

# Meeting Minutes – DRAFT

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February 11, 2025; General Membership Meeting

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7:30 pm	Welcome/Call to Order
7:30 PM	<p>Introduction and Update from Interim Principal Fawsett</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordination between performing arts, sports and activities – tryouts for Spring sports start soon, some crossover with Winter sports, pre-assessment concerts and rehearsals, limited resources to accommodate everything, snow days don't help, appreciate everyone's patience during that transitional period, if you need help navigating any conflicts during this time, reach out</li> <li>• Situation with a staff member that is no longer with WSHS, how can we mitigate this mid-year challenge? It was a DE teacher, and that impacted students and credit, in a perfect world could have other teachers DE certified, but they don't always have that in all areas.</li> </ul>
7:40 PM	<p>Fairfax County Supervisor Pat Herrity (Springfield) (WSHS alum) – County updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Affordability – cost of living and housing in FFX CTY, ongoing issue</li> <li>• Public Safety – major crime is up 20%</li> <li>• Opioid Awareness – continues to be a priority, be cautious</li> <li>• Transportation – restricting U-turns Rolling Road and Bauer, Rolling Rd being widened, crosswalk improvements at Rolling &amp; Grigsby – approved traffic signal, working through funding</li> <li>• Budget – showed \$300m shortfall, County Exec will release his budget on 2/18, School Board will adopt their budget on 2/20, joint mtg on 2/25 to discuss 2026 budget, 3/18 advertise tax rate, public hearings in late April, 5/6 mark up budget</li> <li>• School Boundaries – Would encourage pp to pay attn to the studies, no new projects or developments, but that doesn't mean WSHS could be part of future redistricting.</li> <li>• Teen Job Fair - 3/8 from 11am – 1pm at WSHS, 3/15 from 11am – 1pm at Chantilly, Free to attend, resume building and interviewing technique workshops</li> <li>• Crossing Guards – looking to get private crossing guards to improve staffing</li> <li>• Is the County planning for any impact on the county budget, and ultimately the school budget, from the changes in the federal government? <i>Yes, rapid response team to prepare for changes at the Federal level, too early to tell what the impact will be in Northern VA, largest concentration of Federal employees, we get \$20m for Urban Search and Rescue team, funded by FEMA, get the benefit of the training in FFX,</i></li> <li>• What are the County policies regarding County personnel interacting with federal ICE officials on school grounds and near school grounds (including crossing guards)? <i>Have not heard of ICE being on school grounds to date</i></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many students park along Rolling Road in front of the high school. When it snowed, the plows only plowed along the street and there was nowhere for cars to park along the road. We're trying to figure out who to approach to see if there could be just one sweep at the end to allow for parking. Is that area along the street covered by the County or State? <i>State and VDOT is responsible for Rolling Road, plowing the shoulder of a road can destroy it, so they don't plow it intentionally. After action meeting with VDOT being scheduled to discuss challenges during recent snow days.</i></li> </ul>
8:15 PM	<p>Nominating Committee - request for at least 3 volunteers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be PTSA members</li> <li>• Can't run for elected PTSA Board position</li> <li>• Help recruit and review candidates</li> <li>• Kelley Hempson, Tanika Campbell – Approved, need one more</li> </ul>
8:20 PM	<p>Board Reports &amp; Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on Principal hiring process – postponing hiring panel, still reviewing applications, let Richard know if you have ideas on what you'd like to see in our next Principal</li> <li>• Treasurer Report</li> </ul> <p>PREVIOUS BANK BALANCE as of January 14, 2025, was \$6,396.60.</p> <p>HIGHLIGHTED INCOME - received and deposited \$317.68 from the McAllister's fundraiser on 1/21; received an additional \$448.03, which includes new memberships and funds raised through the practice SAT fundraiser on 2/1.</p> <p>CURRENT BANK BALANCE as of February 12, 2025, is \$7,162.31.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes from January meeting (draft at <a href="http://www.wshsptsa.net">www.wshsptsa.net</a>) - Approved</li> <li>• Practice SAT fundraiser – about 30 students; most people joined PTSA this year rather than just pay for practice SAT</li> <li>• Membership – up to 451 Members</li> <li>• Reflections Art – working to get artwork in display case and included in upcoming concert to celebrate art</li> <li>• Scholarship for Success – updated application coming soon!</li> <li>• FCCPTA – nominations and scholarship opportunities (PTSA members only), if you want to recognize someone, please roll it up through the PTSA so we can support that nomination, seniors who are PTSA members have scholarship opportunities</li> <li>• Creation of new student government elected position for PTSA liaison – would be a resume builder, give students more accountability</li> <li>• Teacher mini grants – awarded to Nicoleta Abott, ESOL Dept Chair, to support ESOL field trip to Mount Vernon; re-evaluating criteria for priority in future grants</li> <li>• WSHS Community Web Page – would there be interest in for-profit, educational, or volunteer opportunities for students received by the PTSA? Examples: radio station internships and camps, George Mason advanced coding classes for high schoolers, volunteer positions, college financial planning help, tutoring – Will give it a try to the extent that they have time to do it</li> <li>• Question about school boundary – rising seniors, could they be forced to move due to boundary changes, and the language reads to exempt seniors</li> <li>• Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up in May – Updates to come!</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>PTSA member very active in supporting Woodson College Sophomore whose family was killed in the recent plane crash, if interested in supporting that, there's a fundraiser <a href="https://fbckingstowne.churchcenter.com/giving">https://fbckingstowne.churchcenter.com/giving</a></li></ul>
8:30 PM	Adjourn

**NEXT MEETING: March 4**

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