

Minutes
West Springfield HS PTSA Meeting
Monday, January 9, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm with the following board members in attendance:

Chris McFadden, PTSA President

Lindy Bunch, Treasurer

Bob Brinson, 1st Vice President

Janis Ours, Secretary

Kelley Pinzon, 2nd Vice President

Michael Mukai, Principal

Becky Brandt, Jim Carley, Stacey Cheshire, Robin Lermo, Margaret Keast, Jill Chastain, Shawanna Kirkman, and members Gina Cotton, William Brown, Libby Phillip, Isabel Rashima, Aurora Carle, Jill Fitzgerald, Jun Candelana, Jocelyn Highsmith, Lauren Novak, Leslie Lermo, Sasha Vaughan, Marcus Nguyen, David Larian, Emily Kest, Renee Cotton, Shahid Nun, Joe Gumpf, Alana Donaldson, Emma Sharman, Blake Kirkman, Lauren Budrean, Emma Phillips, Amina Siddiau, Sarah Veenstra, Sarena Saing, David Riddle, Colleen Dewing, Sophie Shidlovsky and De Jin Kim.

Principal's Report- Mr. Mukai

We are having new adventures every day: there was a power outage this morning that we didn't know about. The pipes froze because we have electrical insulation and the power was down.

There will be an adjustment of time lines (rephasing.) We have lost parking spaces with the fence bump out. Sparta was placed further out so that we could save the softball field and keep softball on campus. We will have more parking spaces next year.

Coming up: Surge, the dance after the girls West Potomac basketball game on 1/19/17.

Winter sports are in full swing: both basketball teams, wrestling, and indoor track. We have had relatively decent weather so far so that we haven't had to reschedule too many things. Come out and support the teams. We are just over halfway through the season.

Recently some Oracle students asked about staffing. Students will be choosing classes in February. In March we have to decide which teachers we are going to hire. The challenge is that the budget will be tight with a \$76 million short fall. There will have to be a change of staffing because we will have to lose teachers. It is harder to change classes now because we have fewer teachers. Get in the right classes right away. Ask your teachers which classes are appropriate for you, listen to their advice. Rising Seniors will be picking their classes in 4 weeks. Seniors, should be concerned about their second semester grades. Don't get senioritis. Keep on working and keep the grades up. The 8th semester is very important.

We'll be ready for the next power outage that occurs during a freeze. We are the first ones to have the modular unit bathrooms. Becky Brandt: Fairfax County understood that we needed the bathroom units out there because of the distance from the school. They were insulated today. We are going to learn from these issues. Workers will be here at 5:30am to make sure that everything is functioning well. This is one of the most challenging times for the renovation because we are giving up everything and we haven't received any parts of the new building yet. When phase one is completed in November, we will have state of the science rooms and a brand new library.

Class of 2018, take pictures of the renovation so that when you fill out the admission essay, you can describe your resiliency. Describe what your experience was like.

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There was a motion made by Bob Brinson to accept the November Minutes. The motion was seconded by Kelley Pinzon. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

President- Christopher McFadden

At the December meeting, we had two Student Resource Officer's and a Fairfax County Police Officer come and talk to parents. There were 18 members and 9 students present. A lot of topics were discussed about WSHS, Irving, and the community.

On 1/17/17 the PTSA will show the movie "Chasing the Dragons." It is about a former Fairfax County student who is currently incarcerated and his story concerning drugs. It will be at Irving Middle School in the auditorium.

1st Vice President- Bob Brinson

There is an SAT/ACT practice test with Kaplan on 1/21/17 at 9:30am at Cardinal Forest Elementary. This is also advertised in the KIT. Sign up online or pay \$10 at the door.

2nd Vice President- Kelley Pinzon

We have some fun events at the school: tomorrow night the boys basketball team will play TC Williams. Tonya Crevier will be there during halftime to perform. Coach Bobby Petrocelli will do a motivational talk next Tuesday, 1/17/17 at 3pm in the cafeteria.

Treasurer- Lindy Bunch

PTSA Net cash out: \$1,581.95

ANGP cash out: \$1,974.39

CFC is due in a few weeks.

ANGP- Margaret Keast

It has been pretty quiet the last couple of months. We will be promoting tickets again soon. We will start ramping up now that the holidays are over.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm

The next meeting is on 2/13/17 at 7pm at Spartan Hall.