

Westridge PTA Minutes  
April 8,2021

Meeting was called to order at 9:15am

Members present: Alissa Clark, Elizabeth Larson, Katie Asplund, Joan Johnson, Jillian Robbins, Beth Brewer, Brenda Peshak, Suchitra Sinha, Hallie Wemmie, Becky Reid Eschete, Jenn Adair, Jeana Schultz, Amy Seidelman, Lindsay Millang, Brooke Nelson, Tiffany Deal, Jan Jones, Jody Nielson, Shelley Bohn, Julie Kaufman

Teachers Report: Mrs Robbins thanks us for both nights of conference dinners – it is always greatly appreciated. She also thanks Jenn Adair (and everyone) for the book fair. The teachers and students are happy the weather is nice, as it allows them to be outside. Teachers are preparing for the ISASP. They are looking forward to next year and hoping things are more “normal”.

2021-2022 Executive Board slate is presented by Elizabeth Larson

President: Rebecca Reid Eschete

President elect: Alissa Clark

Treasurer – Katie Asplund

Secretary – Hallie Wemmie

Director At Large – Amy Seidelman

Slate was approved via chat feature in zoom.

Outdoor Learning Space – the school and PTA has been hoping to do this project for 2-3 years. It will be on the side of the building, near the garden. We will need a concrete slab as well as a roof structure. The slab will be 16x16 and costs \$5600. Two different roof options are available - a steel roof for around \$25,000 and a canvas roof for around \$19,000. The canvas roof will need to be replaced every 10 years. We must follow district and city of WDM rules. The district knows this project could be happening. The idea is presented to fundraise for at least half of the total cost of the roof structure. Many people think that parents will be on board to contribute when we have something we are planning to purchase. After discussion, Joan Johnson moves to use PTA funds to pay in full for the concrete slab and fundraise for at least ½ of the steel roof structure (13,000). The PTA will pay for the other ½ , or less if we are able to fundraise more than \$13,000. Brenda Peshak and Becky Reid Eschete second. Vote done in zoom chat and motion passes.

Principals Report:

- Mrs Brewer is also very thankful for book fair and conference meals
- Staffing for next year: Mrs Hanson is moving out of state. Mrs Benson will move from 5<sup>th</sup> grade to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. They are hiring for a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher
- She discusses a book they are using to help students – Social Emotional Learning and the Brain
- Construction on the building will change the pick up and drop off process for next year. The front of the school will be used for buses and the current bus lanes will be used for parent pick up and drop off
- ISASP going well for online students
- Mrs Brewer is also eager to learn what next years school year will look like

Secretary's Report: February minutes are reviewed. Katie Asplund moves to approve, Joan Johnson seconds

Other updates

- Book fair is happening now. Elizabeth Larson helped send sign outs out for teacher books. Jenn Adair is happy to help with next years book fair
- School supply info will be coming soon. We are working with EPI again. These are district wide school lists. Order forms will be coming soon
- Running club will be happening virtually. BINGO cards will be sent to those who sign up
- Reminder that we will be voting on the budget during the May meeting
- Elizabeth Larson thanks those who donated to booster pak
- Looking for help for committees next year – archery, book club, challenge of the books, chess club and geography club
- No school on 4/23
- Teacher appreciation week is May 3-7
- Next meeting will be May 14<sup>th</sup> and 9:15am

Meeting adjourned at 10:28am