

## WSHS PTSA MEETING MINUTES

April 26, 2022, 7:30 PM Virtual Zoom Meeting

The meeting was opened on time by Richard Ewell, President. All meeting documents were posted on the PTSA website for public review.

Nicole Infantolino mentioned two restaurant night fundraisers for the ANGP at Chipotle today and again and Tacos & Tequila on May. 11. She also mentioned upcoming plans for the ANGP on June 1<sup>st</sup>,

There were 29 in attendance. Richard shared information about the upcoming elections for the PTSA Officer positions for the next school year. He also reminded everyone about the TSAW coming up next week and the volunteer/donation needs for that.

Mr. Mukai spoke and provided an update. He said he had held senior talks in government classes with the students in the last week. Graduation is 9:30am on May 31<sup>st</sup>. He also mentioned the appointment of Michelle Reid as Superintendent. He mentioned there has been an uptick in COVID cases recently. He said that Thursday is Holocaust Remembrance Day and there would be a guest speaker during advisory period. He also updated on Spring season sports.

Mr. Mukai shared that the school is anticipating enrollment of over 2600 for next year, and staffing will change to a sub-school model to accommodate the growth. West Springfield was in US News and World Report, top 500 schools in the nation, and top 10 in the state of Virginia. Greatschools.org also posted that West Springfield is one of only 3 schools in NOVA that had a gold medal in the number of students who stayed in college for all 4 years. Mr. Mukai took questions pertaining to interactions/coffees that allow parents to provide feedback to administration, and the growth of the school. He also answered questions regarding graduation.

Richard introduced Guest Speaker State Delegate Kathy Tran. She represents our district at the state level General Assembly as a delegate. She said that she will be back in Richmond tomorrow to vote on several pieces of legislation. She spoke about some Education policies that were passed and are getting ready to be debated based on the governor's amendments. Kathy shared information on the Commonwealth Institute's Budget and the big topic of teacher pay, where in Virginia the pay does not meet the national average. School construction was also an item that was heavily discussed, specifically how the funding will be acquired to get that done.

She highlighted some policies and bills that have passed. As an example, SB739 passed and gave parents the option to decide whether children should be wearing masks. A bill was passed updating content for FLE to learn about gambling addiction. Bills 656 passed developing model policies for informing parents of sexually explicit materials that are being used in the content. A bill being debated tomorrow is House Bill 585 which is to set up a work group that looks at standardized testing, SOLs, and the future of its use. House Bill 4 is another which requires school Principals to report certain misdemeanor offenses to the police department and will be debated tomorrow. Recently, hazing led to the death of a college

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student in the state and a prevention bill about that was passed. Kathy encouraged all constituents to track the VA PTA advocacy page for upcoming legislation, and she provided contact information for parents to reach out at any time.

## Budget Report

Kristina Swatek provided a budget report, which was presented by Richard Ewell. The summary was that we are on budget for the year so far and have had the income to pay our expenses. A budget adjustment was presented to allow for additional funds to support the activities of TSAW.

## New Business

Richard proposed budget line-item changes to transfer \$500 from Mini Grants, \$100 from Website Domain Hosting and \$220 from student events over to Teacher Appreciation to cover the cost of the budget for the week's activities. This motion was approved unanimously.

## Clerk's Report

The minutes from the March 15th meeting were reviewed and approved.

The next scheduled meeting is May 10<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.