WFES PTA General Assembly Meeting

March 11, 2024, 7 pm

**THE MISSION OF THE PTA is to unify the WFES community including; students, families, staff, and community partners in order to empower each child to reach their full potential.**

Meeting started on 7:02pm

In attendance:

In-person: Jaime Lennon, Carrie Wall

Virtual: Elaine Charurat, Debra O’Byrne, K Griffin Costa, Ira Wright, Maria Villani, Cara Krol, Tara Whiteman, Gretchen Keisling, Kristine Sherwood, Gina Doh

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| TOPIC | LEADER |
| Presidents welcome | Kathryn Calton  Feb ’24 meeting minutes – Elaine motioned, Maria second |
| Administration Report | Debbie O’Byrne & Sara Cox  \*Read-A-thon off to a good start, $4K raised and we have one more week to go;    \*Staffing: No staffing update yet due to budget, losing 0.5 GT teacher; Parents should still continue writing letters; 3rd strings and GT seminars are only kept for 40% FARM schools only (budget pending approval, but only equal or less amount was proposed would be approved); budget currently technically with County Council.  \*Community should continue sending letters. Dr Chen and Dr. Lu have been advocating strings and GT.  \*Link to Board Doc:  [https://go.boarddocs.com/mabe/hcpssmd/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=D34M6K598AE0&fbclid=IwAR1rPqN3E1qwj2SpmWiwoOMmNDIGGpSuvPKdC85U\_YO8l2xLgjUq8cs9nSg#](https://go.boarddocs.com/mabe/hcpssmd/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=D34M6K598AE0&fbclid=IwAR1rPqN3E1qwj2SpmWiwoOMmNDIGGpSuvPKdC85U_YO8l2xLgjUq8cs9nSg)  \*Because we are a high performing, 5-point start school, we don’t have a MATH resource teacher at WFES.  \*Letter should be specific to WFES and how it affects our school. It should be sent to County Council, BOE and Chairman Mallo.  \*Branding for 100 years celebration – will be funded but need to move quickly, need community input very soon. |
| Staff Report/Questions | Ira Wright  \*Will try to get upcoming meeting dates for the board.  There's not a specific date yet for HCPSS to present their budget to the CC. I was told within the next 2-3 weeks.  The County Council public work session on their budget is 4/22. |
| HCPSS budget 24-25 SY | Kathryn Calton  /See above/ |
| Read A Thon/Fundraising Updates | Maria Villani  \*Read-A-Thon: 16K minutes read; $4,238 raised. 47% participation rate. Can send out another round of email communication focusing on minutes read. |
| Treasurer’s Report | Cara Krol  \*Down to $4K operating cash; two outstanding checks; would like to wrap up disbursement requests in April in time for school year ending in June. |
| Elections for 24-25 SY | Kathryn Calton  \*End of school year fast approaching, per bylaws we need to come up with a nomination committee; there will be two vacancies: Treasurer and Recording Secretary. We will advertise those two positions – it can be other members of the board. Natalie Engelmeyer and Kalina Costa will join the nomination committee, need one more. |
| PTACHC Report | Carrie Wall  Greg Stroud  PTACHC Safety Committee  recommended the BoE update Policy 3010 Section IV Standards, A. Preparedness to include educational training to parents and students for emergency preparedness.  BoE Adopts Requested FY 2025 Operating and Capital Budgets, and FY 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program  Scenario D was approved, which eliminates GT and 3rd grade strings for WFES, and proposes a class size increase.  <https://news.hcpss.org/news-posts/2024/03/board-of-education-adopts-requested-fy-2025-operating-and-capital-budgets-and-fy-2026-2030-capital-improvement-program/>  PTACHC has instructions on how to provide input for proposed changes.  <https://www.ptachc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/How-to-Advocate-for-the-HCPSS-Budget.pdf> |
| Restaurant Night Updates | Kristine Kirk or Jaime Lennon  \*Wednesday, April 17 Woodstock Inn – it will be all day  \*In contact with Mission BBQ, Pizza Hut and others for upcoming events |
| Spring Fair/Plant Sale | Jaime Lennon/Kathryn Calton  \*~~Combing Spring Fest and Plant Sale?~~ reaching out to student volunteers, would like to form a committee, it will be a huge event; June for plant sale is likely too late. |
| Questions and closing comments | Kathryn Calton  \*Front flower bed – managed by one parent last year. Will need one volunteer. Can reach out to Girl Scout troops. Kristine/Elaine can follow up. |

Meeting adjourned on 8:02pm