



PTO Executive Board Meeting Minutes
January 29, 2024
12:30 - 1:30pm @ Dr. Ito's Office

Principal - Mark Ito
Presidents - Annie Oh & Katie Sullivan
Treasurer - Lara Sojka
Vice President Social Media - Lina Musayev
Secretary - Jennifer Fallon

- Treasurer Update: Lara
 - Family Participation Percentage, Annual Appeal
 - 314 of 908 students have had a family member donate
 - 35% of families
 - How much will we have left over for next year if we spend down all buckets in the budget?
 - Actual dollar amount was not mentioned but Lara said we are doing okay on the budget so far and should have enough to get us started for SY 2024-2025.
 - 2/14 Valen'dine effort with Oath Pizza
 - Oath will cut WMS PTO a check for 20% of the profits that come from orders on Valentines Day.

- Comments/Questions: Dr. Ito
 - Second Step feedback is coming in from students and parents that it isn't quite as fun as the curriculum before. Dr. Ito likens it to "eating vegetables" – vegetables might

not be as fun to eat as other foods but we still put them on the plate.

- School Committee meeting coming up, Dr. Ito has two agenda items he will discuss. 1) Adding a new mental health screener/survey for 7th graders to help catch indicators earlier and help staff be more proactive with mental health issues. Eventually 8th grade will be added he hopes. 2) Discussion about the current Math Placement process for incoming 6th graders.

- President Update: Katie & Annie

- 7pm zoom webinar tonight, Kate Mahoney, Liz Gentes, course selection and executive function skills webinar
 - 208 registrants for the webinar
- 2024-2025 PTO team planning, third president newsletter writer and/or expand executive team to recruit new presidents
 - Katie and Annie will start looking for replacements for SY 2024/2025 PTO Presidents and stay on as consultants next year.
- 2/13 Lunar New Year: Great team effort
 - Everything is going well. Some parents are donating dumplings and supplies.
- March 6th early dismissal, Terriers basketball idea?
 - Katie will let Community Investors know that unfortunately we cannot book any extra time at the school right now due to concerns about students wandering unsupervised around school after hours.
- Club/intramurals consistency, 1-2 parents commented
 - The school is keeping track of what clubs and events after school are canceled. Teachers receive a stipend for running a club and they have to meet a minimum number of times.
- Spring WMS Parent Social, Lockheart Restaurant potentially, holds 45 - maybe just 6th grade & new WMS families?

- Agreed that an evening social is probably best for 6th grade parents and families who are new to WMS. Annie Oh offered to plan this for the spring.
- We will cancel the 2/12 meeting and meet in Dr. Ito's office next on 3/11 at 12:30pm.