



## WKHS PTO Meeting Minutes January 6, 2020 Zoom Meeting

Meeting commenced at 7 p.m.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Tracy Plummer, Tamra Haurani, Amanda Adams, Burl Scott, Barbara Friedman, Janet Rung, Amy Fu, Tanya Shats, Kelli Davis, Amy James, Rebecca Billingsly, Aric Thomas, Ken Nally, Robin Emami, Alicia Manning, Kristin Grimshaw, Jo Michael, Sima Aminfar, Erica Backhurst, Caris Post, Alicia Meckstroth, Beth Niskanen, Kathleen Garber, Roshi Jamshidi, Tracie Ambler

### General PTO Meeting

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES** Tracy motioned, Burl second, all approved

**TREASURER REPORT:** Burl Scott - We are on the cusp of breaking even for year. There is some revenue outstanding for the year we haven't collected. Burl sent dues and scholarship to PTAC.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Tracy Plummer – deferred time to other committees to have time for speaker

**PTAC REPORT:** Robin Emami PTAC meeting cancelled, no report.

**PRINCIPAL/ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT:** Aric Thomas / Ken Nally / Zach Peterson / Erica Backhurst

**Aric** – Hybrid instruction starts next Monday. Our school district personnel will be getting the first dose of Moderna. Gives cautious optimism for going back to normal or maybe graduation going in a normal direction or maybe some type of prom.

**Ken** – Thank you to Roshi for the breakfast for the teachers and staff from the PTO. Excitement to get back to hybrid learning mode.

**Erica** – loved the spirit wear sale

**ACTIVITY CLUB LIAISON REPORT:** Barb Friedman – the alumni event was cancelled. Continuing to deliver food through Community Cares committee.

### COMMITTEE UPDATES & REPORTS:

**Academics:** Tamra Haurani – nothing to report; still virtual for the academic achievements. Tamra will update with pictures.

**Book Room:** n/a

**Curriculum Liaison:** Rebecca Billingslea Curriculum Liaison Committee meeting was December 2. Kathy Montag discussed Academic Achievement and Learning Council website and walked them thru that. Went through the Ohio improvement process and discussed how the district will be implementing it through various teams. Seven core principles of the Ohio Improvement process. Went to breakout rooms to discuss. Focused on strategic goals and are having teachers look at student product and how is it and how can they tweak learning. Next meeting is February 10, 2021. Usually, Dr. Bowers does his state of the school speech then.

**Fundraising:** Jo Michael – Dairy Queen is on board with helping us with prizes. She reached out to the Worthington Community Center too, waiting to hear back. The email went out today for the fundraiser. Amy Fu will be doing a food truck as a little separate fund raiser this coming Monday for the football game. Tracy talked to Meghan Zink to help with content for promoting the fundraiser and the progress for the grade goals for the televisions in the common areas in school.

**Grounds Beautification:** Need to recruit a committee for Spring.

**Hospitality:** Alison Heller, Amy Fu, Rosh Jamsheidi, Lisa Maxwell (behind the scenes), and Meghan Zink and Kara Bussard for Teacher Appreciation week. Aric will let us know the dates for the Parent Teacher conferences, and the PTO will provide the dinners.

**Kilbourne Parent Community Group:** Amanda Adams – meeting January 13.

**Scholarships & Review:** Dawn Cline, need to get Dawn and Tracie together.

**Spirit Wear:** Amy James, Gigi Elkhannas – 3 more to distribute, will take to the school next week. Thanks to everyone who helped distribute. Cary Rathburn was hoping someone could buy her shirt. We will buy her shirt and use as a sample for next year's (hopefully) in person schedule pick up day. Profit was \$300 from the spirit wear sale. We don't have a picture make-up date, Aric will talk with Zach and find out.

**Diversity & Inclusion:** People interested in helping: Robin Emami, Alison Heller, and Jessica De La Cruz. Will discuss further at the February meeting.

**Speaker:** Tanya Shats, Worthington Mom, MSW, LISW-S, Foster Care – Recruitment and Training Manager with National Youth Advocate Program, Inc. (NYAP) has done it for 9 years.

- They service across the counties through the state of Ohio through 7 or 8 offices. Majority come from Franklin County. Have kids from all area codes. There is a big need for foster families. Tanya asked for questions about what we have heard about fostering. Are you eligible to adopt? Sometimes, because the goal is reuniting families. Is there help for integrating a foster child within the foster family? There are preservice classes that tell you how to integrate the foster child into your home, how to nurture and support them, etc. All ages are available to foster.
- Two parts to the process – classes and a home study. There are a total of twelve classes. If you are interested, you can take them and no commitment. Home study as well as classes can be done at the same time if desired.

- Home study to make sure families are ready and assessing the home, questions are answered, check references, growing up, plans for childcare, etc. The process is very thorough to make sure the kids will be well taken care of.
- The process takes two to three months.
- When they license a foster family, you have a state license so you can foster in the state anywhere.
- They provide a lot of ongoing education and you have support through them for medical issues, behavioral, etc. All free because the children come in through Medicaid.
- NYAP is not connected with any other organization. They have families of all faiths and are very diverse.
- They offer respite care for the caregivers. They normally do lots of parties and events for the families so they can meet other kids in foster care.
- Some companies offer discounts (Zoo, COSI, YMCA), eligible for WIC, and a per diem.

If you would like more information or discuss interest in becoming a foster parent/family, please contact Tanya Shats at 614-570-6621 or email [tshats@nyap.org](mailto:tshats@nyap.org)

**Looking Ahead:** Probably most, if not all, meetings on Zoom

**Adjournment:** 8:30 p.m.