



Whitehills School Association

Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2021 • 6:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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1. Call to order (6:05PM)
 - a. Introductions around the virtual room
 - i. Paul Donahue, Trisha Donahue, Shane Johnson, Amanda Dubey-Zerka, Brad Birch, Charisse Blanks, Chrystelle Mbouga, Crystal Eustice, Freddy ??, Jason Blanks, Jessica Eyde, K. Isaac, Katie Hennessey, Sara Haller, Mike Mudrey
 - b. Additions to the agenda
2. Approval of May 2021 regular WSA meeting and special meeting minutes
 - a. Approved without amendment.
3. Officer reports
 - a. Paul Donahue - President
 - i. Excited to see so many fresh faces and to onboard three new board members for this year.
 - b. Jessica Eyde - Vice President
 - i. No updates.
 - c. Sara Haller (21-22) / Mike Mudrey (20-21) - Treasurer
 - i. \$15,291.75 - Main checking
 - ii. \$4585.53 - Jan's Closet
 - iii. Pending \$20 reimbursement to Mike Mudrey
 - iv. Sara and Mike to meet at MSUFCU and transfer ownership of checking account and treasurer's file.
 - d. Katie Hennessey - Secretary
 - i. No updates.
4. Budget subcommittee call for volunteers
 - a. Sara Haller - chair
 - b. Additional volunteers:
 - i. Paul Donahue: 517-204-6047; paul.donahue@gmail.com
 - ii. Crystal Eustice: 517-803-7663; mill1879@msu.edu
 - iii. Katie Hennessey

5. Principal and staff reports, news, questions

a. Shane Johnson - Principal

i. School starts August 24. Half day first day.

1. All teachers are coming back; little turnover.
2. Class lists go out August 16 and welcome back letter with details about pick up, drop off, and bus times.
3. Class placement is individualized letter for particular student. School does not post entire class list for privacy reasons.
4. Full day schedule: 8:45 a.m. to 3:37 p.m. Drop off 8:40.

ii. Lunch in cafeteria.

1. Multiple lunches: K/1 – Kindergarten eats first while 1st grade is outside.
2. Table dividers with shields, so each student has individual space so they can safely take masks off while eating.

iii. COVID Protocols:

1. Masking in the building regardless of vaccination status; masking has not been an issue with kids.
2. Parents and volunteers are not currently coming into building but that could change based on CDC/Ingham COVID guidelines.
3. Quarantine & exposure: Taking CDC and Ingham County guidance and currently working on a plan.
4. Drop off and pick up procedure: Trying to avoid large groups of people together for long periods of time. We will not have a 15 minute drop off; 8:40 drop off; but this may need to be adjusted based on how things go. This will be explained in the letter going out on August 16.

iv. Question: Kindergarten Walk Through: TBD. Unique to last year.

v. Solar panels will be installed in parking lot and walkway; expected delivery in September.

vi. Recess Protocol: Lunch recess will be with grade level. Normal recess: K-2 recess; 3-5 recess. Staff will organize areas of the

playground for different days based on grade levels to keep kids spread out. This information will be announced when plan is finalized.

- vii. Principal Johnson was encouraged to utilize WSA for first day of school needs.

6. Engagement and Fundraising subcommittee discussion

- a. Katie Hennessey introduced an idea of putting together a committee to review activities previously done by the WSA with an eye to modernize activities to increase engagement and effectiveness given new remote tools.
- b. Katie Hennessey will draft a more thought out description of proposed committee and this will be circulated via email and FaceBook posting to offer other parents the opportunity to volunteer.
- c. Volunteers to help:
 - i. Jason Blanks; Blanks.jason@gmail.com; 248-595-6190
 - ii. Trisha Donahue; trisha.heniser@gmail.com; 517-204-2187
 - iii. Charisse Blanks; cblanks2005@yahoo.com 248-991-4910
 - iv. Jessica Eyde

7. Recent & Upcoming Events / Volunteer Needs

- a. Playground Playdate - Aug 18 - 6:30 PM
 - i. Opportunity to publicize WSA to get more parents involved; WSA representatives can sit at a table to get word out.
 - ii. Masks are optional outdoors; follow CDC/Ingham COVID guidance.
 - iii. Large turn out: half of students attend.
- b. Kindergarten Play Date Night - TBD - after the start of school.
 - i. Start time after 6/6:30.
 - ii. First and second graders should also be invited, given virtual school last year.
 - iii. Masks are optional outdoors; follow CDC/Ingham COVID guidance.
 - iv. Turn out is smaller compared to district-wide event.
- c. Penny Wars Fundraiser
 - i. To be discussed with the fundraising committee.
- d. Stock the Lounge Donations
 - i. Last year, donations were greatly appreciated by teachers.
 - ii. To organize, use sign up genius with different snacks and people would sign up and drop off at school or shipped at school.
 - iii. Paul Donahue will start the first Sign-Up Genius for donations. Charisse Blanks and Jessica Eyde to help.

8. Other business, questions, announcements, etc.

9. Adjournment

- a. Adjourned at 6:58 PM.