



WILMINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL PAC MINUTES

Minutes for meeting held on:

November 19, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Heather Long at 6:31 pm

In attendance: 2 board members, 2 parents, principal

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Welcome/Introductions

Principal's Report: Mr. Phillips

- **School Advisory Council:** has not been formed yet
- **Author visit:** Jessie Janowitz author of *The Doughnut Fix* enjoyed her visit, she talked to the students about how to write
- **The Secret Life of Tweens and Teens** with Jon Mattleman : 100 parents/staff attended the presentation and was very well received.
- **Signs of Suicide:** every 7th grader is given a questionnaire in health class as a screening protocol to aide in recognizing any possible "red flags", additional questionnaire is given to further assess concerns making it possible to offer immediate intervention. Have had to "jump in" for a couple of students. Parents are made aware that this protocol will take place. Expect this protocol to take place yearly.
- **Relationship Mapping:** teachers in each house/grade level were given a list of all students and asked
 - 1) Do they have a connection/good relationship with these students?
 - 2) Any worries/concerns about these students?This is an attempt to assess and improve connection between teachers and students. It will be done again at the end of the school year.
- **Golden Spoon** has started with 6th grade; Student Government is working on a new proposal for this.
- **Joint apparel fundraiser:** other schools do not want to do this
- **New staff:**
 - *Ms. Betsy Greene is the new teacher in the STRIDES program
 - *Ms. Becky Philbrick returned from leave, Spanish teacher
 - *looking for 2 classroom assistants
- **Formal teacher observations:** Mr. Phillips goes into the classrooms
- **Teacher professional development day:** 11/15 entire district participated in choice of three workshops, teachers presented
- **School Goals:** Mr. Phillips asked for and collected feedback from PAC meeting attendants regarding "How might we best engage families in multiple and meaningful ways to create home-school partnerships?"

Treasurer's Report: Heather Long, interim treasurer

- IRS renewal check came in
- 3 or 4 more donations came in after advertising in Newsletter
- Jen Jackson will take over Newsletter

IRS update:

- Filed to reinstate - received letter stating check was cashed . It will take 3 months to find out if info is tax ID reinstatement is honored, 6 months if more info is needed

6 th & 7 th grade book update:

- Mr. Phillips would like to follow through with ordering the books regardless of PAC is waiting for tax ID status. He will find out what the process is in using the school's tax ID #.

PAC support/fund requests:

- Chorus submitted another "blank" request, likely looking for response to last month's request of cart to store items and keyboard amplifier
- Mr. Phillips has denied request as funds need to be replenished. He will talk directly with Mrs. Prindiville.

Spirit Sale: Jaimelyn Raposa

- Sales generated \$508.21
- 42 families ordered apparel
- 101 pieces total
- Two nights will be offered to pick-up orders (Villanova Hall)

Teacher Sweet Treats:

- Monday 12/16
- Need parent volunteers for donating, pick up from local businesses, decorating, set-up, clean-up
- Heather has goody bags with ties left over from last year
- Heavenly Donuts, La Cascia's, ? Panera
- Jaimelyn R. volunteered to help

WPS Inter-School Council:

- Dr. Brand looking for more volunteers, not every school is represented
- Looking for PAC/SAC members; WMS SAC still needed
- 4 Thursday nights/year, 6:30 pm
- Will post need for volunteers on PAC website

Open Discussion:

- Meeting attendees would like guest speaker Jon Mattleman to return in the future, possibly presenting additional topics/workshops
- Jamielyn R. suggested "2 for 10" program to increase connection between teachers and students. Teachers have a 2 minute conversation with their student for 10 days. Studies have shown 85% improvement.
- Jessica Bourgeois. stated that in the past the goal has been to have \$1,000 PAC funds carryover for the start of the school year

Next Meeting will be January 28,2020 at 6:30pm in the Middle School Library

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:00 pm.