



WEST SPRINGFIELD HIGH SCHOOL – PTSA

Home of the Spartans
6100 Rolling Road Springfield VA 22152

WSHS PTSA MEETING MINUTES [DRAFT]

December 15, 2020, 7:30 PM Virtual Zoom Meeting, List of Attendees on Page 2.

The meeting was opened on time by Richard Ewell, President. A quorum was present. Brief introductions of the board members were given.

Reports

The minutes from the October 29th, 2020 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Old Business – None

New Business

Richard presented the subject of approval of the PTSA membership amounts. He reviewed the membership fees of \$6 for teacher, \$10 for two people (one adult, one student) and \$20 for Family membership. This was unanimously approved.

Karen Nordai explained how to sign up and pay dues for the PTSA on MemberHub.

Richard Ewell presented the 2020-2021 budget and reviewed it on screen. Approval of the budget was received unanimously.

The floor was opened to any questions from the attendees regarding PTSA operations or matters.

There were no further business items.

Other

A panel discussion was held to discuss engagement of students, specifically their communication strengths and weaknesses, during recent months of being isolated during the pandemic. A student representative from each grade shared experiences:

Freshman – Sarah Ewell, Sophomore – Alex Pineda, Junior – Bez Zike, Senior – Jillian Fortney

Experiences were shared regarding communications with friends, teachers and also family members at home. Students provided information on their experiences and feedback on how they are feeling about things.



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Counselor Young gave some information to parents regarding opportunities to connect include Parent Coffees, Student Services, Student Ambassadors, Sources of Strength, as well as utilizing SIS and Schoology.

Ms. Wahl shared ideas regarding joining clubs and online activities to maintain relationships with others.

Ms. Wolrich shared some advice regarding combating feelings of isolation, such as finding a person to talk to regularly, taking care of self, and viewing social distancing more as physical distancing.

Each panelist was given an opportunity to share advice and ideas, and a Question and Answer time and interactive discussion time was held.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 pm.

- *Submitted by April Duncan, Secretary*

Attendee List:

Richard Ewell
April Duncan
Jennifer Blazewick
Grace Jillian Fortney
Karen Nordai
Kelly Kreis
Krissy Houchins
Kristina Swatek
Maggie Ewell
Christy McGarry
Rocio Fernandez
Sara Rodriguez Golden
Theresa Walker
Tegest Tesfaye
Ozzie Perez
Sunita
Tricia Martin
Kerenza Jerbi
Mary Layman
Mary Fran
Katharina Fuerst
Jenny Couser
Dotun Olorunfemi
Bez Zike
Lisa Winegar
Aleida
Chante Clarkson
Alice Martinez
Lynette Stewart



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Kyle O

Joanne Warren

Joe Mamar

Holly Jollies

Theresa Walker

Tim Lank

Katharina Fuerst

Laura W

Stephanie Ludington

Edon Z

Kimberly Greene Herbert

Lynette Stewart

Anne McEvoy

Dave McEvoy

Ali Emgushov

Alex Pineda

Jillian Fortney

Jill Stewart

Deonte Young, Counselor

Elizabeth Wahl, MTSS

Meredith Wolrich, Therapist

Michael Mukai, Principal, WSHS