

CAPTAIN CHARLES WILKES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO

# PTO BOARD MEETING 03/15/2019

15 March 2019 / 9:00 AM / WILKES LIBRARY

## ATTENDEES (25)

Tracey Harrah, Honora Gerbeck, Amy Oclander, Nicole Minoza, Allison Miller, Sarah Mann, Christy Wack-Remedios, Megan Livingston, Jennifer Cannon, Katie Wilson, Wendy Corelis, Lisa Kastner, Lindsey Clothier, Casey Schmidt, Lauren Love, Warren Reed, Kate Bengler, Kelly Cancialosi and several others

## AGENDA

Meeting Called to Order

9:05 Positive Parenting

Peggy Koivu

9:30 Treasurer's Report

Katie

9:50 President's Report

Megan & Jennifer

10:05 Planning for 2019-2020 Board

Megan & Jennifer

10:30 Adjourn

### IMPORTANT DATES:

- o **March 22, Wilkes Bingo Night, 6:00-7:30 pm**, \$2 per slice of pizza/prizes
- o **March 29**, Science Magic Assembly
- o **April 1-5**: Spring Break, no school
- o **April 18**, 5th Avenue Theatre Assembly
- o **April 18 at 6:30 pm**: A Discussion on Multicultural and Human Diversity Education, Wilkes Commons
- o **April 19**: PTO Meeting (Wilkes Staff will share professional development experience at ACSD conference)
- o **April 25**, Science Fair and Open House. We need volunteers for this event - SUG will be announced and posted soon.
- o **May 17**, PTO Meeting (year-end celebration, budget)
- o **May 27**, Memorial Day, no school
- o **May 28-30**, Outdoor Education for Fourth Graders
- o **June 11 (tentative date)**, Special art project in partnership with the Bainbridge Island Museum of Art (BIMA). More details to follow.
- o **June 17**, Fourth grade clap-out

**Ongoing Monthly Recess Activities-** Contact Christy Remedios to participate ([cmremedios@comcast.net](mailto:cmremedios@comcast.net)).

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### **GUEST SPEAKER**

#### **Peggy Koivu on Positive Parenting**

- Peggy provided some background about herself. Being a teacher, becoming a parent and taking parenting courses all led her to offer Positive Parenting workshops.
- "Positive Discipline" is a culmination of multiple concepts centered on the child's sense of belonging and significance, mutual respect and "Democratic" parenting.
- She spent time reviewing the Mistaken Goal Chart with discussion, examples and fielded questions for the group.
- The discussion ended with group exercise that compared a "tell" vs. "ask" approach to common parent/child points of tension (e.g., doing homework, going to bed)

#### Discussion items:

- Peggy is speaking on March 19 at an upcoming Raising Resilience event. For more information: <https://www.raisingresilience.org/parenting-with-positive-discipline>
- Parents expressed interest in the next round of workshops offered, both elementary and middle school groups. Peggy suggested reaching out to the school counselor. Lindsey volunteered to promote at Woodward and PTOCC group.
- There may be an opportunity to form a Positive Parenting alumni parent community at Wilkes to share parenting experiences, comradery and using the tools from the book.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Draft budget for 2019-20 school year will be reviewed in May. Any surplus will be discussed following budget development and review.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> round of teacher grants will be underway soon.

#### Discussion items:

- Suggestion to highlight different communication channels to share how PTO dollars are used to the family community would be great, such as:
  - o E-mails from teachers to their class families
  - o Newsletter sent from Amii
  - o PTO communications

### **Communications Efforts**

- Brief discussion on a dedicated PTO communication vehicle and frequency to highlight key dates, how PTO dollars have or will be used and more. Consensus was a brief e-mail sent every other week.
- Coordination efforts for Wilkes PTO and across other PTO schools is underway. Many thanks to Jennifer Cannon for her efforts on Google Drive and Documents in these efforts.
- PTO leads now have emails tied to the school vs. using personal e-mail addresses as part of the coordination and communication efforts.

### **Volunteering and PTO Participation**

- Today's speaker brought a few new faces to the meeting. Ongoing efforts to have speakers and range of topics to augment interest.
- Christy volunteered to periodically do a thank you sign or reminder about upcoming volunteer opportunities near the sign-in/out computer.

### **Public Announcements and Reminders**

- Wilkes would like to remind parents and care providers that pick-up and drop-off is a moving process. Stopping or parking in the middle of the line is a safety issue. Please keep moving. If your child is not present when you reach the front, circle around.
- Helpline House has free, unlimited counseling for those who qualify.
- Yearbook Pictures! As you are volunteering in class, participating in a school event, field trip or more, please don't forget to share your pictures with the Yearbook Team (feel free to send pictures to Jennifer or Megan).

Adjourn

Next Meeting

- Friday Morning, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 9 am in the Wilkes Library