

DRAFT MINUTES

February 6, 2024; General Membership Meeting

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| 7:30 pm | Welcome/Call to Order. 26 attendees. |
| 7:35 PM | <p>Update from Principal Mukai</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to discuss next steps as WSHS has experienced 10 years of growth. • Working with the office of facilities to see how we can better accommodate that growth. • WSHS Athletics and Activities is having a great winter season. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ A few highlights: One Acts won 2nd place, Boys Swim and Dive won Patriot District, Girls and Boys Track, and Wrestling all won Patriot District (first time in school history). Other activities are in full force as well with the Pyramid concert and plays. |
| 7:45 PM | <p>Fairfax County Supervisor (and WSHS alum) Pat Herrity (Springfield) – updates from the Board of Supervisors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board is spending time addressing affordability issues, senior tax issues, police staffing issues and curbing panhandling, • Addressed increase in fatal and nonfatal fentanyl circulating in communities and schools. Encouraged parents to get educated on this issue. • Questions regarding crosswalks were addressed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ The additional crosswalks on Rolling/Forester and Hillside are VDOT projects, and they are working out the timing for the crosswalk signals. ◦ Working on a crosswalk improvement and signal on Rolling Rd and Grisby, will include relocation back to the southside of the intersection where it was prior to school renovations, will add refuge island within curb and curb extensions and a sidewalk extension within school property. ◦ These improvements will tie in with a traffic signal that VDOT says is warranted but not yet funded. VDOT working on preliminary designs. County is covering crosswalk improvements. No timeline for traffic signal yet but it is progressing. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The 1.3-mile stretch of Rolling Road from Viola to Old Keene Mill Road is being widened from 2 to 4 lanes and will include bike facility and pedestrian paths. New traffic signals at Greeley, noise barriers and concrete containing walls will be included. ○ Currently Dominion Power, Washington Gas, and Cox are relocating their lines and mains in preparation for the widening. ○ Project going to advertisement this summer and construction will start by the end of the year and should take about 2 years to complete. A more detailed schedule will be available once it goes under contract. ○ Teen Job Fair will be held at WSHS on March 9th from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Free to students and businesses. Resume and interview workshops offered by Chamber of Commerce partners. ● Addressed WSHS Overcrowding: Seeing a turnover in residents. Older residents have moved and turned over to younger families with kids. ● Provided an overview of Lake Accotink status: The task force made recommendations to the board. The path they are taking is the small lake plan. They are conducting a study to measure sediment rate, assessing the condition of the dam, and a feasibility study of a 20–40-acre lake with a 4-8-foot-deep lake. It's a 60 million project to preserve the lake. Should have report by end of March of this year. ● For more updates subscribe to The Herrity Report. |
| 8:15 PM | <p>Board Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PTSA is back in “good standing” with VA PTA. Regain eligibility to participate in programs like Reflections, etc. ● Approval of minutes (Sept., Oct., Nov., Jan): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Amendment made to November minutes to reflect that Mr. Toomer’s presentation can be emailed to PTSA members upon request. ○ All minutes unanimously approved. ● Membership: (Angel Chambliss) 360 members, Goal is 400. ● Treasurer: We are on track for our fundraising goal for the year. ● Fundraising: \$1,075 raised from Yindee Thai restaurant night! The owners shared it was the most successful night since they’ve owned the restaurant. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Success of the fundraiser could allow us to increase scholarships offered. ○ Practice SAT offered for fourth year in a row: 32 students participated. ○ Considering Jersey Mike’s new fundraising model idea where we are given \$2 coupons and a week during which people can use them. ● Communications: Chair Caleb Quiroga will roll out Instagram communications as this is how most students receive their information and increasingly parents. Asking for Ideas for Instagram rollout. Possibility of tie in with Jersey Mike’s fundraiser. ● Request for Above and Beyond award nominations. ● For additional ways to connect with activities, seek out various booster groups on Instagram. Please share with PTSA if you know of any of them so we can highlight |

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| | <p>them and connect people to the many great things going on at WSHS. Recently sent out a News You Choose highlighting some.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcoming events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTSA Membership meeting: March 5 - School Board Representatives Sandy Anderson (Springfield) and Rachna Sizemore Heizer (Braddock) • Pyramid Art Show at WSHS April 4 – PTSA to provide food as a fundraiser. • WSHS PTSA Scholarship for Success applications due – Mid April • Teacher Appreciation Week – May 6 • Elections – May 14 |
| 8:30 PM | Adjourn |

NEXT MEETING: March 5

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