

**Worcester Elementary
Home & School Association
Monthly Meeting Tuesday, September 5, 2023 7:15 PM**

I. Welcome, meeting etiquette and reminders

Round of introductions of board members to all attendees. Send an email for communication and questions to worcesterhomeandschool@gmail.com which is checked by Rosie. Zoom meetings and agendas will be provided prior to meetings. Questions and comments about any unmentioned items, hold them until the end and ask under “unfinished business”.

II. Principal’s Report

Things are going well, buses are running on time and working well. Picture Day is scheduled for 9/18. IReady Math Program 9/27-28 6:30p for more information about math being focused on this year. Back to School Night 9/14, 6:30-8:15p broken up by last name. Please carpool if possible, or park on the back grass if it’s driveable. Our new mascot, Wolfie and first day balloons was a big hit with the students.

Vision Statement from the staff shared “...core values of honesty, perseverance, respect and compassion” which can be found on Worcester Website.

Worcester Elementary School strives to empower all students, staff and families to collaborate, create, and communicate, in order to grow the whole child academically, socially, and emotionally. We aspire to build an understanding of the core values of honesty, perseverance, respect, and compassion. We will motivate and challenge our students to become confident, critical thinkers and to become independent life-long learners of the 21st Century.

III. President’s Report

a. Time/date changes to meetings

b. Back to School Night, Thursday 9/14

Home and School will be present and available. SpiritWear and magnets will be available for sale. SignUp for Konstella will be available for any parents not currently signed up.

c. Calendar of Events/Programming

Konstella is the main source of information and sign up for volunteering opportunities

d. Fall Mini-Grants

Information will go out to Principal Amici shortly, budget is \$2000. This is geared for smaller asks on an as-needed basis and every application will be reviewed and considered by Principal Amici and then considered by the H&S Board.

IV. Vice Presidents’ Report

a. Homeroom Parent Program Overview

Large number of HR parent leads acquired. A few missing leads and emails asking for signup was sent around. Ideas for grade level activities have been sent to the Board and will be presented to the HR Leads to decide how to proceed with parties, grade level event, etc.

Discussion was had about budget for each classroom, options for \$50-125 were discussed and we decided on \$75 each party (\$150 for both parties)

b. Volunteer opportunities

Good response to many of the positions listed on Konstella for the events scheduled for the year and school volunteers.

V. Treasurer's Report

Incoming money from Fall Fundraiser soon

Spent \$650 to date

VI. Standing Committee Reports

a. Committee Sign-ups

b. Trunk or Treat

Oct 22, 2-4p in conjunction with Ladies Auxiliary. More information to come regarding DJ, H&S table, awards, possible Wolfie visit

c. Fundraising event

"Race to Raise" with GiveButter as fall fundraiser instead of soliciting homeroom funds from each class. A large incentive, similar to a school wide Glow Party, will be given in the spring if we meet our large goal

d. Back to School Ice Cream Social

Approximately 375 servings prepaid. DJ, Merrymead provided ice cream, teachers serving toppings and H&S officers working for checkin. Weather is a consideration and decisions will be made when possible, moving forward as planned. PayPal and cash will be available for day-of purchases.

e. Supply Box Fundraiser

Sold 150 boxes for the current school year. We will proceed with the boxes next school year. Total fundraising \$921.11 (some of which went to purchasing the new Wolfie costume)

f. Movie Night

Trolls Movie 11/30, 6p and 615p

Give Butter will be available for this for signup. Ideas for themes for the students are welcomed, last year we encouraged Worcester Wear.

VIII. Corresponding and/or Recording Secretary Comments to Organization

Goal is efficiency when using Konstella. Discussion will be had within H&S Board about what needs to be sent out to families on a weekly and case-by-case basis. Meetings will be put on the website.

IX. District Report – Happenings around the District – Methacton Schools, District Council, School Board or Special Committees

a. MCC: first meeting of the year is Monday, Sept 11th 7:00 in the MHS Library - Nikki Ferraro will attend as representative for Worcester

Meetings are every other month

b. Special Education Alliance: Julie Stephens

Attending Kindergarten Sneak-a-Peek and BTS nights, Year in Review and meeting information on SEA website <https://www.methacton.org/Page/317>

c. Methacton Education Foundation

<https://www.methactonfoundation.org/>

Backpack 5K (9/17 at Eagleville Elementary) to benefit backpack program

APEX Awards nominations open to 11/16

- d. School Board: Work session is 9/19, meeting is 9/26 both in the Arcola Auditorium at 7:00pm
Planning Committee accepting members to help decide on the future of MHS

X. Unfinished Business

XI. New Business and/or Listening Post (general comments and/or concerns apart from the agenda items)

XII. Adjournment

Nikki Ferraro mentioned to end, Jess Starace seconded