



Whitehills School Association

Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2022 • 6:00pm

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1. Call to order
 - a. Introductions around the virtual room
 - i. Participants: Jessica Eyde, Sara Cunningham, Paul Donahue, Trisha Donahue, Mia Gougeon, Adarkwa, Angela Sprecher, Sara Haller, Principal Johnson
 - b. Additions to the agenda
2. Approval of March 2022 WSA meeting minutes
 - a. Spelling of Mia's last name was corrected.
 - b. A motion was made and seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.
3. Officer reports
 - a. Sara Haller - Treasurer
 - i. \$16,984 balance
 - ii. \$962 in donations from email requests
 - b. Paul Donahue - President
 - i. Marco's Pizza Night - Next Time: April 21, 2022
 - ii. 13 orders in March!
 - c. Jessica Eyde - Vice President
4. Principal and staff reports, news, questions
 - a. Shane Johnson - Principal
 - i. Mileage Club is back! Students are excited and weather has been good. Positive program for the students.
 - ii. Popcorn Fridays. Positive experience.
 - iii. Kindergarten round up is coming up on May 10. A couple of different sessions for kids, including testing with teachers and parents get a guided tour with a staff member. WSA may have a table out there to meet the parents. 4-6PM.
 - iv. Book fair - similar to fall; no after school shopping (district level decision). We can have preview day.

- v. Big Zoo Lesson. Jessica Eyde asked about Whitehills participation in program. Students go for the week and are assigned an animal to learn about it. It has been voluntary for teachers but gained traction over the years. The district is starting to see the value in the program. Generally, you have to pick you week early a year early. December was Whitehills week, and, due to COVID, the teachers declined to participate. The schools that are participating this year, they have teachers who have done it for several years, so they are trained in the program. Next year, the district is paying for the program but it will be optional based upon the teacher's preference as to whether they will participate.
5. District School Council (DSC / DPC) Update - Sara Cunningham
 - a. Vetted an online group that does tech safety session for families. East Lansing has booked a spot for May 18 in the evening.
 - b. Dori gave an update on mask policy. District is working on getting 8 dpgs for Canines for Change Program (therapy dog). Requested 8 dogs (goldendoodles or labs from same litter). Grand Ledge has a similar program.
 - c. Other schools are doing similar activities.
 6. Spring Book Fair - Trisha D
 - a. Able to have more volunteers.
 - b. Monday will be a preview day.
 - c. Request for e-wallet for Part of the Pack students who need financial assistance.
 - d. Motion to provide up to \$900 to provide a book for each member of the Part of the Pack for the book fair. The motion was unanimously approved.
 7. WSA Priorities for Spring 2022 - Katie Hennessey
 - a. Monthly treat for students
 - b. Yearbook
 - c. Staff lunches on 1/2 days
 - d. Teacher grants (no volunteers needed)
 - e. Snacks for teacher lounge
 - f. Mileage Club
 - g. Box Tops Coordinator - need a leader
 8. 5th Grade Recognition: Mia and Trisha are expecting to touch base with 5th grade teachers to get started on planning.
 9. Teacher appreciation week
 - a. Lunches for teachers
 - b. Display case/window decorations for parents/5th graders to contribute to - volunteers and access to WSA closet
 - c. Parent volunteers to take recess duties for teachers to give teachers a reprieve.

10. Budget for remainder of school year events - Paul / Sara

- a. Paul reviewed the budget
- b. Brick sale - these are put at the school. Bricks used to make walkway going to the school. This is something we need to talk to Coni and see if this is something to consider for next year.
- c. Mrs. Deck is retiring. Traditionally we bought a brick for teachers who retired. Principal Johnson thinks that the bricks in the walkway are removable.
- d. Motion was made to purchase a brick for Mrs. Deck. Paul will reach out to Joy to figure out how to accomplish this.

11. WSA Board for next school year - Paul

- a. May is when leadership positions will open.
- b. Paul will not serve as president next year but would be open to secretary position.

12. Looking toward next Fall 2022 - Katie Hennessey

- a. Carnival
- b. (Outdoor) Movie Night
- c. Whitehills 5K
- d. Spirit wear design contest

13. Other business, questions, announcements, etc.

- a. Mia: Should we do popsicles? Shane has a giant cooler. This could be done at recess. Set a date in May.
- b. Kona Ice Truck - fundraiser. Mia will contact Kona Ice for more information.
- c. Movie night: Principal Johnson would be open to a movie night. Mid to end of May.

14. Adjournment