

Washington PTO Minutes
Monday December 8th 2025
5:15pm - Washington School Library

1. Called to order 5:20pm
2. Welcome
3. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting - Oops! We printed the wrong minutes. We will email the minutes out.
4. Report of the Officers
 - a. President
 - i. Culver's fundraiser coming up in January! Will make sign up genius, we need volunteers. Culvers is one of the most successful restaurant funds risers.
 - ii. Taco Johns is coming this Wednesday!
 - b. Vice President
 - i. Last fundraiser was Politos, made good \$\$.
 - ii. Culvers and Rocky Rococos remaining - might try and get one more.
 - iii. Also Dunkin Donuts! They want to help out. Madison did it, apparently they put out games and lots of stuff.
 - iv. Help with winter gear. We got two signups, but we could use more. Check Facebook page.
 1. Can we go/use Kids Closet? Any family can go pick up anything, just show up during their hours. A PTO Parent volunteered to go and check needs vs what they have.
 - c. Treasurer
 - i. No Hassle is at \$1550
 - ii. Raising for Risers has brought in \$550 so far, plus \$300 from yo-yo fundraiser, so we're over \$2k toward the risers total
 - iii. Restaurant fundraisers are just over \$1000 so far.
 - iv. Apparel order, just over \$300.
 - v. Popcorn: still only received \$200 so far. We have signups through February, so we just need to chase those down. Spent quite a bit to get everything early, so that's in the red.
 - vi. Note about cleaning the machine: our popcorn machine caused a kerfuffle with the kitchen inspection. We didn't know last year that the scoops and stuff were being run through the dishwasher. There are now instructions to follow.
 1. We probably need to do a deep clean of the popcorn machine.

- vii. Parent teacher conferences. \$470 spent. Need to get it here earlier in the spring.
- viii. Custodian appreciation day, \$130.
- ix. We're nicely under budget for the fall events, back to school and fall festival.
- x. Playground stuff/supplies we've spent like \$600.
- xi. Classroom supply grants - only \$500 out of \$3000.
- xii. Grade level grants are still waiting to be spent.
- xiii. Bussing, only Kindergarten has spent anything.
- xiv. It would be good to check in with Hallie/the teachers, make sure they know about the budgets available.
 - 1. See if we can talk to the teachers in January.
 - 2. Can we just buy teachers' Amazon wishlists? Don't see any issues with that, just need to make sure we only go to \$100.
- xv. Raising for Risers fundraiser conversation: can the PTO not just use our funds to pay for it? We could, no one has said we won't yet, but ideally we see how much the fundraiser can raise. Hoping to buy risers by the end of the year, whatever that looks like. It would be fun to have a concert/event for donors once we have new risers.
 - 1. From here: flyers have gone out to all families in school. Next steps are going out to businesses around the school.
 - 2. We want to identify other donors in the community.
 - 3. Also looking at other grant opportunities.
 - a. Packers foundation has arts/culture in 2026 and education in 2027.
 - 4. Planning to generate thank you cards for people who are donating. Probably have kids at the school contribute? Also incorporate kids to color in the thermometer.
 - 5. Website fundraising page now accepts PayPal.

d. Secretary

- i. Revising fundraiser page.
- ii. Stuff is going well

e. Principal Ritchay couldn't attend.

5. Unfinished business

a. Conference Meals wrap up

- i. No teachers or principal to say how it went.
- ii. Teachers did comment that the meat should have/needed to be put in crock pots.

6. New Business

- a. Winter clothes in need - discussed above.

7. Committee check in

a. Family events

i. Bingo night - turned into a game night

1. Do we have a budget?

a. Food, prizes, schwag?

b. Family activities for the year is \$2250; we've spent \$450. Tom Pease is coming, will be \$630. Renting KB Willet arena, looking like \$250/hr +?

2. Wednesday Jan 14th

3. Would like to do Politos pizza

4. Would like to do Bingo in the Cafeteria, trivia in the Library, and board games in the gym.

a. Other ideas puzzle

5. We would need volunteers

6. Need to reserve rooms!! Need to discuss with Hallie

b. Race for Education

i. People who used to run Race for Education don't want to do it; we reached out and no one wants to lead it.

ii. Treasurer comment: Race for Education brings in \$19k. Maybe we could bring back Tiger Trek? Goes out to neighborhoods. It stopped during COVID.

1. Still want to give shirts to kids

2. Sponsors want their names on the shirts/signs.

iii. Need to avoid asking donors for R4E just after asking for Raising for Risers.

c. Fundraising - discussed above

8. Announcements

a. Taco Johns Wednesday

b. Bingo Night 1/14/26

c. Next meeting 2/9/26

9. Adjournment