

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm 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	Kathleen Whitley, ANGP
Lindy Bunch, Treasurer	Chris Kroeger, Bylaws/Legislation
Janis Ours, Secretary	Stacy Cheshire, Commemorative Bricks
Michael Mukai, Principal	Jeannine Brown, Mini-Grants
Amy Falcon, Above & Beyond	Robin Lermo, Safety & Health

and members Jeanna Smith, Erica Wogaman, Derek Huffy, Nichole Jones, Royal Jones III, Aleida Goetchius, and Tahnee Blauser.

Principal's Comments-Michael Mukai

Principal Mukai discussed some Performance Report handouts in which WSHS is in the top 10 in every category in the state of VA and #8 in Virginia in US News and World Report.

Renovation: The construction company did a lot of work this summer and they did a great job. Staff came back in August after the stairs had just been put in. The parking lot was paved two days before that. There was mold in the trailers upon returning from summer, caused by running the HVAC units in July and August. The county cleaned and remediated. They are replacing some air units in some of the trailers and there have been questions. The county has tested and told us that they are safe. A safety fence has been put up, they are correcting the small walking area surrounded by the safety fence. It is temporary fencing but will become permanent later. In the parking lot we will have 60 spots for students (normally 270.) The parking spots along Rolling Road are going to be taken away but eventually they will be given back. The front of the building, scheduled to be open in January, will be facing Tuttle Road. It will be nice that it will be closer to Sparta. In January the third floor with all of the science rooms will open and 21 classrooms will open. We will have the most modern science labs in the county. We will start to get rid of the trailers out back as this year progresses. The renovation is on schedule. Please take a look at the renovation updates online. We may tour the new wing at the next PTSA meeting (wear closed toe shoes.)

In fall sports golf is almost over. They have Districts in two weeks. Volleyball, field hockey, cross country and football are all going on right now. Drama will use the wrestling room for a performance. We are going to perform at VMEA.

Drinking issue: We need help from parents. There was a high level of intoxication at Friday night's football game. I'm going to continue to fight against taking away tailgate parties in the parking lot so that we don't punish kids that aren't drinking. We will continue to look for ways to educate both students and parents like bringing in a MADD vehicle. If you see anything like parties in the neighborhoods or other events where students might be drinking please call the police non-emergency line. There will be consequences if you call but at least the kids will be alive.

Principal Mukai explained his thoughts on how the current school system was created by "The Greatest Generation: "You do one job your whole life, like on an assembly line...The school system matched that. It's not like that anymore. Teaching students to do things one way doesn't work anymore. The kids are getting points for things they aren't sure how they got them. We have a

system where we want them to comply. I want students to know and understand clear guidelines of what they are going to learn.”

Question about the PSAT- FCPS pays for Freshmen and Sophomores. Junior’s send money in to the office. Question about where there are microwaves in the cafeteria: Yes.

President’s Comments-Bob Brinson

- Minutes

A motion was made by Stacy Cheshire to accept the June 2017 Minutes as written, the motion was seconded by Chris Kroeger. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

- Proposed Budget

We will take a vote after the Committee Chairs’ discuss their committees.

- Introduction of Committee Chairs (Including Open)
- Discussion of Proposed Budget Line
- Discussion of PTSA Calendar-Meetings are generally the 2nd Monday of the month
- Scheduling Kaplan SAT/ACT Test Prep

1st VP-Chris McFadden

Spartanfest-We have 15 vendors. Spartanfest is on September 23 where the tennis courts used to be. If you would like to volunteer please let Chris know after the meeting. Spartanfest is where local vendors come and sell items and school clubs display what they do. It is a community outreach and the major fundraiser for the PTSA. The fire department and the police department will be there to do go-karts with “drunk goggles.” The booster club will be benefitting from the silent auction.

2nd VP-Kelley Pinzon

We will be presenting a drug awareness program and partnering with other schools. Later this year Career Counseling will come to a PTSA meeting.

Treasurer’s Report-Lindy Bunch

ANGP-Juliet Neal, Angie Basham, Kathleen Whitley

ANGP is an event for seniors on the night of graduation to keep them all together to celebrate. We provide entertainment, food and activities. The students stay until 5am. It is a safe environment for the kids to stay and have fun. They may win/earn microwaves, printers or other items for college. 170 tickets have been sold so far.

Above and Beyond-Amy Falcon

Certificates go out to students, teachers, staff and volunteers. A nomination form is online. This creates a positive atmosphere for the school.

Bylaws/Legislation-Chris Kroeger

The VA PTA proposes legislation each year and I send out a two or three question questionnaire using survey monkey to ask the WSHS parents their opinion. We want to the VA PTA to know how WSHS feels on the legislation. For Bylaws we are good for another four years.

Commemorative Bricks-Stacy Cheshire

If you want a commemorative brick, you can get an engraved plate on it. It’s neat memorabilia from the school. All the money goes for scholarships for our students. Contact Stacy Cheshire if you would like one.

Website-Janis Ours

The website is up and running. Contact me at rwjkours@gmail.com with any updates to be put on the calendar or updates to Spartanfest, forms, or any other updates needed.

Community Relations-Chris McFadden

We are trying to reach out to a lot of businesses to help sponsor sports and activities. A lot of our kids are fundraising. I would like to get that weight off of their shoulders. I am looking for donations or sponsorships.

Membership-Jeanna Smith

The membership information sent in on paper will be input on the National PTA website by the membership coordinators.

Mini-Grants-Jeannine Brown

I am learning about this committee and am asking those who did it before how to do it best.

Safety and Health-Robin Lermo

I am the liaison between the clinic and the PTSA. We use PTSA funds to stock the clinic and keep it supplied with things like water, crackers...

Budget: Amy Falcon, Chair of Above and Beyond requested more money. Above and Beyond gives out 10 \$10 gift cards. It was decided to put \$250 in the line to be taken out of Miscellaneous. Stacy Cheshire made a motion to approve the budget. Amy Falcon seconded. A vote was taken and the budget passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm

In December we are hoping to bring in our Police Officer on campus.

Our next meeting is on October 2 in Spartan Hall at 7pm.