



WOODLAND HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

PTO Meeting Minutes

Date: May 2, 2023

Time: 9:00 am

Location: Outside Building

Attendance: Kristie Spenner, Ali Shinnick, Emily Dunlevy, Kristine Kokoszka, Katie Eller, Jen Emerick, Danielle Lavin

On Zoom- Christine Fournier, Megan Nordhagen, Geoff Oman, Christina Fournier, Lisa Cox

Principal Update: Cristy Wagner on behalf of Kristie Spenner

- Hawks Showcase was a huge success and there were lots of people in attendance.
- There will be two teacher vacancies next year due to retirement and moving away. Both have already been filled with new teachers.
- After 18 years at WHES, Cristy Wagner has taken a job with the State Department of Education and will be leaving our school.

Spirit Night Update: Kristine Kokoszka

- Last Spirit Night of the school year will be at Barcelona Burger on Tuesday, May 23rd from 5-8. They give 20% of all sales and people don't have to mention WHES.
- Kristine has negotiated with Booster about next year's program, as it will be our 15th year and we feel they should be willing to come down on some of their fees after all that time.

- o Booster is willing to credit the \$2,000 base cost back to us next year. We will still pay it, but it will be credited back to us at the end of the program.
- o Booster will give us a free DJ event and a \$500 credit towards spirit wear shirts.
- o Booster has partnered with Dude Perfect for next year's program, which is a big factor in deciding to stay with them. It will be very popular with the students!

Staff Appreciation Week Update: Emily Dunlevy

- They had a great goody bag event on Monday. Teachers really enjoyed getting to select their gifts.
- Tuesday there is a dessert and snack bar for lunch.
- Wednesday is Sunset Slush at school.
- Thursday morning is a Chick-fil-A breakfast cart.
- Friday staff t-shirts are being delivered for a gift.

HawkFest Update: Ali Shinnick

- We need more volunteers! We have a major shortage of adult volunteers to help for the event, currently we only have around 3 people signed up to help outside of the PTO board.
- We also still need about 15 high school student positions filled. We are asking everyone to send out the link as well.
- We are sending out another connect-ed email to let everyone know.
- Ali has gotten canvas money belts for the volunteers so that they can have a Sharpie in one pocket and hold cash in the other.
- Expected expenses are around \$7,000 and our corporate sponsorship is at \$3500. We have sold \$2595 in tickets so far.

Media Center Renovation Update: Alyssa Berglund

- We have had a few donors that have come forward to help with the renovation. There will be a rounded bench and book nook called Ella's Nook, funded by Dr. Stu Tucker in memory of his daughter. Ella passed away at the age of three, so was never a student here, but her three siblings attend WHES.

- A \$5,000 donation is being made anonymously to cover the cost of the new circulation desk.

2023-2024 Board Vacancies: Ali Shinnick

Blue indicates a change from the current school year. Red indicates critical need.

- Co-Presidents: Lisa Cox & Emily Dunlevy
- Vice President: Marcy Pippin
- Secretary: Katie Eller
- Treasurer:
- Fundraising Director: Kristine Kokoszka
- Family Events Director: Chasidy Armstrong? Stephanie Belk?
- Staff Appreciation Director – Christina Baude
- Staff Appreciation Co-Director - Jen Emerick
- Website Manager: Christine Fournier
- School Supply Kits Coordinator: Katie Eller
- Fence Banner Coordinator: Geoff Oman
- Spirit Night Coordinator: Katerin Traugh
- Yearbook Coordinator: Nicole Durham? Stephanie Belk?
- HawkFest Director:

Other Interested Candidates:

Amanda Northam

Katy Hemphill

Nicole Durham – have emailed re: yearbook coordinator

UPCOMING MEETINGS

HawkFest: Next meeting is on Wednesday, 5/3 @9:30am

Upcoming Events: HawkFest – May 12th

PTO End of Year Social: June 7 @7 Lisa's House

Next meeting: June 6th @9am

Ended the meeting at 10:30am