

**2014-2015 WSHS PTSA Meeting Minutes  
February 3, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm with the following board members in attendance:

Tom Ayres, PTSA President	Janis Ours, Secretary
Dawn Mobley, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Michael Mukai, Principal
Barb Lazirko-Watters, Treasurer	Amy Falcon, Chairperson for Above and Beyond

Lys Stalker, Molly Gray, Denise Rogers, Maryann Zegeer, Jody Terry, Robin Lermo, Stacy Cheshire, and members Cindy King, Tommy Howe, Natalie Pham, Lauren Catington, Kelley Crennan, Jordan Boyd, Taylor McMahon, Emily Inman, Chandler Mobley, Nujuma Moussa, Max Nguyen, Joanna McMahon, and Linda Gross.

**Approval of Minutes from January 2015:** Pursuant to motion by Jody Terry and seconded by Max Nguyen the January 2015 minutes were approved as submitted.

**Approval of Agenda:** Pursuant to motion by Molly Gray and seconded by Jody Terry the agenda was approved with the addition of History Day.

**Treasurer's Report:** We now have 500 members as budgeted. Income: \$10 for a new member and \$30 to go towards Hospitality. Expenses: \$119.52 for Hospitality and \$1,463.75 for Mini-Grants. The request to be eligible for CFC was turned in late.

**President's Report:** Thanks for coming out on a cold night and for the extra meetings attended in between PTSA meetings. The Boosters have been meeting. There is a lacrosse spaghetti dinner fundraiser on 2/6. There has been discussion about putting in another turf field. A sponsor would have to be found for a new scoreboard. The next SAT/ACT test fundraiser is on 2/14/15.

**Principal's Report:** There have been many weather related delays and closures lately. There are plans in place to fix the problem of having fewer Orange days. We have many Conference/Regional/State events coming up soon. The NHS induction ceremony has been rescheduled for during the day on Monday. An evening celebration will be scheduled soon. It is time to think about your courses for next year. The next two freshman classes are very small; this will affect our teacher numbers so choose your electives wisely. On 2/13/15 rising Spartans will visit. We are going live with Parent Access (SIS).

#### **Reports of the Standing Committees**

**Above & Beyond** – It's been difficult getting the request for nominations in the KIT message. We need more nominations. Putting the link on the WSHS website was discussed.

**ANGP** – Meetings are going to be every other week. Fundraising has gone well. Large items have been purchased. A check to Fantasy will be going out next month. A meeting with the Fire Marshall is this Friday. The next fundraisers are: 2/17 at BGR, 2/25 at Austin Grill, 3/4 at Panera, 3/10 at Chik-fil-a. 127 tickets have been sold. A TV will be raffled to those who have purchased tickets in February or March. Updating the senior website was discussed. We need a student or parent to design a web page.

**History Day** – Will the PTSA consider helping students financially who continue in the National History Day to the Regional, State and National levels? It was decided to consider that as part of SIP and include other areas of competition as well. Getting information out to congratulate students who win competitions was discussed.

**Hospitality** – The date of the next teacher luncheon was discussed. Ms. Fawcett should be contacted for this.

**Mini-Grants** – 15 grants were given and four have been used so far. Reminder emails will go out next week. The deadline to use them is the end of February.

**Safety & Health** – The clinic has requested items totaling less than \$10. The PTSA will fund that.

## **Old Business**

**Giant A+** - We have earned \$2,439.85 through this program so far.

**School Improvement Plan (SIP)** – Some parents and Asst. Principal Erin Lenart met and discussed ways to improve student achievement. Many ideas were discussed. See the document below showing these ideas.

**PTSA Website Improvements** – Discussion ensued on the best way to update the website. According to Principal Mukai, the best time to do this is for next school year. We need a parent to design a web page.

Molly Gray has suggestions for the web page.

## **New Business**

**Baccalaureate** – A parent from the current senior class needs to coordinate this or it will not occur. A KIT message will go out soon to let parents of seniors know.

