

APPROVED  
W.T. WOODSON PTSO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
MINUTES  
October 13, 2015

**Attendance:** Monica Cameron, Linda Vasquez, Denise Parker, Rita Manfredi, Dr. Scott Poole, Rebecca Phalan, Mary Beth Quick, Rebecca Watt, Alicia Ward, Gina Clune, Kristen Summers, Yi Zhang, Shawn Guth, Jeff Yost, Shannon Murphy, Stacey Brahmey, Alicia Ward, Kim Waxman, Aileen Boone, Karen Moran, Jennifer Pryor-Abraham

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Approve Minutes** - September 2015 Approved

**III. Special Guest: Tema Nwana (11<sup>th</sup> grade @ WTW)**

Tema spoke about the High School Diplomats ([highschooldiplomats.com](http://highschooldiplomats.com)) program where 40 American and 40 Japanese students spend 4 days (during the summer) at Princeton University learning about culture, language, politics, social issues, etc. There's also a pep rally and karaoke night. Tema loved the program and spoke passionately about it.

**IV. President's Report - Monica Cameron**

Monica is working on developing our parent programs including Ann Dolin, Heather Tedesco, and 'Saturday Night in the Suburbs'. She is also working on a teaming agreement with the Boosters and Athletic Office to offer live streaming of more events, i.e. Freshman Orientation. The fundraiser with author Rick Riordan was a packed house and we received approx. \$2,000. The proposed date for Milk & Cookies is October 30<sup>th</sup>.

**V. Principal's Report – Dr. Scott Poole**

Homecoming pep rally was fun. The gym was packed and the kids showed a lot of spirit and sportsmanship. Homecoming dance was a huge success-1200 tickets were sold. The kids had a great time and leadership worked hard to decorate. There has been some discussion of rescheduling the homecoming parade for Senior Night but due to logistics (required permits) the parade is cancelled.

Our Cavalier Connection day scheduled for Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled. FCPS has mandated that 'touching bases' days be held on Strategic Planning Days. That leaves us with few options. November 2<sup>nd</sup> or March 26<sup>th</sup>. Staff development has already been planned for Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The preference is to have it early in school year. There was related discussion regarding the recent PSAT. In some schools the kids leave after the test and teachers have staff development in the afternoon.

Next week, October 16-18 is the atmospheric audit walk through. Staff and parents will give recommendations / suggestions on how to create a nurturing environment. The Office of Community Partnership will lead the group.

Lunches are running smoothly. Dr. Poole thanked everyone for their patience while the bus issues were worked. It appears things are running smoothly there also.

There was a question regarding SIS / Blackboard credentials. Dr. Poole will look into it and address it in next Friday's e-mail.

**VI. Treasurer's Report - Linda Vasquez**

Linda reported that we're 4 memberships away from last year's total number. We're currently at 463 members and we're hoping for more teacher sign-ups. We're also doing great in donations- we budgeted \$600 and we have \$775 to date.

**VII. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Membership - Rita Manfredi**

Fall grants will be open shortly and info will come out over the next few days. Grants are due the last day of October. Rita is hoping to do a Buddy Program for new teachers and staff.

**VIII. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Fundraising - Rebecca Phalan**

Rebecca reported there's a lot of interest in website/directory advertising.

**IX. Representative Reports**

Stacey Brahmey reported we are rescheduling the mock exams from October to November.

Teacher Representative Rebecca Watt had nothing to report.

Mary Beth Quick is working on a 'Self Care' day for teachers and staff which will include chair massages, chair yoga, and food donations from True Foods and Trader Joes. Community of Solutions held a general membership meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. Next meeting is November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7pm in the WTW Library.