Minutes West Springfield HS PTSA Meeting Tuesday, November 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm with the following board members in attendance:

Chris McFadden, PTSA President Bob Brinson, 1st Vice President Kelley Pinzon, 2nd Vice President Lindy Bunch, Treasurer Janis Ours, Secretary Michael Mukai, Principal

Margaret Keast, Jill Chastain, Chris Kroeger, Cindy King, Denise Rogers, Elissa Zadrozny, and members Denna Hannen, Robert Ours, Diana Criste, Victoria Hannen, Hannah Robertson, Hannah DeGuzman, Kelli Jeter, Sharif Nabhan, Yurie Choe, Colleen Dewing, Grace Radulovic, Andrew Sosa, Sidney Walker, Natalie Presnell, Sarah Chang, Dora Rodgers, and Sandy Law.

Principal's Report- Mr. Mukai

Updates from construction: we are continuing to look at rephrasing. They will be taking away more parking spots, the fence line will move east, and they may change the order of some of the projects they are doing. We are making sure that we don't lose the gyms in the fall and working so that we have the least amount of time without those facilities.

There is a new path behind the softball field so that students don't have to be on the stairs in winter weather. Snow slows down construction, go on the website for construction updates. When there are things that we don't see, let us know. Talk to us and let us know when there are things that need to be adjusted.

The fall sports season is over and the winter season is starting. We are in the volleyball conference championship. Two girls in track finished in the top of the state. Our guitar program played for prestigious groups like the Leadership Conferences and the Board of Education Review.

Academic advising for course selection for next year is beginning. Students start selecting courses in January. Some courses like AP Music Theory and AP European History aren't offered every year. We are currently considering which courses to offer for next year. If there are courses that are important to you, let us know.

Seniors: 7th semester grades are coming in. Get your transcripts to the colleges you are interested in as early as possible. Colleges know that WSHS is one of the top five schools in the state. Work with student services and let us know when you need our help. I am willing to call my alma mater (Virginia Tech) for you. I also know the admissions people at UVA. Our teachers are willing to help you.

Questions?

An Algebra II teacher went on maternity leave. Answer: We filled the position with someone who is very qualified.

President- Christopher McFadden

I am putting together a panel of Resource Officers from WSHS and WIMS, the administration from WSHS, and a civic association to answer questions about regarding safety issues like drugs, alcohol and gang activity that will happen before the holiday break.

There is a video that WIMS is showing on 12/12 called "Chasing the Dragon." It will be advertised in a KIT message.

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There was a motion made by Cindy King to accept the October Minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Jill Chastain. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

1st Vice President- Bob Brinson

The SAT/ACT practice test is on November 19 at Cardinal Forest ES, 9:30am-1:30pm. The cost is \$10 at the door or you can register online.

2nd Vice President- Kelley Pinzon

Grapefruit and oranges are being sold by the Spartan boosters. Cindy King explained that the Spartan Boosters raise money so that insurance is paid for each athlete so that they can participate in sports.

Treasurer- Lindy Bunch Taxes have been submitted and received. Net gain for PTSA-\$730.76 Net gain for ANGP-\$7017.11

ANGP- Margaret Keast

215 tickets have been sold. Our goal is to sell 250 tickets. The price of tickets went up at the end of October from \$75 to \$85.

Sidewalks- Jim Carley

Utility marking crews were marking the new sidewalk area. They are on their way to breaking dirt on building the sidewalk on Rolling Road. It will be much safer for kids to cross the street once the sidewalks are built.

Membership- Cindy King we are up to 835 members!

Questions and Issues: What is the budget for the scholarship for success? It is \$1,000.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pmThe next meeting is on 12/12/16 at 7pm at Spartan Hall.