

Minutes
West Springfield HS PTSA Meeting
Monday, February 12, 2018

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

Bob Brinson, PTSA President	Juliet Neal, ANGP
Chris McFadden, 1 st Vice President	Angie Basham, ANGP
Kelley Pinzon, 2 nd Vice President	Chris Kroeger, Bylaws/Legislation
Lindy Bunch, Secretary	Stacy Cheshire, Commemorative Bricks
Janis Ours, Secretary	Jenny Zerefa, Membership
Becky Brandt, Construction Liaison	Jeannine Brown, Mini-Grants

William Montgomery, Bronte Montgomery, Lita Felder, the Harsha Family, Pearl Kim, Cindy Moritz, Tim Pemberton, Carolyn Pemberton, Nichole Jones, James Blair, Jasmine Blair, Melissa Mastando, Julie Pannell, Scott Anderson, Alex Reba, Scott O'Donnell, Mary Beth O'Donnell, Frank Kidd, Suzie Woodring, Kayla Estes, Emma Jones, Jeanne Jones, Fernando Pinzon, Tre Jones, John Rivers, Nancy Rivers, and Rob Couser.

Construction Update-Becky Brandt

We got new spaces in January and moved into about 50 new classrooms. The science rooms are larger with dedicated lab tables. We have a brand new library and main office. There are 700 new lockers. We can issue lockers for anyone who would like one. Just go to the main office to request one.

Next month we should get the auditorium back with new acoustics, stage, and seating for about 1100. A black box theater will also be ready next month. There is a set shop, costume shop, dressing rooms, shower facilities, and make-up rooms.

As soon as basketball finishes the main gym will be turned over to construction along with team locker rooms. They should be completed by July 30. Construction is tearing apart the front of the building now. They will work on Family and Consumer Sciences over the summer. Two boulevards will be added in nicer weather for walking purposes.

Career Center Highlights-Tisa Frederick

All college visits are in the fall and are coordinated by Tisa Frederick. The schedule for visiting schools is in Family Connection. In Family Connection you can also:

- Sign up for college visits and print a pass to leave class.
- Add colleges to the Favorites tab and you will be notified when that college visits.
- View Road Trip Nation; an interview of people who talk about how they got to where they are in their field.
- Do an extensive college search.
- Do a scholarship search.
- Read the newsletters for important dates, job opportunities, and volunteer opportunities.
- Check out the grade specific College Planning forms for your student.
- And much more.

There are reputable websites that let you set up a profile. The website will then email you with scholarships that are applicable to you. You can use one essay for multiple scholarships.

The CPP (College Partnership Program) is a program where Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen can apply. They meet with the counselors who help them figure out which classes to take for their desired field. They go on field trips and discuss financial aid. They go on college tours during Spring Break. This summer 9th graders will be going to visit UVA and JMU. 10th and 11th graders will go out of state. There is no cost. The program prepares students for the whole college process.

President's Comments-Bob Brinson

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

1st VP-Chris McFadden

We are looking for volunteers for Spartanfest.

2nd VP-Kelley Pinzon

Next month our speakers will be the WSHS Resource Officer (Officer Lacey) and Officer Michael Stewart from West Springfield District Station.

A Food Pantry with items for families in need that attend WSHS is coming soon.

Website-Janis Ours

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

Treasurer's Report-Lindy Bunch

January Income: \$4,914.72

ANGP-Juliet Neal, Angie Basham, Kathleen Whitley

If you are a family with a senior look on Facebook, Twitter, and the PTSA website. Our email address is wshsangp@gmail.com. The next ANGP meeting is on March 8 at 7pm. We have a lot of volunteer opportunities such as the Rock and Roll Marathon. Information is in the Keep In Touch. ANGP Committee partners with Catalyst, an SAT Prep company. The next SAT Boot Camp is March 3 and 4. The cost is \$175 for two days. It is 4.5 hours each day and will be held at WIMS. Registration needs to be completed by 2/28/18.

Commemorative Bricks-Stacy Cheshire

We will be selling bricks again starting in April. We are looking for someone to take over as Brick Chairman next year as well as people to volunteer on the scholarship committee to distribute money earned from the sales of the bricks.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.

Our next meeting is on March 12 in Spartan Hall at 7pm.