

Minutes
West Springfield HS PTSA Meeting
Monday, December 11, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm with the following board members in attendance:

Bob Brinson, PTSA President	Becky Brandt, Construction Liaison
Chris McFadden, 1 st Vice President	Amy Falcon, Above & Beyond
Kelley Pinzon, 2 nd Vice President	Angie Basham, ANGP
Lindy Bunch, Secretary	Jim Carley, Baccalaureate
Janis Ours, Secretary	Chris Kroeger, Bylaws/Legislation
Michael Mukai, Principal	Robin Lermo, Safety & Health

and members Bronte Montgomery, Nichole Jones, Tre Jones, Suzanne Verner.

Principal's Comments-Michael Mukai

Breakfast with Santa did not happen because of the snowy weather. FCPS's goal is to let parents know the day before if there will be a school delay or closing. Check the website for any updates due to weather. If a team is traveling out of area, they do not necessarily need to come home if FCPS closes.

There are no absolute timelines with the construction. We are anticipating that a number of classrooms will open in January. Our new front of the building will be facing Tuttle Road starting in January. It will affect parking. The construction crew will be parking along Rolling Road. Be ready on a day's notice that classrooms will change. We will let parents know through KIT messages.

Gatehouse will be closed from the 22nd through the 1st of January. Calendar option E has been voted on and passed.

Construction Update-Becky Brandt

About 50 classrooms will be turned over in January. They will all be in the new wing of the building. All three staircases will be opened up and all three floors. Construction has just put in polished stone floors. They have inlaid a big Spartan head at the new main entrance. Construction is down to cleaning rooms and waxing floors right now. Furniture is coming on the 18-20th of December: classroom furniture for students and teachers, science tables, and lab stations. A moving company will move the teacher's things. The new library will be opened at least by the end of January. They are going to make modifications to the big parking lot. It is a challenge for traffic. We only have two ins and outs. It is really narrow on Tuttle Road getting into the parking lot so they are going to make the entrance more gradual and curved wider. The lane where you would turn to go into the parking lot will be more gradual as well. Construction plans to put their staging on the front roadway. The plan for K&R is to come in off of Tuttle and turn left and come by the front of the building. All of the new rooms will have four-digit room numbers.

President's Comments-Bob Brinson

There was a motion made by Angie Basham to accept the November minutes. The motion was seconded by Bronte Montgomery. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Rescheduling recover of PTSA funded plants rescheduled for this Saturday, 12pm – 2pm: \$10 for a plant and \$50 for a tree. Bring your own labor and buckets. These plants were purchased by the PTSA in the past. Whatever donations we get will be put towards scholarships.

Nominations of Special Topics for remaining meetings –

January – local law enforcement to talk about drugs and gang activity

February-Tisa Frederick to talk about scholarship applications and college applications
May-Elections for the following year

March and April are open for Special Topics

- Follow-up on the grading system might be a good topic in the future; how is it going, some of the teachers weren't doing it yet, some were "full on board" and what are projections for next year
- Career Counselor's projections on the grading system and how it impacts applying to colleges and for scholarships

1st VP-Chris McFadden

We are working towards having Police Night in January with summary of what is going on in the county. We will have the WIMS Resource Officer and WSHS Resource Officer. I am asking the fire department to come, too.

2nd VP-Kelley Pinzon

PTSA sponsors two events per year for Teacher Appreciation. It is this Friday, the point of contact is Sharon Steele. She is looking for people to donate desserts and gift cards. It starts at 11:30 am. There is a sign-up for both set-up and clean-up.

Communications-Amy Falcon

We are sending out information on the plants and holiday staff sign-up in a message tomorrow night. I will include a request for Special Topics in there, too.

Website-Janis Ours

Let me know if you have any updates that need to be added to the website.

Treasurer's Report-Lindy Bunch

If you have any expense vouchers please get them to me. We paid the Dec. 1 dues because we got our membership cards in the mail. The taxes have been submitted for this year.

ANGP-Juliet Neal, Angie Basham, Kathleen Whitley

Spartan Discount Cards are still available. There will be a live online SAT Prep in January, 8 sessions, 2 hours each with the CEO of the company. It will be interactive. There will be another SAT Boot Camp on March 3-4, 2018.

Above and Beyond-Amy Falcon

We honored Bernie DeLeo and Tracy Goodwin with the Above and Beyond awards.

Mini-Grants-

The committee met on November 19. They granted \$6061.58 to teachers from multiple fields. We are under budget. All of the teachers that received mini-grants were PTSA members.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Our next meeting is on January 8 in Spartan Hall at 7pm.