



Whitehills School Association

Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2021 • 6:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 934 9364 3386

Meeting Password: 2020

1. Call to order
 - a. Introductions around the virtual room
 - i. Paul Donahue, Jessica Eyde, Sara Haller, Charisse Blanks (Cblanks2005@yahoo.com), Sara Cunningham (slcunningham@loomislaw.com), Trisha Donahue, Jason Blanks, Beth Young (byoungphilly@gmail.com)
 - b. Additions to the agenda
2. Approval of August 2021 WSA meeting minutes
 - a. Sara moved to approve, Trisha seconded, approved
3. Principal and staff reports, news, questions
 - a. Shane Johnson - Principal
 - i. Great start to year so far - had relatively smooth beginning. Teachers getting settled in, no transportation issues
 - ii. Picture day went as scheduled.
 - iii. Were able to fill the corner captain position filled with two folks.
 - iv. Have consistent lunch staff
 1. only 2 classes in the lunch room at a time
 2. on playground only two classes at a time as well
 - v. Have had a PACE officer often times at Northgate + Pebblebrook but going to talk to city about it.
 - vi. First fire drill this week
 - vii. Question about if can position some student safeties near the bus loop. - Shane to put out some communication to help thwart parents dropping kids off near there.
 - viii. Question about lots of parents hanging out outside dropping their kids off not wearing masks. Some question as to whether or not it would be overstepping since masks are optional by policy outside. - It has gotten better since the beginning of school.
4. Officer reports
 - a. Paul Donahue - President

- i. met with Sara to get Sara added to bank account.
 - b. Jessica Eyde - Vice President
 - i. sent email to Shane Johnson regarding lack of crossing guard at Pebblebrook and Northgate
 - c. Sara Haller - Treasurer
 - i. waiting to be added to bank account, then will schedule budget meeting
 - ii. Main account: \$15,364.23, Jan's Closet: \$4585.72 + one deposit
 - iii. Amazon smile is a great way to get some extra money
 - d. Katie Hennessey - Secretary - unable to attend, no updates
5. District Parent Council (DPC) Update - Sara Cunningham
- a. First meeting will be this Friday 9/17 at noon - good source of information from all schools in the district.
6. Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Update - Trisha Donahue
- a. Lake Lansing Rd & Northgate - normal person on leave for at least 6 weeks
 - b. Lake Lansing Rd & Northgate - signal issue - Beth reported to BWL
 - i. Update: The signal is fixed as of 10/12
 - c. Need guards everywhere right now. (Link compliments of Jason)
 - i. <https://cityofeastlansing.com/Jobs.aspx?UniqueId=99&From=Seasonal-Employment-99&CommunityJobs=False&JobID=Adult-School-Crossing-Guard-360>
 - ii. Pays \$12 / hr
 - iii. All ideas of areas we could help recruit are welcome
7. Budget subcommittee call for volunteers
- a. Co-Chairs: Sara Haller / Paul Donahue
 - i. Crystal Eustice volunteered at last meeting
 - ii. Paul asked if anyone else is interested to let him know
8. Engagement and Fundraising call for volunteers
- a. Chair: Katie Hennessey
 - i. If anyone is interested, let Paul know and he will pass along contact information to Katie
 - ii. Trisha suggested working as a group to raise money by directing traffic/parking for MSU games. Jessica, Sara, and Charisse said they would be willing to participate. Trisha said she would look into this further.
 - 1. <https://careers.msu.edu/cw/en-us/job/506468>
9. Recent & Upcoming Events / Volunteer Needs
- a. Penny Wars Fundraiser
 - i. Trisha said we should do it. She sent Paul the rules. A simple fundraiser where we wouldn't have to spend money.
 - b. Stock the Lounge Donations
 - i. Charisse volunteered to do this - set up Sign Up Genius

- ii. Trisha asked Shane what teachers need/like. Shane said healthy things, drinks go well. Very sweet things aren't as popular. It was nice - everyone ate everything.
- iii. Sara Cunningham mentioned getting things shipped directly to the school
- iv. Paul will work with Sara H. and Charisse on getting out info on social media/eblast to spread the word.

10. Other business, questions, announcements, etc.

- a. Sara Cunningham asked about book fairs being on hold. Suggested doing an online book fair. Shane said at this point these kinds of events are on hold. He has not heard at what point that will change. Sara Cunningham will contact Scholastic to get a virtual book fair set up.
- b. Beth Young said she would be willing to participate in either sub-committee - byoungphilly@gmail.com

11. Adjournment - 6:50 PM