

## Washburn Parent Council Meeting Notes

November 17, 2016 6:30pm

In attendance: Missy Line, Diana Curtis, Erica Lebens-Englund, Heidi Knaus, Kristine Northrop, Gina Pete, Amy DeBruin, Rhonda Peterson, Shari Anderson, Tina Ham Peterson, Abir Ismail.

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)

Item	Owner	Time
Welcome & Introductions (meeting protocol and introduce yourself)	Diana Curtis & Missy Line	6:30-6:35
Administration Report / Parent Liaison Report	Michelle Terpening/ Erica Lebens-Englund	6:35-6:45
Meeting Topic: Washburn Capital Funding		6:45-7:30
Committee Updates – <i>see notes for updates and calendar</i>  Upcoming Volunteer Needs: Plant sale & Senior party volunteers Barnes & Noble co-chairs Plant Sale co-chair		
Adjournment		7:30

### Welcome & Introductions

Administration Report – Erica provided an update on the School Improvement Plan that was presented to the Site Council. The summary will also be available on the website.

Parent Liaison Report by Erica Lebens-Englund –

Promoting a variety of activities right now – WAC Gala, Give to the Max Day, Gift Card Drive for Washburn Cares Team.

### Meeting topic – Washburn Capital funding

Majority of the conversation was on the Washburn capital needs for expanding the building to allow for more classrooms, water in science rooms and adequate athletic space. Many people have sent emails to the district administration and the board to voice the concern about the overcrowding. Other parents have had face to face meetings with the district staff. Funds were approved years ago but were removed from the capital plan. Some

school board members will be touring the school. The Washburn community is advocating to have the district following through on the commitment they made in the past. Increasing student enrollment has been a topic for many years and a building expansion was planned to help with the growth. A portion of phase 1 was completed a few years ago. But the remaining funding was stopped. It was recently learned that funding was not included in the 2017-2018 capital plan that was going to be presented to the school board on November 29th. We are asking parents to continue to send emails and tweet the school board and school administration. Communication will be sent to the feeder schools to have them send emails and tweet as well. Missy and Diana will cover the site councils and PTAs for Hale/Field, Ramsey, and Burroughs. Jeanne Massey will send communication to the Barton community. If anyone can attend the school board meeting on November 29<sup>th</sup>, it will be held at the Davis Center from 6-8pm. #keepyourpromise #restorewashburnfunding

Egyptian Dinner is scheduled for Saturday January 28<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. Tickets are \$15 per person with a max of 100 people. Missy and Diana will look into finding out if about setting up an EventBrite event to sell tickets. Abir Ismail (Washburn parent and past Ramsey math teacher) cooks the entire meal with her family. This is an event that was held at Ramsey last year and was a GREAT event with rave reviews!! Look for more info soon.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30-7:30pm.

## Washburn Event Volunteer Opportunities

<b>Event</b>	<b>Chair / Coordinator</b>	<b>Event Date</b>
Give to the Max Day	Erica Lebens-Englund	Thursday Nov 17, 2016
Poinsettia Sale	Terri Nelson	Monday, Nov 11–Friday Nov 18, 2017 Pickup/delivery: Thurs Dec 1, 2017
Barnes & Noble Book Fair	Tristen Lindemann & Karen Reisch	Saturday, Dec 3, 2016
Egyptian Dinner	Abir Ismail	Saturday, Jan 28 <sup>th</sup> 6-8pm
Teacher Appreciation - Spring	Erica Lebens-Englund	Friday, Feb 17, 2017
Battle of the Bands	Beth Gyllstrom	Sunday, Apr 23, 2017
Plant Sale	Alison Caputo & Chris Rigert	
Senior Party	Helene Gauthier & Tina Ham-Peterson	Wednesday Jun 7, 2017

School Event Greeters/Helpers		
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Open House		Tuesday Dec 6, 2016
Prospective Student Tours		<p>Tours will be 9:00am-10:30am on the following dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Friday 12/9/16</li> <li>● Tuesday 12/13/16</li> <li>● Friday 1/6/17</li> <li>● Tuesday 1/10/17</li> <li>● Friday 1/20/17</li> <li>● Tuesday 1/24/17</li> <li>● Tuesday 1/31/17</li> <li>● Friday 2/3/17 [last available tour before the 2/4/17 online registration deadline; no tours offered after this date]</li> </ul>
Spring Conference Greeters		Friday, Feb 17, 2017
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Registration Night		Thursday April 27, 2017

# Prospective Students for 2017-2018

## SAVE THE DATES

**12/6/16** Washburn Open House @ 6:00-8:00pm

**2/4/17** MPS School Choice Deadline

## TOURS

[Family Tours](#) (December 2016 - February 2017)

We will be offering tours to students and their families after the December Open House. Tours will only happen December--February. Tours are an optional offering for students and parents who would benefit from a small group guided tour led by students leaders and parent ambassadors. It is a good opportunity to hear general information about the school, walk through the school and see different important locations, and ask specific questions. Please note that MPS no longer allows prospective students to shadow at the high school during the school day. Tours sign-ups are scheduled online through a [SignUpGenius link](#) or can be scheduled over the phone through Erica Lebens-Englund, Parent Liaison, 612-668-3440 or by email [erica.lebens@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:erica.lebens@mpls.k12.mn.us) .

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### Tours in other Languages

- TBD

## HIGH SCHOOL REQUEST DEADLINE

Make sure to submit your high school request online by **February 4, 2017**. This is the chance for you to indicate your preferences for high schools for the 2017-2018 school year. Keep in mind you must submit the request form online even if you are at a Middle School where students seem to have a pathway to Washburn High School. Priority for high school is based first on geographic zones. All 8th graders need to make their request(s) known. Visit MPS website for more detailed information([High School Request Center](#)).