

Draft Minutes

Prepared by April Duncan, Secretary

General Membership Meeting held 11/16/2021

WSHS PTSA MEETING MINUTES

November 16, 2021, 7:30 PM Virtual Zoom Meeting

The meeting was opened on time by Richard Ewell, President.

There were 19 in attendance and a quorum was present. Richard Ewell welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. He went over the agenda for the meeting. Richard reminded everyone of the Bites by Sam fundraiser to order pies for the upcoming holidays.

An update was given on recent projects including the courtyard and approval of a HOBY sophomore scholarship by the WSHS board for \$250.

Principal Mukai gave a school update. He indicated that first quarter went very well at 5 days a week in school. Even with the adjustments, things have gone well overall. He talked about the freshman who have come in and have not had a full year of school in person since 6th grade, elementary. He acknowledged different sets of challenges associated with so many brand new students in the building. He gave an athletic update on several sports and how successful they are performing. He also gave a call for the community to see the Spartan theatre production 'Almost Maine'. He indicated that next week may be challenging due to staff shortages since neighboring counties are out all of next week. They are working on mitigating that. He encouraged kids doing college visits to ensure that they secure pre-arranged absences. Ms. Frederick in the College and Career Center also spoke about visits and that many universities are limiting them to Juniors and Seniors currently.

Mr. Jeff Toomer, WSHS Family Liaison, spoke for a few minutes about the Advisory Committee being stood up to include parents, students, counselors and administration. It will be representative of the entire school, task being to provide feedback on navigating the school and FCPS generally. The first meeting will be on Dec. 9th.

Ms. Frederick gave some information on the food drive and food pantry outreach program. She talked about the cost of a Thanksgiving meal at around \$60 average and a shopping trip that was made. A donation box is located just inside Door 1 of the building and office staff is aware of drop offs. There are several other locations in the building for drop offs.

Budget Report

Kristina Swatek offered an updated budget for approval due to the need to reimburse the food pantry funds that were in the PTSA account from two years ago. A detailed explanation was provided regarding the reasoning for the updated budget and pulling \$1,325.00 to reimburse the funds that are owed the food pantry. The budget was approved as submitted.

Clerk's Report

The minutes from the September 14th, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved.

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Discussion was also opened up regarding the student feedback on stress related to returning school full time in person, workload challenges, and the resources available to them. The school has recently provided several sessions, videos and support techniques for students.

Mr. Toomer gave a detailed explanation of SIS and Schoology and how they are used by students and staff. Mr. Mukai share that SIS grade book and Schoology are planned to be integrated in the future. He encouraged parents to log in and be utilizing it to keep up with what is going on. He said the County is continuing to move toward full use of Schoology for messaging and updates and get things to a single learning platform.

Several presentations are available and will be shared via the WSHS PTSA website to include use of these resources, and a presentation on managing stress "Stress Less – Finding Balance". All students in all grade levels were encouraged to view the materials.

Richard reported that the membership would not have a general meeting in December and we will reconvene in January.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.