

Minutes
West Springfield HS PTSA Meeting
Monday, November 13, 2017

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

Bob Brinson, PTSA President	Tana Bailey, ANGP
Chris McFadden, 1 st Vice President	Stacy Cheshire, Commemorative Bricks
Kelley Pinzon, 2 nd Vice President	Jenny Zerefa, Membership
Janis Ours, Secretary	Jeannine Brown, Mini-Grants
Michael Mukai, Principal	Robin Lermo, Safety & Health
Juliet Neal, ANGP	

and members/visitors Fernando Pinzon, Emma Jones, Alex Reba, Maura Park, Katharine Fuerst, Nichole Jones, Tre Jones, Beth Rouse, Michael Stewart, Susan Lampazzi, Nicole Infantolino, Aida Yohannes Suzie Woodring, Johnathan Mark Nelson, Arie Bhammer, Kayla Estes, ElShadai Melkam, Robert Ours, Lori Nelson, Dean Akers, Sonja Akers, Scott Anderson, Yvonne Sallis, Deysi Sanchee, Marcela Bonilla, Jennifer Davies, Rhonda Trupiano, and Katerine Vaca.

Principal's Comments-Michael Mukai

Renovation update: the new library space has had the glass walls installed and the ramps to the entrances inside have been poured. The cabinetry and lab stations are mostly installed in the science classrooms on the 3rd floor. Floor tile has been laid on the 1st & 2nd floor classrooms in the new construction area. The drywall is up in the administrative suite offices, the cement entry path to the stairwell near the music wing has been poured, the curbs & gutters for the new road from our current lane to the new front of the building have been set and the paving is currently underway, and furniture orders have been placed for classrooms & offices in the new wing. The timing of when WSHS moves into these new spaces will happen in stages. The exact dates have not yet been determined. More details will be available & provided at the December's PTSA meeting.

The Choir is going to perform at the VMEA Conference. The Girl's Cross-Country team came in third place in States and the Boy's Cross-Country team came in sixth place. The Girls Volleyball team won their first ever Regional Championship.

A presentation concerning yearlong gradebooks was made by WSHS teachers. There were questions and answers concerning the information presented. For more detailed information please visit the West Springfield Parents Facebook page.

President's Comments-Bob Brinson

- The minutes from both September and October were presented. There was a motion made by Kelley Pinzon to accept the September and October minutes. The motion was seconded by Stacy Cheshire. A vote was taken and the motion passed.
- There is a new regulation for FCPS (#1370.7) concerning how we as boosters perform fundraisers. Andy Muir has the responsibility to approve or disapprove fundraising for each event. You will need a copy of the last 3 years of IRS filings, 3 years of minutes of meetings, in addition to notes on the funds that have been raised. This is to improve transparency as to where the funds go.
- Plants in the front of the building: the construction crew has said that once winter break comes they are taking out the plants and destroying them. Proposal 1: take the plants and take care of them for 6 months then bring them back. Proposal 2: give the plants back to the parents that paid for them. Stacy Cheshire proposed to instead of having them

destroyed, “sell” them so that we can put that money towards scholarships for the students. A vote was taken on the proposal and the motion passed.

- On November 14th, at Irving Middle School is the Meet the Superintendent event for our area. Dr. Scott Brabrand will start the meet and greet portion at 6:30 then there will be formal remarks and questions at 7pm. If you cannot make the meeting he will also be at Chantilly HS on November 28th and Jackson Middle School on December 11th.
- The Combined Federal Campaign is in full swing. The West Springfield PTSA has a CFC #78545. The title has VA Congress of Parents and Teachers but the description clearly states it is ours. If you contribute through CFC, please include your PTSA.
- I will ask our communications chair, Ms. Falcon, to advertise our Amazon Smile account especially for the upcoming holidays so that a portion of their purchase will come back to support the PTSA. That link is smile.amazon.com/ch/54-6114591.
- West Springfield High School is currently accepting applications for FCPS Outstanding Employee Awards. There are many different categories but submission forms are at <https://goo.gl/forms/cJIR8Ygzll8UykG32>.

Treasurer’s Report-Lindy Bunch

Lindy has four volunteers to conduct the audit from last year.

ANGP-Juliet Neal, Tana Bailey

We are still fundraising; we had a bake sale fundraiser in the rain on Election Day. On November 1 ticket price increased. We have sold over 250 tickets.

Membership-Jenny Zerefa

We are working with an unfriendly database from national PTA. It is taking a lot of time to input all of the members.

Mini-Grants-Jeannine Brown

Deadline was 11/7, we had 8 applications from staff. The committee meeting is this Friday, November 17, from 1pm-3pm. Notifications will be sent to teachers by the end of the month.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm

Our next meeting is on December 11 in Spartan Hall at 7pm.