WCMS PTA MEETING NOTES

11/10/2020 5:30pm

Attendance: Meghan Arndts, Ebony Carter, Wendy Czika, Allison DuVal, Alyssa Healy, Mike James, Yasi Langdale, Kristen McCollum, Betsy Patterson, Charlesa Peoples, Valerie Short, Catherine Smith, Phoebe Thermitus, and Kira Wolfe.

1. Welcome by PTA President, Kira Wolfe
   1. Introduction of new member, Ebony Carter, 7th grade parent to Ariana.
2. Administration Updates: Charlesa Peoples

* Thanked PTA and parents for support and for the treats for teachers.
* Reported the first days having students back into the building have been positive. 110 of 126 students assigned to Cohort 2 are back on school campus. Students are practicing good habits of wearing masks, maintaining social distance and getting through cafeteria lines. Morning health screens and afternoon carpool have worked well too.
* Catherine Smith asked if PTA can help connect with students, especially students new to WCMS. She suggested virtual pep rally, student ambassador program, book buddies, and utilizing Student Government or National Jr. Honor Society members to assist. Ms. Peoples said she will share with Admin Team. She shared our new school counselor, Ms. Abershaw, has started a support program for new students.

1. PTA Updates
2. Fundraising – Catherine Smith

* Potbelly’s Dine for $ raised $156. WCMS received 20% of overage fees during 5-8pm. PTA created a flyer advertisement for distribution on materials pick-up day.
* Next Dine for $ is with City BBQ on Monday, November 16 from 11am-8pm. Catherine asked Ms. Peoples to urge teachers to advertise on their Remind App and class newsletters, add to Google calendar for staff, and insert on this week’s parent email. Also, have a sign posted at restaurant entrance advertising that this is a PTA event and how they can get involved with PTA.

1. Merchandising – Alyssa & Yasi

* Ms. Peoples said she had parents inquiring about purchasing T-shirts. Alyssa and Yasi said we will do a second run of T-shirts via Create-my-T in the second semester. T-shirts will be shipped directly from company to parent.

1. Membership –

* 81 members to date. The flyer for Potbelly’s advertised any current or new member registered by Oct. 31 was eligible for City BBQ gift card. We will need to draw a name and announce.
* Group brainstormed on ways to increase participation – focus should not be on payment of dues but rather making sure PTA is inviting and inclusive. Suggestions included:

Easy-to-find link to PTA on WCMS homepage (currently it is not easy to find)

Add President’s contact information to the site, event postings, etc.

Invite a friend to attend next PTA meeting in December

Incentives for teachers could include “Teacher of the Month sponsored by PTA” with premier parking spot

Incentive for Parent could include “move to the front of the carpool line”

Parent Connect zoom meeting – open forum where seasoned parents could answer questions for new parents

President Video explaining who we are, what we do and how they can get involved.

1. Hospitality – Betsy Patterson

“Caffeine & Chocolate” and Calming Bottles have been distributed to teachers

This week she will leave hand sanitizer gifts for teachers

December – agreed to have lunch provided for teachers rather than collect $ for gift cards. Date TBD.

1. Next PTA meeting: December 1 (Remember to invite a friend to attend)