



## WMS PTCO General Board Meeting Tuesday, January 19, 2021

### Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Chris Davis via Zoom Meeting.
- **In attendance:** Chris Davis, Erika Cheley, Jill Smith, Chris Davis, Katy Brown and Monica Garcia (Via Zoom Meeting).
- **Note taker:** Recorded and transcribed by Andrea Hernandez, WMS Office Manager

### Approval of minutes from last meeting

- Chris moved to approve the minutes from January 12, 2021 meeting. Katy B., Erika Cheley and Christina seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented.

### Committee Reports

- Co-Presidents Elect
  - none
- Communications
  - none
- Promotions
  - none
- Secretary
  - none
- Fundraising

### Financials

- Katy B. reported the balance sheet is reflecting \$76,638.37.
- We have a new line under liabilities, titled accounts payable. \$2300 reflects Ninja Nation and outstanding liability.
- We are currently at 44% of our fundraising goal.

- Hospitality committee had a question about the funds remaining for conferences.
- Currently, we are showing a net income of \$6570.90.
- Most school line items were paid in the beginning of the year, which reflected a negative income. Some items were paid with cash reserves.
- PTCO has raised enough to support the expenditures that were made in the fall, plus another \$6500.
- Line items that are not yet spent are Team Building, Character Development, and Competitions.
- Funds not yet dispersed include the nurse tech. position; this position has also had an increase.

## By Laws and Approvals

- The bylaws were presented at the November meeting. Then they were voted on and approved in the December meeting.
- The next step is to be approved by the General PTCO committee. There have been no changes to the bylaws since November.
- The bylaws and referenced financial policy are all on the PTCO website.
- Parent council has eliminated STEM group. PTCO will have to approve the bylaws, and then move to amend them to have the STEM position removed.
- Monica Garcia additional STEM info.; Sarah Grobbel is an instrumental person with STEM for CCSD, she is working on making sure STEM is infused in every building. Programs like Girls Who Code and STEMBLAZERS have begun partnerships with different professionals and these clubs are offered at WMS. WMS teachers have taken the lead at the middle level, with developing STEM curriculum. We have a 7<sup>th</sup> grade common course across the district that WMS teachers wrote the curriculum for, as well. STEM is not going away, and we are getting funding from the district to support this.
- Katy motioned to approve the bylaws and financial policies as presented. Yvette seconded the motion.
- Katy would like to motion an amendment to the bylaws under Article 7, Section Z, to remove the STEM standing committee. Those in favor of approving the amendment were Christina and Katy.
- Those in favor of voting to pass the bylaws as amended, Jill and Katy approved.

## Fundraising

- The Masked performer has been set up for the spring.
- Students will have an opportunity to vote, the winners will be announced Friday before spring break.

## Principal's Report -Monica Garcia

- In the past, we have done two parts to the math assessments at the elementary level. Part A and Part B.
- We have also conducted a second level of assessment. Since we are not mixing cohorts, we are trying to be creative in how we will distribute this to our 5<sup>th</sup> graders.
- We currently do not have the same data that we have had in the past without doing CMAS last year.
- Question: Katy asked, how does a parent find support for their struggling student if they are concerned with placement? Kelly Helm answered; Begin with your current math teacher or you can reach out to the high school counselor. You can start with the last name of your student as well as the grade level.
- We are currently working with Campus MS to discuss the math skills that will be/ have been taught in other courses that we would not be able to address this year because we are not able to get through the entire curriculum.
- Monica, Kelly and Ms. Parkhouse had a meeting with CCHS and Campus via Zoom. CCHS asked for consistency with the transition from grade 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> and about the curriculum that teachers did not address this year. WMS will meet again with CCHS this June to discuss areas that we did not fully cover.
- Students who attend West and Campus will have the same curriculum.
- MG will be meeting with the character development committee chair Tiffany Fleming to finalize what we would like to bring to 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- Jill Smith asked about time management. How long a student should work on an assignment?
- MG answered, "Students should be working on an assignment for no more than 30 minutes. If the assignment goes past 30 minutes, reach out to the teacher and we will try and problem solve.
- MG and Admin. have pushed into classes and have seen teachers go through the Week at a Glance, what students will work on during the remote days, and go through each assignment.
- Erika asked, "When will WMS resume in-person as well as full time"? MG answered, we will be able to do so when we have the majority of the educators vaccinated and our state agencies provide this guidance.

## Closing

- Meeting adjourned at 10:35 am by Chris Davis. Meetings will continue the first Tuesday of each month