WHES PTA BOARD MEETING

June 7, 2019 @ 5:00pm - MEETING MINUTES

Members present: Kelly Cleland, Kelly Williams, Andrea Hoover, Maria Phelps, Nancy Sorzano, Joe Cormier, Fanee Mendoza, Ali Burggraff, Rob Burggraff, Ken Richkus, Sarah David, George Davie, Jenna Lyons, Ginger O’Callahan, Alana Sharlow, Christine Heberley, Sara McQuighan, Ryan McQuighan, Tommy Sorzano, Sara Frederick

1. Call to order – at 5:19pm
2. Change to agenda – table approval of minutes from May 15, 2019 General Membership meeting
3. Treasurer – the PTA is in need of a new one. Nancy Sorzano will be stepping down as Treasurer in the summer. Let Andrea know if interested.
4. Giant A+ Rewards – provided a $3400 reward to WHES from their program. Mrs. Cleland would like to use for the K shade structure. Total cost of the structure is around $12,000. Proposal from the PTA Board is to provide a $4000 grant, approximately 1/3 of the cost of the structure. WHES funds would cover another 1/3 of the cost, and the Giant rewards grant the rest. Vote on PTA grant to happen at Sept 18 General Membership meeting.
5. Transition from PTA to PTO – Phelps presented information that a percentage of the current dues goes to both the National and State PTAs, and dues are going to be increased in September 2019. With a PTO, all money raised from dues stays within the school community, but a PTA takes a portion of our dues. PTA do a lot of lobbying for kids nationally and statewide. Around the country, likely more than 75% of schools now have PTO’s. Our PTO would function very similarly to the current PTA; we would still have bylaws. We just would not have a parent organization we would be giving money. We can still purchase insurance through PTO today. The insurance discount we get through the PTA via Knight Insurance does not offset the cost of the dues we pay.

If membership would like to move toward a PTO, we will hold an official vote on September 18, 2019 at the General Membership meeting. We need a 2/3 majority vote of yes at the Sept 18 meeting to dissolve the PTA. Even if we get a yes vote in September, we expect to still operate as a PTA throughout the 2019-20 school year as we transition to PTO.

Paper ballots were passed out and used for a vote to solicit interest in moving towards a PTA. All votes on paper ballot were yes votes.

1. Meeting adjournment – 5:29pm.