**Relay for Life** – Scheduled for June 12-13. We need to have someone from the PTSA attend to show our support. The next interest meeting is on 2/9 at 7pm in the WS Government Center. There was discussion about the senior class trip on June 12 interfering with attendance at the Relay for Life.

**PTSA Table for Curriculum Night and /or NHS Induction Night** - Maryann Zegeer volunteered to host a PTSA table at Curriculum Night on 2/9.

Discussion about the transition from Irving to WSHS was discussed. Stacy Cheshire reported that Irving asked WSHS to let them know if we have any recommendations. Several students gave opinions about the subject.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Stacy Cheshire and seconded by Max Nguyen. The meeting adjourned at 8:26pm. The next meeting will take place on March 2 in the Career Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janis Ours

Secretary

Performance Improvement Team (PITs)  
Brainstorming Session, 1/13/2015

Explanation: The team met to generate ideas for supporting the school's improvement plan to raise the school-wide GPA. We recognize the following to be true:

1. Student achievement is about academic engagement and investment in the school community, goal-setting, celebrating accomplishments, etc.
2. Communication of our efforts is vital to their success.
3. We must work to engage the entire school community.
4. This isn't going to happen overnight.

**Recommendations for School Improvement are as Follows**

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Person/People Responsible</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Impact</b>
Business Partnership	Mr. Cable/PTSA	By June 2015	With proper articulation of school need school will work in conjunction to find partnership to support the school's need
Speaker Series	Mr. Cable/PTSA/Lenart	By end of February	At least three motivational speakers to select and first come, first served and solicit speakers from our community.  School counselors with ideas for need
PTSA Parent Speaker Series	Mrs. Zegeer	Beginning in April (3/year)...this school year, perhaps only 1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cyber expert</li> <li>• Balancing Your Student's Life</li> <li>• Option 3</li> </ul>
Liaison from Booster Clubs and Parent Organizations	PTSA Leadership	Monthly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request for Boosters to have</li> <li>• This will help streamline comm</li> <li>• to our students and broader a</li> </ul>
PTSA Soft Start	Mrs. Zegeer	Beginning Feb. 3 <sup>rd</sup> prior to PTSA meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IT Support at PTSA meetings</li> <li>• Topics generated for parents to problem solve</li> <li>• Networking and school-wide s ideas solicited.</li> </ul>
Above and Beyond	Mrs. Falcon/Mrs. Fawsett	Repackaged and repurposed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include the ability to nominate</li> <li>• Culture in which the "award" frame to be mounted outside classroom?</li> </ul>
Principal and Class Principal Coffees	Each administrator	By semester or quarter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve communication</li> <li>• Accessibility to building leader</li> <li>• Opportunities for chairs to be</li> </ul>
Newsletter between School and PTSA	Mrs. Lenart and PTSA Communication Liaison	Bi-weekly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disseminate information</li> <li>• Mail copies to parents with no receive the KITS.</li> </ul>
More streamlined	PTSA Committees	Monthly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internet and laptops available</li> </ul>

recruitment and fundraising efforts			<p>to register cards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet with Mrs. Goetchius about having Hablemos before PTSA</li> </ul>
<p>Surveys at the end of PTSA meetings for those in attendance or interactive feedbacks site during meetings that students can access</p> <p>Comments could be posted in the biweekly newsletter</p>	PTSA Liaison	Monthly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve processes</li> <li>• Streamline ideas and provide concerns.</li> </ul>
Irving Recruitment Initiative	PTSA Liaisons	End of the year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents to go to Irving to trans Springfield.</li> <li>• Opportunities for other feeder</li> </ul>
Award Ceremonies/Student Recognition Ceremonies	PTSA Liaisons	All year, can we keep a "Celebrating Spartans" Website or link?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PTSA arranges award ceremon</li> <li>• Honor Roll?</li> <li>• Academic Awards?</li> <li>• Academic Letters?</li> <li>• AP Scholars</li> <li>• Most Improved?</li> </ul>
Parent Volunteer Program	PTSA Volunteers	All year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mentoring</li> <li>• Study Halls</li> <li>• Classroom Initiatives</li> </ul>

Need further information or have recommendations?

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