

Winooski PTO Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 18, 2018

Welcome/Introductions

Jess Audette, Sarah McGowan-Freije, Sarah Forbes (JFK), Kristen Van Fossen (JFK), Jennifer Farley, Jeremey Farley, Joan Benjamin (JFK), Sally Bissonnette (JFK), Jennifer Milizia, Laura Lee, Lydia Mongeon, Michele DiSisto, Amber Parrott, Nikki Cabral, Joe Smith, Courtney Poquette, Sarah Hammitt, Kate Simone

Discuss role of timekeeper: Jess nominates herself

Secretary's Report:

- **ACTION: The group approved the May Minutes.**
- WSD PTO web page (<https://www.wdschools.org/parents-families/pto/>) contains links to by-laws, Google calendar, and past meeting minutes. If anyone knows someone who wants to help out but doesn't want to or can't come to the monthly meetings, please ask them to email pto@winooski.k12.vt.us and ask to be a "PTO Volunteer."

Treasurer's Report and 2018/2019 Budget

- Review of 2018/2019 Budget. Highlights:
 - We have insurance!
 - 501(3)c: SMF got a flyer for PTO-specific 501(3)cs, much cheaper than originally estimated
 - Water bottles were provided to kids from the school (with new logo)
 - **The group approved the 2018/2019 budget**
- Regarding a question about the teacher stipend process (each teacher in the school district is eligible for a \$50 stipend per school year. To get reimbursed, leave receipts with contact info in the PTO mailbox OR scan and send to PTO email.

New Business

Funds Requests

1. **Randy Argraves (email request):** "The Middle High School Marching Band is performing next Saturday, September 22nd in West Springfield Massachusetts for the Eastern States Exposition. We will be gone from 7am to 11:30pm. I am requesting funding in the amount of \$150.00 for students who might not have enough money to buy food on our trip, and I will return any money not used along with a receipt of any food purchased during the day. Please let me know if I can clarify any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration!"

ACTION: The group approved this request

2. **Project Grad:** Would like to do a coin drop at the Holiday Vendor/Craft Fair. There was no Project Grad last year. Lori Lambert is working with a new group to pull this together.

ACTION: The group approved this request.

Committee [Sign-Up Sheets](#) (If we send this link around with new school year email to teachers, can help get the word out to ALL families). Committees are encouraged to meet in smaller groups before next big group meeting and be prepared to report out.

- *Dance Committee:* Amber Parrott, Jessica Audette, Nikki Cabral, Joe Smith
- *Communications/Marketing Committee:* Sarah McGowan-Freije, Kate Simone
- *Calendar Committee:* Sarah McGowan-Freije
- *Fall Vendor/Craft Fair Committee:* Lydia, Sarah H., Jessica Audette, Sarah McGowan-Freije, Kate Simone
- *Fun Fair Committee:* R. Charron, A. Schlatter, D. Muir, L. Garcia, S. Bissonnette, C. Lavigne, S. Hauke, Jody Weimer, Sarah Hammitt, Jessica Audette, Nicole Cabral, Laura Lee, Sarah McGowan-Freije
- *JFK Yearbook Committee:* Jessica Audette, Laura Lee
- *Finance Committee*
- *Talent Show Committee:* Courtney Bryan, Karen O'Brien, Kari Rittenbug, Kyle Blindow, Jen LaPointe, Jessica Audette, Joe Smith, Lucy d'Aponte?
- *Fundraising Committee:* Sarah Hammitt, Jessica Audette, Laura Lee

Fundraising Ideas (Fundraising committee to follow up and we can discuss more at the October meeting.)

- **Clothing fair?** Obtained through donations, charge nominal fees. Jaycee Putlitz does something similar, but for free.
- **Prom dress drive?** Used dresses. Also, Very Merry Theater gives away used costumes.
- **Three on three basketball tournament (summer):** DJ? Kids and parents on teams together.
- Super Bingo at a gym on a Sunday.
- Restaurant nights (spring?)
- Yard sale (sell parking lot spaces)
- 50/50 raffle at external events (UVM, St. Mike's, Lake Monsters)
- Target donates money to causes
- Holiday raffle (local area businesses) after craft fair
- Adult prom
- Community breakfast (Sunday after breakfast)
- Donkey basketball
- Cooking classes (City Market with chefs from different international backgrounds)
- Superbowl Sunday wings

- Dunkin Donuts donates donuts at 50%
- Roses for Valentine's Day?
- Penny Wars (L. Cox in iLab) happening in HS to raise money for Winter Ball. What about JFK and MS?
- Buffalo Wild Wings has a program
- Friendly's FUNdraiser (20% of total sales of a night, with voucher). Bluebird BBQ has benefit nights.
- Trivia night? Waterworks or Last Stop

GAGA BALL PIT. This is a hit! See Bob's Burgers episode to find out what it's all about.

HIGH SCHOOL DANCE: (C. Poquette) HS students were upset that there wasn't a Homecoming Dance last year. The kids put together last year's Winter Ball using \$\$ from the store. Kids really want a dance in the fall. Halloween? Fall Ball? In the future, would the PTO be able to take on the Homecoming Dance? Friday night vs Saturday night (Friday night encourages kids to attend school). If on 10/26, we need to get a DJ as Joe is booked. CP has a suggested contact to fill in as DJ if needed. Theme? Masquerade Ball? 10/27 (Saturday)? Would Leon be available as administration. SMF and Lydia to check with Leon.

Upcoming PTO Events

- 9/26: WSD Potluck (see Winooski Partnership for Change email to Jacie Knapp). We need to get there by 5:30, set up tables, add tablecloths, surge protectors, help serve. Need to provide writing material to label food. We provide water, plates, napkins. Peanut free is better? K. Kollegard to get the word out with ELL families. Joe to provide music. Do we want to open this to the public (see Winooski Partnership for Prevention email)? Are they still willing to order food as they would do for a community event at O'Brien Center? Sarah to help get flyers out. If teachers want to donate food, they can leave it in the JFK teacher's lounge. Sarah Forbes to put together google docs sign-up sheet for teachers to bring in food. Jennifer Farley works at Shaw's and is willing to put a flyer up there. **Volunteers: Sarah McGowan-Freije, Kate S., Jess Audette, Lydia.**
- 10/26?: High School Dance (Fall Ball)
- 11/2: Middle School Dance (need to check with Kate Grodin about that)
- 11/17: Holiday Vendor/Craft Fair
Update: Need lots of bodies!! Set up, bake sale, raffle. We will put together a sign-up sheet for specific volunteer times.
- 12/7: High School Winter Ball

Next Meeting

- Wednesday, October 17 @ 5:30

RE Potluck on 9/26 from Jackie HOY:

“My name is Jackie and I work with the Winooski Partnership for Prevention. We were planning on hosting a community dinner on September 26th, but we had to cancel due to the space we typically use being booked.

I'm wondering if the PTO potluck scheduled for that evening is open to the public, and if so, if we could promote that event to our usual audience who attends the community dinners. We'd love to be able to give community members another option since we had to cancel, and we'd also like to help spread the word about the potluck.

We also have free materials available for community members and parents of Winooski students, such as a rack card with tips for how to talk to kids about substances, and if you're interested we'd love the opportunity to be able to bring some to the event for attendees who want them.

Let me know what you think, thank you, Jacie!”