

WSHS PTSA MEETING MINUTES

September 14, 2021, 7:30 PM Virtual Zoom Meeting

The meeting was opened on time by Richard Ewell, President. Reminder of Paisano's fundraiser ongoing.

There were 25 in attendance and a quorum was present. Richard Ewell welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. He went over the agenda for the meeting.

Mr. Jeff Toomer was introduced to the attendees as the Family Liaison. Mr. Toomer explained his support role and introduced himself.

Committee Members were introduced including Michelle Surtees, Events Chair and LaShaun Chapman, Community Education Chair, and Trinity Lowman-Bokan, a Junior who will be Communications Chair. Robin Kleis our new membership chair was also introduced.

Principal Mukai was introduced and gave a brief update on how things are going. He reported that the enrollment is the highest number in history at WSHS. He indicated that things are off to a great start and how good it has been to have students back in school, in person. He reported the school is fully staffed. He gave an update on fall sports that are underway, and also provided the update on Homecoming week. He touched on the subject of supporting kids that are at home due to exposure or positive test for COVID and how that might work. He said further updates would be coming on that subject. He shared about the need for classroom monitors paid at over \$15/hour and the need for COVID tracing support, also a paid position for someone with a college degree. He brought up a Tik Tok challenge that has to do with destroying property and asked parents to please discourage this behavior.

Nathan Monell was introduced. He is the Executive Director of the National PTA and is a parent of children at WSHS. He explained his primary focus is the work the national PTA is doing. He gave an update and indicated that he would be speaking to Tik Tok as a sponsor of the National PTA about this challenge that was creating problems in the school. He discussed the different levels of PTA including local, state and national.

Mr. Monell shared information on tracking the return to in-person learning and its success along with the health and safety of both students and staff as this is the primary issue facing the country now. The Board of Directors updated their policy and called for schools to follow CDC guidelines. He discussed national surveys and scientific study regarding food needs, in person classes, and the different results in the survey based on the race of the respondents. He gave a number of updates on data that has come in through the surveys.

Mr. Monell shared info on resources available online, Back to School Week and then also shared info on some scholarships and grants that are available.



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Richard shared the budget for the 2021-22 school year and gave an update on the PTA's 501c3 status. He also reviewed the expected expenses for the year. Richard submitted the budget for review and approval and the vote was unanimous for approval.

Richard stated that the Executive Board had the idea of adding a student only membership level, at a low cost to allow a student by themselves. Discussion was \$5 for a student and Richard presented this for discussion. There was no discussion on the matter and it was approved unanimously.

Clerk's Report

The minutes from the June 7th, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Richard opened up a discussion for whether there was interest for in-person meetings for the PTA in the future, potentially hybrid so there would be both options. There was interest in holding a meeting in person, so Richard said an attempt would be made to do that for the October 5th with also a virtual option.

Discussion was also opened up for an opportunity to ask questions about the school, activities etc. Questions were asked about mask availability, orientation to the school and learning about the school system.

Richard indicated that the PTSA is going to work on updating and boosting the website to get as much information of value out to parents that can be done. He reminded everyone of the availability of resources and prior presentations on the PTSA website.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm.