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Draft Minutes

Prepared by April Duncan, Secretary

General Membership Meeting held 04/13/2021

WSHS PTSA MEETING MINUTES

April 13, 2021, 7:30 PM Virtual Zoom Meeting

The meeting was opened on time by Richard Ewell, President. There were 27 in attendance. Richard Ewell welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending and reintroduced himself. He went over the agenda for the meeting.

Reports

Richard gave an update on the getting the 501c3 tax status back from the IRS for the PTSA, in order to get back into good standing.

Update from Principal Mukai – Mr. Mukai reported that WSHS is continuing to work on bringing students back to school 4 days a week depending on student need, however, WSHS has limits due to cohorts, universal mask rule, etc. He reported that over 100 students have resumed in person class 4 days a week. He reiterated that FCPS is committed to 5 days a week of school next year. He indicated that the next school year and the virtual options available will be discussed at an upcoming School Board meeting. He stated that there will be no F's for this school year but will instead get a no-mark. He reviewed opportunities for taking make up classes over the summer. He stated that May 10th is the deadline to make a decision to change to a Pass/Fail from a letter grade in a course. Mr. Mukai shared that graduation will be June 1st at 9:30am at Jiffy Lube Live. He also let us know that Spring sports were underway and gave an update on several playoffs going on.

Various committee reports were offered on membership, newsletter, Teacher Appreciation, and fundraising.

All Night Grad Party Update and Request – Juliet Neal provided some information and an update on ANGP. She spoke about planning and how parents of juniors can be involved. She discussed the structure of the night, fundraising and the relationship with the PTSA going forward.

Nominating Committee Formation

Richard called for volunteers to serve on the nominating committee to nominate officers for the next PTSA school year. Kris Houchins, Tricia Martin and James Don volunteered to be on the nominating committee. The motion passed to elect Tricia Martin, Kris Houchins and James Don to the committee.

Bylaws Report

Maggie Ewell reported that the by-laws were drafted by Maggie, April Duncan and Trish Martin. The by-laws were posted on the website for review and will be voted on in the May meeting. Maggie provided explanation for some of the changes and updates to the by-laws.



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Clerk's Report

The minutes from the March 2nd, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer

The treasurer reported our balance \$12,262.51, and that we made \$88 on the Dessert night fundraiser.

Guest Speaker: Senior Panel, WSHS, Alexia Pugh, Su Jin Shin, and Naana Owusu

Seniors from WSHS spoke about their current roles and thoughts on student leadership.

Alexia, President of SGA, shared that voting for the positions took place virtually and that they have focused on trying to reach out to students and helping freshman. She shared some of what the SGA does.

Su Jin is the class of 2022 President and shared that she applied through the process online and elected. She shared that she focused on spreading information to students during the pandemic. She mentioned that sometimes emails from the school only go out to parents, so she's focused on getting use from social media to spread news about school, sports, events and even at the County level.

Naana is a class officer for the class of 2021. She indicated that there is a speech you write and upload, and there is a GPA requirement, to apply to be a class officer. She indicated that the focus has been communications, and doing their best to have events and get info out on prom, graduation, etc.

They each shared some insights. They encouraged making sure you check email and pay attention to Career Center info and emails from counselors. They stressed that emails really need to be checked. Another point that was made was to ensure that you go and visit teachers after school for extra help as often as possible. It was also mentioned to utilize the interest meetings to get an understanding of the various extra-curricular activities available and join clubs and activities.

Richard mentioned moving the next PTSA meeting to a slightly later time to accommodate for Spring activities and family events going on. He requested feedback via email on that from anyone who wished.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.