

## Washburn Parent Council Meeting Notes

February 23, 2017 6:30pm

In attendance: Missy Line, Diana Curtis, Erica Lebens-Englund, Deanna Diebold, Jen Buss, Kristine Northrop, Shari Anderson, Jamie Henriksen, Terri Nelson, Charles Spolyar, Christine Rigert, Alison Caputo

Parent Council Mission statement:

1. Build positive and welcoming relationship between parents & school community
2. Support school initiatives & goals:
  - a. Communication (spread the word among families)
  - b. Financial support (fundraisers)
  - c. Service support (volunteers)
  - d. Educational resources (bring in guest speakers on important topics of interest to parents)

Agenda:	Owner	Time
Welcome & Introductions (meeting protocol and introduce yourself)	Diana Curtis & Missy Line	6:30-6:35
2017-2018 Budget discussion	Administration	6:35-7:00
Administration Report / Parent Liaison Report	Michelle Terpening/ Erica Lebens-Englund	7:00-7:05
Upcoming Events		7:05-7:10
Committee Updates – <i>see notes for updates and calendar</i>		7:10-7:25
Upcoming Volunteer Needs: Plant sale & Senior party volunteers Plant Sale co-chair		
Adjournment		7:25

### Welcome & Introductions

Administration Report – Discussed the budget

Parent Liaison Report by Erica Lebens-Englund –

### Meeting topic – 2017/2018 Budget with parent opinions for priorities

Rhonda Dean talked about the 2017/2018 budget. The budgets are delayed since the superintendent has asked his staff to go back and cut their budgets to get to a balanced budget. The schools should get them Wednesday March 1.

Rhonda is interested in gathering input from parents for priorities. A survey will be sent out tomorrow. A few items that came up during the meeting were 1) quality, 2) class size reduction, 3) science facility upgrades, 4)

pathway alignment. New science space is needed to free up other classroom space. So many more programs have a STEM focus and need adequate space. There will be 5 staff on the school's budget committee.

Michelle talked about the Race to Justice Day on Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. The students will select workshops to attend during the day. There are 3 rotations. "HEAL" is the focus – Hear, Advocate, Empower, Lead. This is the first year Washburn is doing this. South and SouthWest high schools have done this for a few years.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 21 at 6:30-7:30pm.

Washburn Event Volunteer Opportunities

<b>Event</b>	<b>Chair / Coordinator</b>	<b>Event Date</b>
Know the Truth presentation	Missy Line	Monday Mar 27, 2017 7-8:30pm
Battle of the Bands	Beth Gyllstrom	Sunday, Apr 23, 2017
Plant Sale	Alison Caputo & Chris Rigert	Saturday, May 13, 2017
Senior Party	Helene Gauthier & Tina Ham-Peterson	Wednesday Jun 7, 2017

School Event Greeters/Helpers		
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Registration Night		Thursday April 27, 2017

Committee Updates Feb 23, 2017 Meeting –

**Teacher Appreciation Lunch:** Appreciation Lunch was on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. This was greatly appreciated by the staff.

**Senior Party: Update from Tina:** Senior party committee met and divided out tasks. The Chaska Community Center has been reserved for the night of the school graduation. Buses have been reserved. Flyers have gone to seniors. Deposits are done. We are collecting payments. The sign up is live, so please volunteer. If anyone wants to be more involved, food would like someone to shadow this year and take over next and we need someone to coordinate volunteers. We hope to get money from the plant sale.

**Battle of the Bands:** BoB is coming along--Erica has been handling marketing so far--and we already have 4 Washburn bands signed up. I'd say just making sure the event itself is out there for now is ideal. We will have posters to put up in late March/early April. Alix Kendel and Jim Walsh are judges.

**Plant Sale:** Co-chaired by Alison Caputo & Chris Rigert.

We are planning on Sat May 13<sup>th</sup>. Signs were put out today. Website is open and ready to go (washburnplantsale.com). Preorder was placed with Wagner. We will sell until gone. Will turn off items that are sold out. Will need help advertising. We can send out email blasts through the directory system as well as the parent council gmail list. Facebook posts will also be done. Proceeds go to student activities with a large portion to the Senior Party. Help will be needed to move the plants on Sat morning. A co-chair is also needed for next year. This will allow for 3 people to be on the committee which has worked out well. Chris will be stepping out and Alison and Julie Madge will continue to run it next year.

**Poinsetta Sale:** Chaired by Terry Nelson.

**Online Family Directory:** Online directory is up and running. We currently have families for 241 students set up. Sign up at <http://join.myschoolanywhere.com> and use the code **WashburnMpls**. Spread the word so more families sign up! Emails are sent out about our various events to the people who are signed up.

**Miller Mart:** No update

**Landscape:** No update

**Washburn Cares Team:** Chaired by Erica Lebens-Englund. This program has been launched in issue #7 of the Miller Newsletter. Donated items needed the most right now: belts, socks, winter hats & gloves, coats, sweatpants, granola bars & small cracker packs. Also, if you have interest in joining the Washburn Cares Team, we are looking for new members who can help us solicit donations in the community in the areas of food, clothes, school supplies, toiletries, and gift cards. Contact Erica ([erica.lebens@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:erica.lebens@mpls.k12.mn.us)) with interest!

**Outreach Educational Nights:** Discussion Topic item

**Fun Fest:** This event did not have a chair to keep it going. If anyone is interested in creating a similar event, please reach out to Missy, Diana or Erica to talk about your idea.

**Barnes & Noble Book Fair for the Media Center:** Co-chaired by Tristen Lindemann & Karen Reisch since 2010. **Update per Tristen:** Our best year ever! There is a summary on the website. Deanna Diebold stepped up during the January meeting to lead the B&N Book Fair for next year. Thank you!