

DRAFT MINUTES

April 9, 2024; General Membership Meeting

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7:30 pm	Welcome/Call to Order
	<p>Update from Principal Mukai</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We are in AP/SOL, end of course testing season. Senior Nights, spring play, prom, senior awards and playoff of push for baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse, and track.• Principal Mukai expanded on the many accomplishments and strengths of WSHS as a neighborhood school.• WSHS has the second highest military connected student population in the division. (Second only to Mount Vernon which is next to Fort Belvoir.)
	<p>Fairfax County School Board Representative, Kyle McDaniel (at-large member)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Currently, the School Board will recognize April as Purple Up month. They are in the lull between proposed budgets and when they ramp up and approve them.• The State Budget approved a 3% teacher pay raise. This means that the State will provide matching funds if the local district gives a pay raise up to 3%. It is not a dollar for dollar match but a percentage.• The School Board continues to work on updating the boundary policy.• The cell phone usage policy was being reviewed and they have requested a one year delay to continue gathering data to address policy change.• They have been gathering data on VAPE usage to adjust the policy as well. They piloted a VAPE detector system that detected 20,000 hits. They learned the technology needs soe work and the costs are significant. It did result in a small progressive VAPE policy with a 1,2,3 infraction system and increased punishment rule.• They continue to look at needs for athletic facility improvements and pursuing naming rights to assist with front loading capital improvement costs.• They have proposed a Military Family Advisory Committee. This would be a standing committee to the school board that could raise issues that affect the nearly 13,000 military connected students in our region.
	<p>WSHS Family Liaison Ashley Springsteen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ashley is able to assist any WSHS families in connecting with or navigating WSHS and FCPS resources.• She is able to arrange translation services when necessary and is responsible for the weekly newsletter.

	<p>Board Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Approval of nominating committee: Hallie Neibauer and Nettia Banton. Tom Hicks was previously approved. Election will be held June 4th allowing for the two months between nomination and election required.● Treasurer/fundraising report: Yindee Thai fundraiser raised \$1,400 which created a cushion in our budget. Based on the Treasurer's report we have an extra \$2500. It was proposed we increase Scholarship for Success awards from \$1500 to \$2000. The additional \$500 was unanimously approved.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The Pyramid Art Show fundraiser was not successful.○ Jersey Mike fundraiser will be a coupon fundraiser over the course of a week and potentially used to drive up Instagram engagement.○ Upcoming Events: Teacher Appreciation Week May 6; PTSA Meeting May 14; Elections June 4th.○ Adriana is working on a presentation for Spanish speaking parents for SEPTA.