

Minutes
West Springfield HS PTSA Meeting
Tuesday, October 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm

The September Minutes were reviewed. Bob Brinson made a motion to accept the minutes as written and Jill Chastain seconded the motion.

2017 Proposed Legislation Program:

VA PTA put together a list of a Legislative Action Item and two Position Statements that they would like to put forth a position on. If you wish to vote on an item, fold it up and hand it to him tonight. Please vote on the following items by 10/23.

1. Gun-free school zones
2. Alternatives to suspensions
3. Juvenile justice reforms

PTA President Chris McFadden - If anyone needs help with mental health issues please use the crisis text line for things like thoughts of suicide. Send a text to 855-11 and put "need help" in the subject line. There was discussion on the suicide that happened at Hayfield HS.

1st VP Bob Brinson - The SAT/ACT practice test is on Nov 19 at Cardinal Forest ES, 9:30am-1:30pm. Cost is \$10 at the door, registration will be online.

Treasurer's Report: Net gain for PTA this month is \$7,318.72 and \$15,798.49 for ANGP.

ANGP: Jiffy Lube Live has made over \$16,000 and they have sold 136 tickets with a goal of 250 tickets sold by the end of the month.

Above & Beyond: Nominations are due by 11/11. To Nominate someone visit wshsptsa.net and click under forms, Above & Beyond. Nominate anyone who has helped out in the school or community. Parents cannot nominate their students.

Membership: We have 818 members, 15 of whom are teachers. We are hoping to reach 1000 members by end of 2016

Principal:

- We will have a PISA test which measures performance against other countries. We have been chosen six out of the last eight years (only three schools are chosen each year.)
- PSAT's are coming up. Juniors, please have your scores reported. There are so many scholarships available that you can find just by getting your scores reported. The test is on 10/19.

- The Senior Meeting is coming up along with the panoramic picture.
- There is no school on November 7-8, there won't be staff in the building except for Principal Mukai and his AA.

Renovations: The parking lot in the back of the school was repaved: no more "Lake Springfield." Curb and guttering has been put in right behind the softball backstop for where the road is going to be moved. The roof is being removed above the former courtyard. They are digging down in the former math classrooms downstairs. All of the windows are out in the first and second floor because the wall is moving out. They are readying the footings so that they can build up.

Some of the leaky pipes in the building are due to renovation and some are because of the age of the pipes. They are being repaired as they are found. A 65-foot section of pipe was repaired due to crumbling. They will address things as they come along. Over the summer, they added insulation to the pipes.

For cold trailers there are thermostats in each trailer. If there is an issue with a certain trailer they will address it. The teachers have been given guidelines for thermostat issues.

On the day the school was closed there was a piece of construction equipment that caught on fire. Burning plastic on the equipment made a lot of smoke. After the smoke was cleared, the fire alarm went off two more times. If the students had come to school that day it wouldn't have been a very productive day.

When it is icy in the winter the wooden staircases and walkways will get salted and treated. The custodians report at 6am and 6:30am and there are extra personnel that come in to treat the school. The bleachers have been coated with a special substance for when it is icy outside.

Starting on 10/20 parents will get weekly grade reports to whatever emails are registered in SIS. There will not be interim reports anymore.

The parking lottery is over now. They may add more spaces as they come available. When there is snow they put it in the parking spaces. The Class of 2017 is the only class that won't have parking. There will be more spaces than before for the classes of 2018 and 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm

The next meeting is on 11/14/16 at 7pm at Spartan Hall.