

General PTA Executive Board Meeting Minutes for October 4, 2017

In Attendance: Jennifer Lester (President), Nichole Bolden (Vice-President), Cortez Jenkins (Treasurer), Christopher Davis (Parliamentarian), Vanika Jordan (Secretary).

- I. **CALL TO ORDER.** The meeting was called to order at 4:15 pm.
- II. **MINUTES.** Dr. Hayes dropped off money he has collected during school hours for the purchase of **6** PTA memberships, **35** WMS agendas and **27** WMS t-shirts. There was an additional **\$1.50** that was donated by a parent. The total collected from Dr. Hayes is **\$681.50**.

Several teachers have requested funds from the PTA – Ms. Elswick requested funds for purchasing books for the Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl. To avoid Ms. Elswick from paying for the books out of pocket, it was suggested that the books can be purchased by using WMS PTA PayPal account instead. The Treasurer and/or the President will contact Ms. Elswick to purchase the needed items.

Coach Carlock has requested funds for Coach Jackson to attend the upcoming STEM conference. The per person cost is \$150, the total for both teachers to attend is \$300. The question was asked how to best approve of requests – should the requests be sent directly to PTA or come from the Committee Chair? Dependent on how quickly a resolution is needed, the request should come from the Committee Chair to the PTA and not be sent directly to the PTA. Also, school fund requests should be routed through the School Official to the PTA.

Additionally, Nurse Hardy has requested funds to purchase health aids and personal hygiene supplies for the students. A donation drive in which the students and parents provide the requested health aids and personal hygiene supplies was suggested by the Executive Board.

The new Spanish teacher, was told to ask PTA for student books. The Executive Board suggested that Ms. N go to Ms. Jones to request the needed books for the students.

Christopher Davis, Parliamentarian, introduced several initiatives/partnerships that will ensure the visibility of Wadsworth Magnet School:

- a. Emory is interested in starting a Debate Team at Wadsworth. As of right now, the Debate Team will consist of 6th graders. However, Mr. Davis



- has asked if 5th graders can participate to get them acclimated to how the debate team works as well as prepare them for the 6th competing team.
- b. The National Society of Black Engineers has expressed interest in starting a Junior NSBE team at WMS. A Jr. NSBE team at WMS will provide early access to NSBE's national and regional programs (year-long and summer) for all WMS students.
 - c. The WMS band/orchestra is scheduled to perform during the 2nd Annual International Food and Wine Gala to be held on November 4th at the Clarkston Community Center. The WMS PTA will set up a recruitment table during the event. Another opportunity to gain visibility in the community.
 - d. As reported by Ms. Lester, WMS did miss out on an opportunity to work with the Atlanta Yoga Movement company. AYM is interested in filming a youth yoga film at the school. This missed opportunity was due in part to the slow response by the school. Ms. Lester rescheduled the Atlanta Yoga Movement taping for the Spring semester.
 - e. The Executive Board is looking to partner with the Atlanta Science Festival organization to have WMS serve as a science location during its activities. Ms. Lester wants to pass this task onto Coach Carlock to follow up.

The school's administration proposed changes to the PTA budget. It was decided by the Executive Board that the administration's proposals will be reviewed. However, their budget proposals will be tabled and reconsidered for the 2018 school year, as the current 2017 PTA budget has already been approved by the PTA General body. Additionally, the Executive Board noted that certain considerations will be given and offer assistance where needed. It is noted that Dr. Crum was not present during the Executive Board meeting vote.

The Executive Board would like to invite Jennifer Williams, Fundraising Chairperson, to the next Executive Board meeting to discuss the upcoming needs of the Fundraising Committee.

The Executive Board would like to hold the November meeting on November 11th to coincide with a Social Studies Fair. It was suggested that it would be a good idea to present the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place Social Studies trophies during the meeting to boost student excitement. Additionally, the WMS PTA is proposing to set up the 5th and 6th grade Social Studies projects in the hallways of the school so that the students can show off their work after the PTA meeting.

WMS' Red Ribbon Week Spirit Night will be held at Golden Glide Fun Center and Skating Rink. This is a fundraiser for the WMS PTA and all WMS students must

wear Spirit Wear to attend Spirit Night. Parent volunteers are needed as there will be another school also having their Spirit Night on the same day at the same time.

It was proposed that WMS Administration and PTA meets with the new Region 5 Superintendent, Dr. Bernetta Jones, to present a ***State of Wadsworth*** report.

Additionally, WMS PTA wants to assist in finding the Best Practices for High Achievers and Gifted students to be used comprehensively throughout Wadsworth.

Parent volunteers are needed for Red Ribbon Week, the Social Studies/Science fairs, the Book Fair, and STEM Night. The Executive Board is looking to use ***SignUpGenius*** as a volunteer sign-up tool.

It was proposed to move the Book Swap to the Spring 2018 and to use the manpower of the WMS All Pro Dads group to help build the Free Little Library treehouse.

It was proposed to get the newsletter uploaded to the website by the end of the month.

III. **ADJOURNMENT.** On motion of the President, the meeting adjourned at 5:36 pm.

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