

WMS PTA General Meeting Agenda

September 24, 2024 – in person

Opening Remarks:

- 16 people present (no intros to capture names)
- Introduction of the PTA Exec Board

Administrative:

- Organizational Structure
 - o Jill Gaspar presented an overview of the organizational structure document. Mike O'Leary provided background on the change from by-laws to organizational structure.
 - o Vote
 - Cristina Marcus motioned to approve; Mike O'Leary seconded the motion
 - Passed with a quorum

Treasurer

- Budget report
 - o Teresa Jones provided an overview of the draft budget.
 - o Question from member: Is some of the budget funds that were allocated from previous years rolled over into this budget?
 - Activities fees as asked for each year from each child. If there is money left over from these class activity fees then it is rolled over into other PTA needs.
 - Regarding COVID cancelled events, if there was any additional money that was expended would have been left in the bank for future PTA events.
 - PTA did try to find ways to spend funds for the kids too during the pandemic, like yard signs for the 8th graders.
 - o Vote
 - Mike O'Leary motioned to approve; Cristina Marcus seconded the motion
 - Passed with a quorum
 - o Financial Review

- Reviewed the SY2023-24 financial review
- Endorsement
 - Mike O’Leary motioned to approve; Brian Boynkin seconded the motion
 - Passed with a quorum

PTA Announcements

- Reflections Contest
 - Amy Wieberg presented on the Reflections Contest.
 - Amy provided an overview of the Reflections Contest, the theme this year is “Accepting Imperfection”
 - Had 8 entries last year and hoping to increase the entries this year.
- National PTA has about a million dollars for grants for specific opportunities, if the PTA is interested. Due date is 10/1/2024.

Principal Update

- Admin Staff this year
 - Brian Boynkin, Principal
 - Yolanda Nashid, 6th grade VP
 - Nicole Joshnson, 7th grade VP
 - Colleen Koval, 8th grade VP
- Ms. Kinney is moving on to Falls Church City, hiring is currently happening.
- Excited to be the first middle school in Arlington to win the USDOE National Blue Ribbon School
- Theme of the school year is “Consistent”
- Using SEL survey data, instead of Your Voice Matters, to create an action plan for the school year. Do not use Your Voice Matters because it is only taken every 2 years.
 - Highlights of improvements: increased in a feeling that can clearly express emotions.
 - Highlights of challenge: getting work turned in on time.
- Promoting SEL at WMS
 - Want to make sure every student has one adult that they trust
 - Focus on 3 Rs (Respect for self, others, and environment)
 - Wolf Paw prizes assist with emphasizing the model behavior teaching
- After school activities start on 9/30/24
 - To get on the late bus, the student must be at a school sponsored event. Can’t leave campus and come back for the late bus.
- Communication
 - Everything is on the school website
 - Parent Square is the communication platform
 - ParentVue is where you get the gradebook and other teacher communications
 - You can also be a Canvas Observer
- “Pinkout” will be same day as picture day. They will have a chance to change if needed.
- “Pinkout” was successful and over \$1000 will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.
- Fall Conferences will be 10/10 and 10/11/2024.

- Wolftime will begin on 10/21.

Closing Remarks

- Adjournment