

Washington Elementary PTO 2024-2025

September Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2024 - 7:00 pm / PTO Meeting / Meeting called by Nikki Kilbane

Board Members:

President - Nikki Kilbane / Vice President - Sarah Myers / Treasurer - Erin Miller / Assistant Treasurer - Pauline Puttmann / Secretary - Stacey Glatz / ISPTO - Tara Roe and Erin Howell / Teacher Liaison - Kelly Riley

Attendees:

Monica Campana, Nikki Kilbane, Sarah Myers, Erin Miller, Pauline Puttman, Stacey Glatz, Tara Roe, Erin Howell, Kelly Riley, Danielle Zaksajek, Bry Ferrell, Lauren Giffin, Katie Rings, Rachel Abouhassan, Meghan Hixenbaugh, Corin Linsey, Mandy Kanzigg, Molly Hecht, Allison Garcia, Lauren Rakay, Jenny Wilks

Agenda:

1. Levy Info Discussion

- Discussion led by Assistant Superintendent Jill Abraham, and Deputy Superintendent Mike McDonough
- The website for all levy information, including the deck that was presented can be found [here](#)

2. PTO meeting called to order by Nikki Kilbane at 755pm

3. Committee Updates

- Golden Paw Pass brought in over \$2000
- Fall social is on Friday, Sept 27
 - Will have fire trucks, inflatables, library tables, spirit wear, food trucks, etc.
- Walk-a-thon
 - \$2700 in sponsorships so far and has a total of \$5190 donations
 - There are only 60 students registered in the online system
 - Forms were sent home last week with info for electronic donations and envelopes and info for non-electronic donations
 - Classes are goal setting for a personal and a class goal (students will all get a total of their own personal laps before school ends on the walk-a-thon day)
 - If you are volunteering to help, please make sure you have your volunteer badge. You can register here: [Secure Volunteer | Get Started Now](#)

- Spirit wear store will be up hopefully sometime next week
 - The store will have some of the normal things like hats, shirts and sweatshirts but new t-shirts grade level specific have been added this year
- Spirit Nights
 - Oct 15: McTeacher Night from 5-7pm at the McDonald's on Riggins
 - Nov 5: Chipotle
 - Nov 14: Rock & Jump (\$5 per student gets donated back to the school)
 - We're adding an AR Workshop spirit night - more details to come
- Conference Night - late night is Nov 7
- The Chiller night has been moved to Fri, Jan 17th. There are a lot of needs for the ice rinks but this should be the final date.
- Room Assistants
 - Introduction and informational emails were sent out last week
 - An additional request for the room assistants was to help with the walk-a-thon by coming in early and making sure all of the kids have their correct numbers on.
 - A follow up email will be sent soon in order to make sure that all of the rooms have a room assistant coming before the walk-a-thon
- Washington Gives Back was given \$100 budget for the year and we will evaluate if that is an appropriate amount
- Wolfie Way will be on Friday, Oct 4 (this will be the first one of the year)
- Staff Appreciation
 - Staff seemed to like the random things dropped off in the break room in the past. We should think of ways to incorporate this again.
 - It was discussed that we could think of things that we can do that don't cost money (cards, etc.). Please pass along any creative ideas to Molly or Allison

4. Principals Update

- 5th grade safety patrol is up and running with almost all of the 5th graders participating
- The IDC is up and running with some new zones for the students to explore
- 3-5th grade wolf pack will begin in October
 - This is open to all interested 3rd-5th graders
 - These students will meet with Mr. Volbert during lunch monthly and will act as a student feedback group for the school
 - If you have not updated HomeAccess with your students' field trip authorization, please do that soon!
- Coming next:
 - Oct's town hall will focus on perseverance

- Field trips are starting (info coming home soon)
 - Kindergarteners will be going to Kuhlwein's farms
 - 2nd graders will be going on their trip at the end of the month
 - 5th graders will be splitting up - the girls will be going to COSI for tech day with other 5th grade girls from the district. The boys will be going to local businesses for STEM activities. This is a district wide initiative.
 - The Fall Social will be on Friday, Sept 27
 - Walk-a-thon is Friday, Oct 11
 - Parent Teacher conferences will the week of Nov 4th

5. PTO Mission Statement

- The PTO board would like to create a mission statement so we can make sure that everything that we do and everything that we fund are all in line with our mission. We would like input from the families to make sure that we are all in agreement on this statement. We will vote on it at the Oct meeting.

Mission Statement Draft

“To enhance the educational experience of students by supporting the classroom needs of teachers, engaging families, and fostering a strong school-community partnership.”

6. Treasurer's Report

- The Golden Paw Pass brought in \$2282
- We've had some teacher reimbursements come though and checks have been cut
- We made \$191 on spirit wear sales during Wolfie Welcome
- City BBQ brought in \$218
- Kroger rewards came in with \$131
 - If you shop at Kroger, please visit the customer service counter and have your rewards set to go to the Washington Elementary PTO!

