

**2014-2015 WSHS PTSA Meeting Minutes**  
**March 16, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm with the following board members in attendance:

Barb Lazirko-Watters, Treasurer

Michael Mukai, Principal

Janis Ours, Secretary

Amy Falcon, Chairperson for Above and Beyond

Lys Stalker, Molly Gray, Denise Rogers, Jody Terry, Robin Lermo, and members Lauren Catington, Meghan Holub, Sierra Hennessy, Shelby Peterson, Londyn Gentry, Evan Fabish, Ana Suarez, Daniela Montero, Jim Carley, Kendra Campbell, Tandra Campbell, Linda Gross, Laura S., Lynet Alemayehu, Natalie Pham, Brittany Branch, Nicole Verdin, Cara Kim, Lindsey Kim, William Goodwin, Katie Frost, Jillian Gross and Elissa Zadrozny.

**Approval of Minutes from February 2015:** Pursuant to motion by Denise Rogers and seconded by Michael Mukai the February 2015 minutes were approved as submitted.

**Approval of Agenda:** Pursuant to motion by Robin Lermo and seconded by Jody Terry the agenda was approved as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report:** We gained four new memberships in February. Income: SAT/ACT Practice Test - \$590. Expenses: Paypal - \$.54, Mini Grants - \$374.85, Clinic - \$11.52, domain name and 2 years website server fee - \$171 and 2 years of an automated forms service so that we can now take forms online - \$139.

**Principal's Report:** We are finally outside for sports! A group of WSHS students performed for Prince Charles and Camilla. The orange day/blue day balance is catching up. Fairfax County will submit for a waiver to start school before Labor Day next year. The county is moving towards a decision on the 100 point grading system and the challenges with it. The change in grading policies will start next year. Students, please keep letting the administration know if changes being implemented are making a difference.

**Reports of the Standing Committees**

**Above & Beyond** – Congratulations to Above and Beyond Award recipients for the second quarter: Mr. Brandt, Mrs. Zegeer and Ms. Lenart. Please send nominations for the third quarter before it ends.

**Grounds and Beautification** – Friday, April 17, 8am – 12pm is the next Beautification Day. Look for fliers in school. KIT messages about it will be coming out soon.

**Mini-Grants** – All of the awardees have used their money!

**ANGP** – We are meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month. We've toured Lee Rec, are looking for more volunteers, have sold almost 230 tickets (hoping to sell 400,) and 78 signs have been sold. We are looking for a storage unit and an 18-foot truck to borrow. We are halfway done with gifts (\$10,000 budget for gifts.) Income: \$325 from Phantom Ball, \$1,100 from restaurant nights. A bake sale at is Giant coming soon.

**Baccalaureate** – Jim Carley, Chairperson – Baccalaureate date is 6/14 at Messiah UMC in the late afternoon. We are looking to coordinate with students to introduce speakers. The students will nominate speakers. We hope to have underclassmen serve refreshments.

**Scholarship for Success** – Elissa Zadrozny, Chairperson has received the Scholarship for Success folder.

**Old Business**

**PTSA Website** – A volunteer, Jennifer Wokeck, a 2013 WSHS grad, has done a great job putting the site together. She is working on a PTSA app for your phone. Website link: [wshsptsa.net](http://wshsptsa.net)

**SIP** – Next meeting is this Thursday, 3/19 at 9:30am in Ms. Lenart's office.

## **New Business**

**PTSA Position Vacancies** – New positions and vacancies for next year were discussed. New position ideas were: Parent/Principal Coffee Coordinator, Guest Speaker Series Coordinator, National History Day Liaison, and Web Site Coordinator. We are looking for three Nomination Committee Members.

**Amazon Fundraiser** – We have switched back to the fundraiser used last year because we made more money using it. You need to access Amazon through the WSHS website for the PTSA to benefit.

**Curriculum Night** - The PTSA table set up in the sports lobby at Curriculum Night was a success. General information was available to rising freshmen parents, as well as all attendees. The ANGP had a successful presence as well. It is recommended for next year.

There was discussion about selling mugs, tote bags, umbrellas or other items as a PTSA fundraiser starting at the beginning of next year.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Denise Rogers and seconded by Jody Terry. The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm. The next meeting will take place on April 13 in Spartan Hall.

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**

Initiative	Person/People Responsible	Timeline	Impact
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to register cards.</li> <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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