



## Whitehills School Association Meeting Minutes August 13, 2019 • 6:00pm

1. President Jen Gorchow called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and thanked the Michigan State Medical Society and Whitehills parent Rebecca Ford for providing their conference room for the meeting.  
There were no additions to the agenda.
2. The May 14, 2019 WSA meeting minutes were approved.
3. Principal and staff reports:  
Principal Shane Johnson discussed the move into "old Donley." Many teachers are finished unpacking their classrooms. A 'Young 5s' class has been added to the building, along with two sections of GSRP (preschool).  
Shane continues to discuss plans with district staff, Donley Principal Tracey Barton and the Safe Routes to School committee to draft a traffic flow plan for Whitehills and Donley pick-up/drop-off. They will encourage parents at each school to use their designated parking lot loops exclusively but it will be difficult to enforce. Goal is to have as many clear options as possible for transportation to and from school.  
Danielle Conti will be the new librarian following Carolyn Hosbach's retirement; she previously worked at the middle school.  
Since some of the elementary buildings don't have occupancy yet, the traditional "popsicle playdates" won't be held before the school year begins. The first event of the year will be Welcome Back Night on September 5. Donley's will be held from 5:30-6:30pm and Whitehills from 7:00-8:00pm to alleviate congestion in the parking lots. This year Welcome Back Night will be more of a traditional open house instead of the designated sessions with teachers.  
WSA will provide ice cream/popsicles for the event.  
Class placement should be emailed on August 19.
4. Current balance of WSA accounts: \$22,653.03  
No other officer news.  
Sara Cunningham, Whitehills representative to the District Parent Council (DPC) announced the DPC will host a "boot camp" for board members at the high school at 6:30 p.m. on August 28.
5. Recap of recent WSA events:  
The May 31 Carnival was well received; served as a fun "good-bye" to the building.  
Playground playdates were well attended; good to be able to have them at the Donley playground despite the ongoing construction.
6. Upcoming events and volunteer opportunities:  
Members discussed the upcoming Welcome Back Night, including set-up and whether to invite groups such as the library and Girl Scouts to have information

tables. WSA will extend invites to the library, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and invite Kyle Enger to have a Science Club table again.

Please visit the Whitehills 5K website whether you are going to register or want to volunteer.

Jen will create a sign-up genius for the first day of school; we'll need parent volunteers to help give directions outside, as well as food and coffee for the welcome breakfast.

7. Spirit Wear:

Kirsten Borgstrom presented options for the shirt. Contest winner Ashley Keefe's design will be featured on this year's shirt. Members discussed potential colors for the shirt. Kirsten will coordinate with the vendor.

Kirsten also is working with rokkwear on an online store for Whitehills shirts, sweatshirts and more with a variety of design options. The WSA will earn 15% of all proceeds after initial fees for set-up. Hoping to have this available by September 5 so it can be advertised during Welcome Back Night when we are selling the student designed shirt.

Shane discussed ordering shirts for every student in the school with a uniform design in order to ensure equity and remove any barriers to students participating in "Whitehills Wednesdays."

We'll continue to work on a potential design and discuss ordering processes with staff.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

**In attendance:**

Kirsten Borgstrom

Katie Cervenak

Sara Cunningham

Trisha Donahue

Paul Donahue

Jennifer Elliott

Rebecca Ford

Jen Gorchow

Jeff Hicks

Shane Johnson

Hilary Owen