

Washington Tiger PTO, Inc.
Monday, September 14th, 2026
5:15pm – Washington School Library

- Call to Order @5:16pm
- Welcome
- Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting approved
- Report of the Officers
 - President
 - Still looking for a new president to take over. Didn't have anyone nominated at last year's officer elections; current president Allison is holding over from last term but would like to step down.
 - Vice President
 - Thanks to the committees!! Discussion about what the committees are, encourage people to sign up, pass around signup sheets.
 - Popcorn days – funded and volunteers through February!
 - Popcorn machine is still not working
 - Getting popcorn through the Rogers theater. It's slightly more expensive, but kids seem to be excited about it.
 - Treasurer
 - Budget! Review of the budget for this school year.
 - Looking at revenue: Apparel fundraising was down last year, adjusted expectations for this year. Raising for risers was a huge success. Race for Education raised roughly \$18k last year, budgeting for that again.
 - Looking at Expenditures: Popcorn days spending went up, base supplies were more expensive last year, and this year we're spending for theater popcorn. Adding Insurance and accounting review line items/expenses. Added additional \$400/grade to the 4th/5th/6th grade bussing and field trips funding (so K-3 @ \$800; 4-6 @ \$1200); especially for 4th grade that will help the trip to the state capital. Other expenses project roughly similar to last year.
 - Bank account balances

- Money market: ~\$49,000
 - Checking account: ~\$4000
- Secretary
 - No big update; mention website is there and a good information resource.
 - Paul mentioned that he's been hosting a page for the SPAPSD 2040 taskforce on the PTO's web server; there's no additional cost to the PTO but worth mentioning. That taskforce will be finished at the end of the year.
- Principal
 - Welcome Molly Demrow, new principal!
 - Great start to the year, getting to know students and staff.
 - First all-school assembly this Friday!
 - The district's third Friday student count is also this Friday. This is important for school funding, so trying to make sure every kid attends.
 - Will need to send out some communication about drop-off/pick-up, especially around the Church parking lot. The church is fine, no complaints, but it's not the school's space so we would like to avoid that.
 - Playground chat: the playground is aging; Currently kicking off a needs assessment for the playground. Our playground is also very large. The equipment is safe – custodial staff reviews it every month – but looking to have outside evaluations done. Not sure when that would happen, hopefully by end of November?
 - District will provide a certain percentage for playground capital expenditure, based on student population. Would partner with the PTO, but stresses that the job is larger than the PTO.
 - Probably looking at a phased project, rather than replacing everything all at once.
- Unfinished Business
 - Inviting supporters to concert for riser recognition
 - Supporters: not just people/families, but also the businesses that gave a larger portion of the raising for risers thing.
 - Should we invite everyone at once?

- Maybe just put out a list of events and say please come and see?
 - Invite people an hour before a concert? Some sort of ribbon cutting event?
 - Talking about two separate things. The smaller/individual donors are mostly family/community members who likely come to concerts already. Then the large donors – there's like 10? – could maybe attend some sort of stand-alone event.
 - Mrs Gostgonski: concert days are already super busy; lots of traffic. Hard to add to that confusion? Kids have written thank you cards already.
 - Table discussion for now, we have some time before events happen.
- Committees
 - Family Events
 - Ideas for family events:
 - Fall harvest event, like last year. YES, everyone likes the idea, look at dates... decided on Tuesday 10/27.
 - Winter events: KB Willet arena (ice skating), or Iverson park (sledding hill). Iverson could rent out the building or just have an informal, "everyone show up on Thursday!" sort of event.
 - Suggestions of new ideas:
 - Bike to school day? Meet somewhere and bike to the school
 - Put on a dance?
 - How many events? Principal says could have as many as 1/month.
 - Fun Faire? Large issue was teachers having to volunteer their rooms/time to put it on.
 - Paul will reach out to the people on the signup sheet to get stuff going.
 - Fundraising
 - Popcorn
 - Upcoming restaurant fundraisers

- Baskin Robins Ice cream sales at Back to School night raised about \$302.25
 - Rocky's next week!
 - Culvers
 - Staff really enjoyed doing Culvers.
 - Need to organize more restaurant fundraisers – turn over to the committee?
- Race for Education
 - Please sign up for the committee if you're interested!
- New Business
 - Playground chat
 - Tabling this discussion for now since we're out of time. We'll discuss next meeting.
- Announcements
 - Next meeting 10/19! Quick note: all meetings will have childcare; should we have food provided at all meetings?
- Adjournment @ 6:19pm