

DRAFT MINUTES

March 5, 2024; General Membership Meeting

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| 7:30 pm | Welcome/Call to Order, 21 Attendees |
| | <p>Update from Principal Mukai</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We have finished academic advising and spring sports and activities including the spring play are in full swing.• Reminder there are no official Senior skip days. |
| | <p>Update from Alyssa Hughes, Student member of Superintendents Advisory Council (SAC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SAC acts as a bridge connecting the superintendent to students allowing them to implement changes on a larger scale that students need and want• TSAC committees this year are workload, college & career access, inclusion for all, and attendance.• At the end of the year, SAC students present all of their findings and proposed solutions to our superintendent, Dr. Reid.• Some ideas this year have included:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Mental Health & Wellness Days (modeled after West Potomac High School) which are a series of Wellness sessions offered at the end of the semester during a learning seminar.○ Senior Work experience (modeled after a Lake Braddock program) where seniors who have A's in their classes and are able to opt out of finals can do work experiences during finals time frame instead.○ Introducing the College Partnership Program to ESOL students○ A successful program they have implemented are Bathroom QR codes. When students notice a lack of paper towels, toilet paper, soap, a broken sink, etc. they are able to scan the QR code and report it to the custodial staff. |
| | <p>Fairfax County School Board Representatives Sandy Anderson (Springfield District) and Racha Sizemore Heizer (Braddock District)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sandy Anderson, recently elected representative.• Racha Sizemore Heizer, 5 years as representative.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Budget update: Advertised budget is \$254 million (or the budget asked for from the county)<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ The largest portion of this centers on a 6% compensation increase in hopes of retaining and attracting qualified professionals. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Other initiatives include increasing preschool opportunities, environmental and performing arts goals, a holistic revamping of reading programs, strategic plan for algebra by 8th grade ■ Programs that increase students' sense of connection and belonging have been added like sports -boys volleyball and girls wrestling programs and performing arts programs. ■ <u>Capacity questions:</u> WSHS opened at overcapacity and it continues to grow. An outside consultant was brought on in 2021 to evaluate and make some recommendations on updating our boundary policies to help with over capacity issues. The board will finish voting on the findings by July and present it to the Superintendent. ■ Ideas that have been recommended to increase capacity - reassigning instructional space to maximize space, adding modular building , etc. |
| | <p>Board Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requested volunteers for Nominating Committee: Thomas Hicks was unanimously approved to serve on the Nominating Committee and we will continue seeking more members. - February minutes unanimously approved. - Membership Update: Currently at 360 members and continue pushing towards a goal of 400. - Treasurers Update: Renewed web domain. No other new update or major changes - We continue to request for volunteers to participate in PTSA's committee to address student population growth. - Upcoming events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o This Saturday, March 9: Teen job fair at WSHS (RSVP requested) o Pyramid Art Show at WSHS April 4 – PTSA to provide food as a fundraiser. Please let us know if you are interested in volunteering. o International Night will be this Friday night, March 8th. Tickets go on sale on Friday morning. |
| | <p>Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.</p> |

NEXT MEETING: April 9

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