

Washington Tiger PTO, Inc. MINUTES

Monday, March 24, 2025

5:15pm - Washington School Library

1. Call to Order @ 5:20
2. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting - approved
3. Report of the Officers
 - a) Co-presidents
 - b) Treasurer
 - i) No outstanding deposits or checks to write.
 - c) Principal Richay
 - i) Currently gearing up for testing season PLUS testing and WI Forward State testing
 - ii) Lots of professional training/learning continuing
 - iii) Cereal box drive going on in school
 - (1) Deadline end of the week (3/27/25)
4. New & Current Business
 - a) fundraising past/future
 - i) Race for Education
 - (1) Should go pretty much same as last year
 - (2) Make schedule more compact: K, 1&2, 3&4, 5&6.
 - (3) Treasurer will reach out to PD and FD to come out for the event
 - (4) Company who ran it past years is charging more – 8% last year, 15% this year (down to 12% with discount, still a 50% increase from last year). This year we'll use a company called 99pledges. This site is used by other schools; we only lose CC processing (3.49% + \$.49/transaction) instead of that larger percentage. 99pledges allows more customization online, too.
 - (5) Schedule: We need the schedule of who walks when before we can send out paper forms to families, email blasts, etc. Especially important for parents; we want to encourage families to show up for their kids. Each slot is an hour: 10 min out, 10 min in, walk for about 40 minutes.
 - (a) First year to last year, saw a good increase in spectators/families.
 - (b) Need to add a note: no dogs allowed.
 - (c) Volunteers: just need PTO. Only setup is 2 tents, cooler, chalk activities.
 - (d) Water – can we provide water. Metro Market might donate? PTO officers will reach out to Metro Market, need 500 bottles or so. Otherwise we can use Gatorade jugs.
 - (e) Graduate walks/schedule? Does that impact when 6th grade can walk?
 - (6) How can we reach more people to donate? Yard signs? We've done class/year bonuses – like if everyone in a classroom got donation, get a pizza

party. Never seemed to make a difference. What about a Fundraising thermometer?

- (7) Halfway goal – if we meet half goal by X date, Principal Richay will do something crazy. If meet full goal by RfE, something else happens.
 - (a) Calendar: first goal by May 2; there's a whole school assembly that works nicely after that. PJ day? Hawaiian day? Silly string on teacher or principal? We have dress up days already; probably better to do something new.
 - (b) Making a decision – Silly string. \$4k goal. May 2nd. Top 10 students based on # of donations brought in. Full goal, \$20k, pie in the face day of the race.
- (8) Sponsorship – banner and tshirt sponsors, \$250 banner only, \$500 banner and shirt.
- ii) mada spring order
 - (1) Someone needs to put together the order. Go on Mada's website and pick out what items you want. Tie dye option goes well, under-armor stuff goes well. Amanda can do that. What do teachers want as options on the apparel order. Teachers: quarter zips, fleece jackets, tunic to wear with dress pants?
- iii) restaurants: bdubs; papa Murphys 4/10
 - (1) B-dubs until end of April. Its been on facebook and email. "Home Team Advantage: Team A". Has to call in or go in, can't order online. Can add to FB again as reminder.
 - (2) Papa Murphy's will be sent out shortly.
- b) family engagement
 - i) Wild Robot Recap
 - (1) We had great turnout. Made basically all the popcorn; the gym was pretty much full. If we do it again need to expand to 2 locations.
 - (2) Idea for next year: another school in district does a family read-a-loud; each family gets a copy of the book. It *can* be a curriculum crunch/time issue for teachers to squeeze reading a mandated book into their class's schedule.
 - ii) Fun Fair Committee
 - (1) Discussed things from committee meeting:
 - (a) We would like to make RfE more fun. There's no lap requirement, or fundraising based on laps, etc, and like mentioned above want to promote fun & family event. Committee suggestions are:
 - (i) DJ – even if there's no \$\$ this year, could we reach out and see if someone would volunteer? It would be fun to let students vote on songs.
 - (ii) Photobooth – this would help make memories.
 - 1. Problem mentioned – photo consent. Can't have parents/3rd parties taking pictures of students. Maybe PTO member with school camera would be OK?
 - 2. Principal Richay said she would check with district on this.
 - (iii) Temp Tattoo/sticker station

1. Not sure if all parents would be OK with temp tattoo idea? And stickers could create a lot of trash/cleanup (especially if they're used on the playground).
 - (iv) Committee still wants to encourage the chalk, bubbles, etc.
 - (v) Idea for Limbo bar? PTO attendees agreed this could be a great idea.
- (2) Further discussion:
 - (a) Go ahead with photo booth, need clarity on permissions
 - (b) Limbo is a great idea
 - (c) DJ – yes, OK to ask around.
- c) PTO gift to school
5. Looking to the future- We need you!
 - a) Elections in Spring for Vice President and Treasurer
6. Announcements
 - a) Save the date: next meeting: Monday April 28th in Washington library/virtual starting at 5:15
7. Adjournment @6:19pm