

# Wilmington Middle School PAC Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2022

7:00 PM

via Zoom

Call to order 7:05 PM

## 1. Attendees:

Dr. Quirk, Jen Jackson, Shannon Sheridan-Geldart, Katie Michaud, Melissa Gavegnano, Lisa D'Anna

## 2. Principal/Vice Principal Report:

- a. Second Quarter has ended.
- b. We will have a definitive answer tomorrow night at the school committee meeting (regarding masks). Dr. Quirk is looking forward to getting back to normal soon; 1st step is getting rid of the masks.
- c. It is expected that social distancing will be maintained; 5 lunches will continue but kids will be able to sit where they want starting with the 8th grade. 7th and 6th will follow thereafter as they are not familiar with "pre-covid" lunch details. WMS will follow in line with what the HS does for lunch. Goal for transitioning to "open seating" across teams is the end of March. Unsure when 5 lunches will be discontinued.
- d. Directed Study was implemented because of the 5 lunches. Benefits include the ability for students to talk with their teachers during school hours and scheduling guest speakers. ie, WHS will be visiting 8th graders to talk about course selection. Unsure if it will continue next year.
- e. Question if non-rotating schedules will continue going forward.
- f. Random Acts of Kindness was not done this week as planned.

## 3. Treasurer's Report: Unchanged since last meeting; balance \$6,192.67

## 4. Upcoming Events:

### a. Spirit Week 4/11-4/15

- Dr. Quirk to work with Student Council on details of events, PAC to help with prizes/raffles. PAC to reach out to parents/guardians for donations, ie GC's, possibly t-shirts and baskets made up from parent donations, etc. Include Random Act of Kindness this week.
- Anonymous entries for random acts of kindness (google forms)
- Designate certain days for "Spirit" days and "Kindness" days
- "Most Spirited" judged by building staff
- 1 winner per day per grade, school wide (12 prizes total)
- Dr. Quirk to look into getting a lawn sign to kick off the week

### b. Teacher Appreciation Lunch - May 4

- Jen has made calls to various food truck companies including Chicken and Rice, Cluck Truck, Taco Truck; waiting to hear back
- Dr. Quirk to give Jen tax ID
- Parent donations ie water
- Truck can be scheduled for 1 ½ hr; each floor will have ½ hr to get food
- Schedule: 10:45-11:15; 11:15-11:45; 11:45-12:15

**c. Spring Apparel Sale**

- April 1st
- Orders to be sent home before April vacation
- Promote through WPS

**5. New Business:**

**8Th Grade Graduation**

- Dr. Quirk concerned about obstacles, teacher participation and logistics regarding a ceremony; "Not sure what it would look like"; ie parking, seating for students and family members, police detail for traffic flow
- 3 separate ceremonies (1 for each house)
- Auditorium or outside ?
- Time between ceremonies needs to be factored in to allow for people to leave and arrive
- Will not rent a tent if held outside. Inside if raining
- Put together slideshow of pics, etc
- ? WCTV to record

**6. Other:**

**Enrichment Program**

- There was some concern previously that maybe having a program this year would be stressful; per Dr. Quirk, it would depend on the the program. She thought the Flying Dogs program last year was great and made use of the field. 7th and 8th graders have seen it and other schools are doing it this year so not an option.
- Mindfulness Program with Erin O'Connor (?)
- Chris Poulos - Youth Motivational Speaker (?)
- Dialed Action Sports Team (?)

**7. MISC:**

Dr. Quirk asks if the next meeting can be changed to an earlier date or have a standing time to meet each week to coordinate upcoming events. Jen and Dr. Quirk will meet if necessary before the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm

**Next PAC Meeting scheduled for March 29, 2022 at 7:00 pm WMS Library and via Zoom.**