7. Levy Indorsement

- Motion made for the Washington PTO to officially endorse the levy (issue #39)
- Majority agreed - motion passes

8. Final Items

- Check the link above if you have any questions regarding the levy
- If you'd like to volunteer to help the levy, check the same site and click for the volunteer tab

- Volunteer opportunities include handing out signs, stickers, hosting events, being active on social media, creating postcards and volunteering out in the community.

9. Questions

- Can we get a class directory?
 - Teachers CANNOT give out the info, however teachers can send out an optional shared document for parents to fill out
 - Stacey will send that info out to room assistants so they can contact their teachers
- Did star testing happen?
 - Yes, results take some time but should be coming in soon. You will NOT get notified so caregivers will need to check their students' accounts in home access.

10. Adjournment

- Motion made by Nikki Kilbane to adjourn the meeting
 - First: Pauline Puttmann
 - Second: Erin Miller
 - All were in favor/ no one opposed, the meeting was adjourned @ 825pm
 - Next PTO Meeting will be Tuesday, October 22nd in the IDC at 7pm

2024-2025 PTO Meetings

All PTO meetings will be held in the IDC from 7:00-8:00 pm. Meeting dates are:

- August 27th
- September 24th
- October 22nd
- November 19th
- January 28th
- February 25th
- March 25th
- April 29th

Event Calendar 24/25

August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 19: Wolfie Welcome Day 4:30-6 p.m. ● 21: First Day of School ● 27: PTO Meeting, 7 p.m.
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2: No School, Labor Day ● 24: PTO Meeting, 7 p.m. ● 27: Fall Social 4-6:30 p.m.

October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 11: Walk-A-Thon- during school day ● 18: No School; Central Ohio In-Service Day ● 22: PTO Meeting, 7 p.m.
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5: No School; Professional Learning Waiver Day ● 7: Parent Teacher Conferences ● 19: PTO Meeting, 7 p.m ● 27-29: Thanksgiving Holiday
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 20: Winter Luncheon ● Class parties – determined by Classroom teacher ● 23-31: No School; Winter Break
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1-3: No School; Winter Break ● 17: Chiller Ice Skating Party, 4:40- 6:40 p.m. ● 20: No School; Martin Luther King Day ● 28: PTO Meeting, 7 p.m.
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 13: Winter Conferences ● 14: No School; Parent-Teacher Conference Comp Day ● 17: No School; Presidents Day ● 21: Glow party ● 25: PTO Meeting, 7 p.m.
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● *family game night/bingo night ● 25: PTO Meeting, 7 p.m. ● 31: No School; Spring Break
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1-4: No School; Spring Break ● 18: No School ● 29: PTO Meeting, 7 p.m.
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5: Spring Social ● 6: No school ● 26: No School; Memorial Day ● 29: Field Day, 28 (back up) ● 30: Last day of School ● *Need a date for the summer meet up

2024-2025 Committees

- Most committees would love help from anyone interested in lending a hand. All commitments can be as much or as little as you're comfortable - all help is appreciated!

Golden Paw Pass Auction	Pauline Puttmann Erin Howell will shadow
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Fall Social	need a lead
Walk -a- thon	Katie Rings, Emily Todd
Spirit Wear	Molly Hecht
Conference Week Food Coordinator	Tara Roe
Winter Luncheon	Tara Roe, Lauren Giffin, Danielle Zakrajsek, Erin Howell
Chiller Skate Party	Rachel Abouhassan
Glow Party	Nikki Kilbane / Stacey Glatz
Spring Social	need a lead
Spring Social Auction	Jenny Wilks (?) / Erin Howell (software)
Washington Gives Back	Lauren Giffin, Molly Hecht
Stock the Clinic	Erin Miller
Flower Sale	Erin Miller, Bry Ferrell (look for a third person for the following year)
Spirit Nights	Kathleen Waltman (need a shadow) (add Rockin Jump)
Outdoor Movie Night/Summer Meet up	Sarah Myers
Room Assistant Coordinator	Stacey Glatz / (Rachel Abouhassan shadow)
Staff Appreciation Week	Erin Miller & Kelly Riley (need additional help)
Publishing Shop	Pauline Puttman / (Danielle shadow)
Promotions lead PTO Facebook Page/ Instagram/ flyers	Tara Roe
Winter game or bingo night	need a lead
Blurbs to Monica, running google doc.	Nikki Kilbane
Check PTO Email Regularly	Stacey Glatz

(secretary)	
5th Grade Sign Coordinator, end of year celebration	Stacey Glatz / Nikki Kilbane
Field Trip Funds Coordinator (treasurers)	Erin Miller / Pauline Puttmann
Communications lead for teachers - works close with Kelly Riley	