

PTO BOARD MEETING 01/18/2019

18 January 2019 / 9:00 AM / WILKES LIBRARY

ATTENDEES (18)

Tracey Harrah, Honora Gerbeck, Amy Oclander, Nicole Minoza, Allison Miller, Marsha Cutting, Karen Vargas, Chasity Malate, Kathy McGowan, Erin Bischoff, Pontea Smithson, Teresa Yette, Bobbi Jones, Megan Livingston, Jennifer Cannon, Katie Wilson, Wendy Corelis, Lisa Kastner

AGENDA

- Meeting Called to Order **Megan & Jennifer**
- Multicultural Advisory Committee **Members of MAC**
- BISSD Capital Levy **Erin Bischoff**
- Principal's Report **Principal Amii Pratt**
- President's Report **Megan & Jennifer**
- Adjourn

IMPORTANT DATES

1. January 22: *The Power and Science of Hope*, presented by Chad Hellman PhD, 6:30-8 PM, Bainbridge High School

Commons. Sponsored by Bainbridge Youth Services, Wilkes PTO and the Bainbridge PTOCC. The event is \$10. **Get Inspired!**

2. January 23-29: Great Kindness Challenge and Helpline Food Drive
3. January 30 - February 1st: Parent Teacher Conferences. Show appreciation to our teachers and staff by providing some fun treats that they can enjoy throughout the day. Still need people to sign-up.
4. February 8: Wilkes Bingo Night, 6:00-7:30 pm, \$2 per slice of pizza/prices, volunteers needed.
5. March 8: Family Night Build-a-Toy Workshop, 6:30-7:45 pm, FREE
6. April 25: Science Fair (tentative date), we will need volunteers for this event
7. Ongoing Monthly Recess Activities: Contact Christy Remedios to participate (cmremedios@comcast.net)
 - i. Need help making Valentines from seedling paper on Monday, February 11th- contact Jennifer (jenniferjcannon@gmail.com)

Meeting Called to Order

GUEST SPEAKER

Members of MAC, Bainbridge Island School District Multicultural Advisory Council

1. Focus on Equity & Inclusion
 - a. prepare & empower students

2. BIMA & Islandwood - capacity to reflect sessions
3. Not just ethnic diversity focused, but human diversity
4. Hosted meetings open to all, once a month at different schools in the district
5. Salon nights - documentary shown first for springboard into discussion time
 - a. new film every month between now and May on Race & Equity
6. In charge of awarding two awards:
 - a. Martin Luther King Award
 - b. Frank Kitamoto Award
 - c. Both awards normally announced at BHS MLK Assembly
7. How to Help?
 - a. Come to Meetings! Be a liaison for your school
8. Getting students to have opportunity with relationship is huge goal of events such as the salon nights
9. More information about MAC and their events is available at: <https://www.bisd303.org/domain/762>

What does this look like at Wilkes? - Amii Pratt, Principal

- Focuses on Equity
- Sending articles weekly for teachers
- Building the trust with the students to have the conversations needed
- Okay to be uncomfortable
- A lot of the equity work which happens is not labeled as equity work - but it's always being done

BISD Update & Capital Levy

Erin Bischoff, Public Relations Officer

1. Blakely Awarded National Blue Ribbon Award
2. Swim Coach of the Year Award - Sarah Bullock
3. National Merit Semi-finalists - two BHS students
4. BISD's 2 Local Funding Sources:
 - a. General Fund - supports educational programs, teacher salaries, etc.
 - b. Capital Fund - clean water, tennis court crack repairs, roof repairs, etc.
5. Without a capital fund the general fund is greatly impacted
 - a. 87% of general fund is salary for teachers
6. 2016 Capital Bond:
 - a. Blakely Project
 - b. The 100 Building (not enough funds to complete)
7. Seattle is the 7th most costly place to build worldwide
8. Cost Reductions have been made in attempt to stretch the previous bond's funds to their absolute:
 - a. Blakely School Project (cost cutting- siding changes, etc.)
 - b. 100 Building at BHS - cuts made but still needs more funding to complete the building project
9. Levy will Complete the 100 Building, and aid in performing security renovations
10. New levy will bridge the gap (\$15M)

- a. Finishing 2016 items, covering costs through 2025
 - b. 10M - for 100 Building, this is gap that needs to be funded for building to complete project
 - c. 5M - for repairs, as needed, through to 2025
11. February 2nd - open house for BHS 100 Building
 12. Ballots due by February 12, 2019
 13. <https://www.bisd303.org/levy>

Vote on New Budget

- + Propose to approve budget - Katie
- + Second to approve - Teresa
- + Unanimously approved

Principal Report

Amii Pratt, Principal

1. Kinder Information Night - Wednesday February 6 at 6 pm
 - a. School Tour/Bus rides - February 8th at 8:30 am
2. Leadership Team
 - a. Sight council + Leadership team have been meeting together for some hour
 - b. Thinking of ways to reorganize the leadership team meetings to make them more effective
3. Getting ready to go to Chicago in March for the Association for supervision and development (5 staff members going)

- a. The conference the staff is going to, thanks to the Professional Development funds paid for by Wilkes PTO, is called the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD, <http://wilkespto.org/ascd/>)

President's Report

Megan Livingston, Jennifer Cannon, Co-Presidents

1. Anonymous Donation (from 3 to 1 corporation match donation) covering all 4th grade students' outdoor ed trip to Islandwood
2. Idea to help parents by next Jogathon identify if their company matches donations as well
3. Bingo Night - February 8th - will be community event this year (due to anonymous donation will not be used as 4th grade fundraiser but will continue to be fundraiser for future years)
4. March 8th - Toy Guy
 - a. PTO fully funded event!!
5. January 22nd, The Power and Science of Hope- 6-8:30 pm
 - a. \$10 suggested donation
6. Email from Amy Nordstrom saying thank-you for reading grant - so wonderful and encouraging
 - a. Wilkes PTO funded 13 different teacher grants (roughly \$8,400) in December 2018 which will fulfill a variety of needs such as funding highly capable resources, math and reading support, student leadership council,

sensory tool lending library, field trips, Wilkes weekly news, and more.”

7. March/Spring grants coming up!
8. Recess Activities Done! - Christy's lined up everything
 - a. 11:10-12:30 is recess time
 - b. 25 minutes for each grade level
9. Next year Blakely will be like Wilkes' sister school
 - a. One preschool class at Blakely
 - b. One ILC class will be there as well
10. Discussed the possibility of Wilkes PTO funding a permanent reader board. Will revisit this idea.

Funds Updates

Katie Wilson, Treasurer

1. \$2500 from bookfair
2. Supplies to be kept in classroom for lockdown - (bucket with snacks, first aid kit, and other supplies to meet short term needs) - at school, ready to be assembled and distributed to classes

Adjourn

Next Meeting

- Friday Morning, March 15th at 9 am, in the Wilkes Library