

**Attendees:** Debra Dewitt, Erika Wald, Shawna Johnson, Mike Cantlon, Heather Rosentater, Cameron LaPlante, Shannon Wasson, Chris and Tamara Knudson, Tabatha Reeves, Jeff Daniels, Kate Otterstrom

- **Camp (Mr. Cantlon):**
  - College Camp will be at WSU
  - 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade will go
  - Approximately 215 students will attend
  - WSU will not charge for instructors or materials
  - Working to get the busses paid for or for a portion
  - Will likely take a U-haul for luggage
  - Will need Parent teachers as well but still working on instructors – Mike will visit campus in February
  - Horton, Rogers, and McEahern Halls (\$22/student/night) will be available – will require more walking – furthest from activity center
  - Ball park cost \$96 excluding busses (~\$10/student), activity costs, recreational facility (including ropes courses and climbing rock, raptor club)
  - Cost for parents will be likely \$150 or less
  - Dates will be May 24 – 26, 2017
  - 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders will stay in Spokane
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade will do a day trip to EWU and Gonzaga; 4/5 and will work with Whitworth students on 5/26
  - Still planning the details
- **Principal's Update (Debra):**
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade important dates in newsletter
  - Feb 10<sup>th</sup> HS counselors will come here and students will go to the HS that they will attend
    - Family nights will be held throughout February so that students can attend more than one
  - Exploratories began – many choices but are meeting fewer times (7x)
    - Remaining exploratories will be January 20<sup>th</sup>, March 17, April 21, May 5, and 12, June 2
  - First band and strings concert
    - Mr. LaPlante is considering having student perform at Band and Strings Spectacular May 17<sup>th</sup> (Arena concert), Strings may already be going.
  - Temperature and windspeed have forced recent indoor recesses
  - Still need guest teachers
  - Make up day for snow day will be January 30 – School will be in session
  - MLK assembly will be 1:45 on Tuesday January 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Bob Douthitt, school board member, visited staff meeting to share priorities of school board. He'd be a great person to reach out to if you have concerns.
- **Citizens Advisory Committee Update (Shawna):**
  - November meeting –

- Tech Bryant (homeschooling), New tech (Skills Center), On Track (alternative HS), Montessori, Community School, Apple (parent co-op), Spokane Virtual Learning. SVL- students can take class for free during the school year, they have to pay during the summer.
  - Social and emotional learning and suicide prevention – was moved due to school closure
- <http://www.boarddocs.com/wa/spokane/Board.nsf/Public>
- December meeting: Math adoption options – K-5 – reading portion will make a big difference
- Both have a parent aspect with at home assignments
- Resource officers – District is working to reduce number of student arrests
- Enrollment Fair – if you choose a choice school, it is a lottery and there are ways to increase your chances of getting in.
- **Budget (Erika):**
  - Checking \$29,983.53
  - Savings \$13,933.24
  - Play-a-Thon \$4592.75
  - Bake Sale - \$707.45
  - Spending: paid out \$400 in December for dance
  - \$124 Needy Families – hasn't been used. Group agreed to cancel the check and return the funds – Void check and place in green binder. Action Item: Tamara will discuss with Stephanie and Glenda – specific line items exist for scholarships
  - JD Pepper – music \$1048.98
  - Math competitions \$355
  - Still need to reimburse Stacey Zarecor (Dance) and Yuri (\$55 x 3 teams Math is Cool)
  - \$100 cash will go to each classroom with notes
- **PTG Officers Open Positions –**
- Nominating committee includes Principal and three members of the PTG. Need to have nominations prior to April.
  - Treasurer elect – open
  - President elect – open
  - Volunteers – will need chairs for PTG events (many 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents are outgoing so we need volunteers to help organize.
- **Fundraising –**
  - **Boxtops/Class Cup** – we turned a group in and will get a check in April. Should be around \$200. Need to start Boxtop Drive again – January 23- February 3. Try to get teachers to talk it up- Class Cup Points.
  - Shawna will put together flyer and send to Tamara and Jeff (Facebook)
  - **February Bake Sale and concert** - Date TBD – waiting for concert dates from Music teachers
  - **Check sign up genius** – several people didn't get the information - will still use sign up genius, but will also use PTG volunteer list and contact volunteers for

specific tasks directly. Volunteers will still need to be cleared by the District if not already.

- **Fund Run** – APEX or 99 Pledges- may need to have a fund run. Apex is available March 20<sup>th</sup> or April 9<sup>th</sup>. Maybe look at Fall 2017 for a fund run
  - Another option: 99 pledges: provides communications, bookkeeping and collection, but no execution. School keeps 90% of online donations and 100% of cash/check donations. Would be great if we had enough parent volunteers
  - If we would like to do this ourselves – we need a core group of parents to volunteer to put this on. Work towards developing a culture of fund runs with parent participation.
  - **ACTION ITEM:** Add to agenda for February – need to get greater attendance to make a decision about whether or not we want to have a fund run this Spring
- Passive fundraising earned – \$94 and \$439 – earned from Amazon Affiliates
- **ACTION ITEM:** Jeff will send passive fundraising link to Debra for inclusion in the newsletter
- **Extracurricular updates:**
  - **Math is Cool:**
    - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – placed 4<sup>th</sup> in our Division at Masters (14<sup>th</sup> overall in the state)
    - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – did well especially in the individual contest, but no awards this time.
    - 6<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> grades – compete in February, March, April respectively
  - **Tennis Club:** completed – positive feedback from parents, great coach
    - PTG would have to sponsor him so that PTG collects the funds and then pays him - This would alleviate the need to pay for the gym
    - **ACTION ITEM:** Chris will reach out to Kevin to see if he would like to continue
  - **Odyssey Lego Robotics:** Table until February
  - **Chess Club:** Started this past week, afterschool 2:30-3:30
    - approximately 19 students
    - Early release days will begin at 1:30 – Pick up time will be 2:30
  - **Science Club/ Science Olympiad:** Currently no one to lead it so it will not happen this year. Program for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade.
  - **Choir Club:** Debra will meet with Jerilynn on Friday to discuss – Advertise in February, begin in March and will go through the end of the year and will put on the talent show (last week of school).
- **Other Business:**
  - Ski Mob- Has been held on Fridays afterschool in the past at Mt. Spokane for \$20 – would like to continue this fun activity, but need a parent volunteer to take this on.
  - Student Safety (Tabatha) – Concerns about cars parking or entering the bus lanes.

- Frustration about school being open when no roads around school have been plowed.
- Shannon Wasson willing to work on this issue –
- Need one way streets and new striping/signage, parking enforcement
- **Next Meeting:** February 8, 2016 6:00 PM