

PTO BOARD MEETING 04/19/2019

19 April 2019 / 9:00 AM / WILKES LIBRARY

ATTENDEES (13)

Tracey Harrah, Honora Gerbeck, Nicole Minoza, Allison McDonald, Karen Walker, Sarah Mann, Teresa Yette, Bobbi Jones, Megan Livingston, Katie Wilson, Lisa Kastner, Christy Remedios, Kelly Cancialosi

AGENDA

- Welcome + President's Report **Megan**
- Treasurer's Report **Katie**
- ASCD Conference Review **Ami and Staff**
- Adjourn

IMPORTANT DATES

1. April 22, Recess Earth Day Celebration @11
2. April 25, Science Fair and Open House
3. May 6-10, Staff Appreciation Week
4. May 10, Teacher Appreciation Recess Activity
5. May 17, Bike to School Day

6. May 17, PTO Meeting (year-end celebration, budget)
7. May 27, Memorial Day, no school
8. May 28-30, Outdoor Education for Fourth Graders
9. June Get Moving Recess Activities
10. June 11 (tentative date), Special art project in partnership with the Bainbridge Island Museum of Art (BIMA)
11. June 21, Last Day of School

** Last PTO meeting of the school year will be Friday, May 17th
- Volunteer Celebration and 2019-2020 budget discussion and approval**

Meeting Called to Order

Welcome and President's Report

Megan Livingston, PTO co-President

1. Recent MAC meeting had small turn out but good conversations. High-schoolers who spoke recognized how helpful it would have been to have been having these conversations earlier in their lives (grade school years)
2. New position being created, Sustainability Coordinator (Recycling) at Wilkes allowing someone who wishes to volunteer time to do so outside of school hours.
3. Grade reps to have more of a "job" role in organizing and creating community building opportunities among the families in Wilkes

Treasury Report

Katie Wilson, Treasurer

1. Have currently only spent about 55% of the budget thus far which is fairly typical for this point in the year.
2. Still a large amount of costs coming up for end of year
3. Discuss and approve spending remaining in 2018-2019 budget and approve the 2019-2020 budget

ASCD Conference Review

Amii Pratt, Principal & Staff

1. Conference took place over St. Patrick's weekend in Chicago this past March, 2019.
2. Wilkes staff went to attend this national conference to help in their continued pursuit to focus on the whole child
3. The staff also enjoyed hearing about what is happening in education around the country
4. Over 8,000 attendees were present at this conference, representing each state in our country and even from countries around the world
5. The Inspiring Keynote Speakers included:
 - a. Dwayne Reed
 - b. Ron Clark
 - c. Ashton Kutcher
6. Sue's Attended Sessions:
 - a. Leadership

- b. Motivating/managing hard to reach/disruptive students
- c. Using Social emotional Learning and culturally responsive teaching to address students experiencing trauma
- d. Spark curiosity, fuel deeper learning - engage all students in asking their own questions
- e. Ensuring Equity by focusing on each learner's strengths
- f. Tools and resources for LGBTQ inclusive schools
- g. Everyday SEL in the classroom, Building an Equitable Learning Environment
- h. Behavior Interventions that take 60 seconds

7. Michelle's Attended Sessions: (Ron Clark, Doris Kearns Goodwin, Ashton Kutcher - Keynote Speakers)

- a. Embedding gifted-teaching instruction
- b. Total participation Techniques
- c. Reading, writing, and rigor
- d. Discipline with Dignity
- e. Mathalicious
- f. Homework and Grading Equity
- g. SEL - Fostering the Formative Five

8. Rebecca's Attended Sessions: (Focusing on how to meet the needs of every student, period)

- a. I've tried everything for struggling and special needs learners : now what
- b. Total Participation Techniques
- c. Five Fundamentals for basic fact fluency

- d. The neuroscience of understanding the UbD framework & brain research
- e. Evidence based supports for learners with ADHD
- f. Positive Praise Walks
- g. 3 Methods to move students from Entitlement to Ownership
- h. Homework and Grading and Equity Issues
- i. 60 Behavior Interventions that take 60 seconds

9. Abby's Attended Sessions: (whole staff needs and specific focuses we've been looking at)

- a. Positive Praise Walks - building collaboration
- b. Bringing Joy, creating moments of joy and interest for students and teachers
- c. Strategies to help kids embrace an equity lens
- d. Specific intervention ideas

10. Amii's Attended Sessions: (20,000 ft. view of whole school)

- a. Belief work: Creating Classroom Communities built on Equity & Access for all learners
- b. Principal Burnout - How to manage the challenges and keep the joy

11. A lot of debriefing and a lot of take away and resources by all who attended the conference being brought back home to share with entire staff at Wilkes

12. Next Steps (we want to build our capacity at Wilkes by):

- a. Providing staff with a list of the sessions that we attend so they can know who to ask if they have

questions and for anyone interested to learn more about one of the sessions

- b. Holding an all day Instructional Leadership Team Meeting on 4/24 in order to plan/vision for the next year, incorporating much of what we learned at ASCD and how we can apply it to Wilkes
- c. Planning for a series of short after-school PD sessions over next few months that will highlight key learnings from the conference that we want to share with staff

13. Huge thank-you from all who attended the conference to the Wilkes PTO for this opportunity to learn, be students again, and grow their resources to better serve the Wilkes community

Vote on Staff Appreciation Budget increase by \$250

- + Propose to approve - Kelly
- + Second to approve - Lisa
- + Unanimously approved

Retiring Staff

- + Liz Potter
- + Carole Baker
- + Lynn Ukich

PTO paying for catered retirement- celebration lunch

*BSF Reached out asking if PTO would be interested in donating funds → to discuss and vote at next meeting, May 17

Adjourn

- + motion to close- Kelly
- + Seconded- Lisa
- + All Approve

Next Meeting

- Friday Morning, May 17th at 9 am, in the Wilkes Library