

APPROVED
W.T. WOODSON PTSO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MINUTES
January 12, 2016

Attendance: Monica Cameron, Linda Vasquez, Denise Parker, Rita Manfredi, Scott Poole, Mary Beth Quick, Rebecca Watt, Kristen Summers, Yi Zhang, Shawn Guth, Stacey Brahmey, Bruce Waxman, Ally Kammerman, Aileen Boone, Betsy Miles, Heather Villavicencio, Mirian Basio, Junas Basio, Lisa Ross, Jennifer Pryor-Abraham, Shannon Murphy, Ruth West

I. Call to Order

II. Approve Minutes - November 2015 minutes approved

III. President's Report - Monica Cameron

Opportunities Night presented by Mrs. Ishii is scheduled for January 26. Marshall HS is hosting a Gap Year program on February 3. Monica floated the idea of a 'Parents Helping Parents' evening for those who would like to hear fellow parents suggestions on how best to prepare their students for selecting a college and other lessons learned to reduce stress and anxiety. Also, the PTSO is interested in funding a student competition 'Designing Spaces' to beautify the courtyard. We need some parents to form a committee.

IV. Mindfulness Survey – Dr. Laura Feagans Gould and Corinne Krill

Laura and Corinne reviewed the 2014-2015 mindfulness program conducted at WTW during Fall 2014/Spring 2015. They reported that students generally enjoyed the program and the majority of students would like to include it in regular classes and are likely to continue practicing mindfulness on their own.

V. Principal's Report – Dr. Scott Poole

Dr. Poole reported on the recent Atmosphere WalkThrough. Parents and staff toured WTW and assessed our physical environment, school wide practices, and policies. Recommendations were made to improve efforts to make WTW a welcoming school. Dr. Poole also discussed a new initiative to help parents and students make course selections. This is a work in progress and will be initially targeted for rising 9th graders. The tool will take into account time for homework, clubs, and sports, etc. We also have a new security system for the front and back doors. During school hours you will need to ring a doorbell to be admitted. Proceed to the main office to sign in. Don't forget your driver's license.

VI. Treasurer's Report - Linda Vasquez

We have quite a bit of unplanned income due to directory ad sales and Rick Riordan author's visit.

VII. Representative Reports

Leadership: Ally reported that the winter dance is February 20 and will benefit Relay for Life. It will cost \$10. It's not formal and it's not a Sadie Hawkins dance. A Blackout Bully day is planned. WTW's Special Olympic Basketball team will play Saturday (Jan 16) at 6:30pm at Robinson SS, tailgate at 5:30pm.

Teacher Representative Rebecca Watt: Teachers are making course recommendations for next year. She encouraged students, parents, and counselors to look at the big picture when selecting courses.

Volunteers: Stacey reported that the teacher appreciation lunch is in May.

SAT/ACT mock exams: Winter test is February 13 and the review is February 23.

Adjourned at 8:47.