

DECEMBER 2019

WASHINGTON SCHOOL PTO MEETING

Welcome - Kristen Marino & Rosemary O'Connell, Co-Presidents

Flag Salute - Mr. Blake

Introduce Board Members

Lauren Gigante, *1st VP*

Lisa Hagy & Christine Mainwald, *2nd VPs*

Melissa Shanley, *Secretary*

Tricia Theisz, *Treasurer*

Joey O'Connell & Sarir Silver, *Co-Treasurers, Economy Shop*

Joan Clemente, *Past President*

Heather Flanagan, *Faculty Rep*

Secretary: November Minutes & Correspondence

Treasurer: Financial Statement

Principal's Report: Mr. Blake

- Mr. Blake reviewed this months calendar.
- Holiday Store the goal was to help kids to be responsible and to make decisions for themselves.
- Reviewed create positive messages focus and used a cricket machines to create the quote and place them around the school, hallways, bathroom, etc...
- The idea is to create ownership
- Funding for the vinyl for the cricket machine is from the PTO

Faculty Rep's Report: Mrs. Flanagan

- Every class got the chance to create a quote.
- The Studio Art Class of the 4th and 5th grade used the cricket machine to make the quotes.

President's Report: *Thank You to Hospitality* - Angela Bachardy, **Holiday Store** - Monica Bloch, Kerry Braen, & Melanie Petruzzi **Fifth Grade Reps** - Susan Bergel, Lisa Coppo, Robyn McCarthy, Cynthia Mills, Julie O'Donnell, Melissa Shanley

- **Vote on Donations:** *approx amounts indicated below*

-Blocks for 2nd Grade \$1550 (\$3100 total. Split between district and PTO)

- Mr. Blake explained Blocks and how those tools are used- Blocks are used to build e.i. cities in the kindergarten classes

-Mrs Kramer- Lightspeed Tech Audio Device 4th Grade (\$1500)

- Audio enhancement system, the goal is to centralized the sound, Red Cat is system that has a speaker that sits in the back of the room, this allows for not only hearing impaired children would benefit from but also all students.

-Core Yoga, Yoga Programs teachers and staff (\$3700 PTO Contribution)

- We are trying to bring yoga to the school, 3 sessions of yoga for 30 minutes: this would include family night, and also teacher training, parent workshop.
- This program will be held come Spring 2020.

-Mrs Flanagan furniture upgrades to Computer Room (\$5481)

- Computer/Stem lab- created more space for Stem related work that the students would use. 30 minute on computer and then 30 minutes on Stem time. This allows kids to communicate with each other and become more interactive while removing them from screen time.

-Bike Racks by Tree Top Products (\$4800)

- School wants to continue encouraging kids to walk and ride their bikes to school
- There is also an initiative to make some enhancements for the playground, as an example: fencing around the picnic table.

Committee Reports: 5th Grade Reps, Game Night, Theme Day, Wellness Day

Executive Board reports: Lauren, Lisa & Christine, Sarir/Joey

2nd VP's: Lisa and Christine Report

- Harvest Festival made \$5300

January Game night-

- this event sells out so please get your tickets.
- Sivan- will provide an e-blast to save the date, families donate time, snacks etc..
- Registration for y classes, sewing yoga

Economy Shop

- Trying some new things this year.
- Assigning weeks to have the different schools to sponsor the Economy Shop

Theme Day

- Chair explained the event one assembly this year so that the kids will get to experience more rooms.
- Author theme
- March 20th
- Kids may donate books
- Book donation location is TBD

Wellness Challenge:

- Wellness Challenge each month starting in January

Upcoming Dates:

12/10-12/11 Holiday Store

12/12 4th/5th Grade Concert

12/23-1/1 Happy Holidays! Schools Closed

1/7 PTO Meeting 7:30 pm

1/10 Game Night 6:30-8 pm in Gym

1/15 Advanced Band Concert 1:30 pm

Next Month PTO Meeting is January 7 Meeting 7:30 pm.