five new teachers.
* Achieve Program - intervention for students not achieving up to potential (from test scores) - strategies for success.
* Oct 8th, 5-7pm at Bremerton High School - listening venue with state legislators for education funding. Hoping for big turnout of parents.

Assistant Principal's Report - Kristin Nelson

* Sports update: Volleyball try-outs started in Sep; Boys basketball try-outs in late October; Girls basketball and wrestling in November; and Track in the spring.
* ASB events: be on the watch for notices about game nights, and (March) dances.
* Leadership experience: applications in the next week for 7th grade class officers (elections on Oct 8th).
* Club options: see the website, for example Key Club (service opportunities with Kiwanis), technical clubs (robotics and other). Details coming to students during announcements, and via the website.
* Photo packets from registration will come to parents during the Sep 16th open house.

Dates to put on your calendar:

September 16th – 5pm – Welcome for New Parents, Staff Room

September 16th – 6pm – Back to School Night

October 14th – PTO Meeting, 9:30am

Meeting adjourned at 1020.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Carolyn Westphal, WMS PTO Secretary.