

W.T. WOODSON PTSO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MINUTES
November 14, 2016

In attendance:

Kristin Driscoll, Melissa French, Raquel Bishop, Dr. Poole, Mary Beth Quick, Denise Parker, Linda Vasquez, Heather Villavicencio, Kristin Summers, Rita Manfredi, Kennedy Stoll, Kerry Miller, Jennifer Pryor-Abraham, Stacey Brahmey, Kim Waxman, Mary Ellen Horn, Joan Fisher, Cindy Kronlage, Lee Hendrick, Joanne Ladino

I. Call to Order

II. Approve October, 2016 minutes

III. President's Report - Raquel Bishop

Raquel asked that we review the grants first because Shawn Guth had to get to another meeting this evening. (See Shawn's report under Committee Reports.)

IV. Principal's Report - Dr. Scott Poole

November 7th was a strategic planning day. The staff submitted proposals and there were two required courses: 1) Google classroom and 2) disciplinary literacy. Also one elective was taught. March 24 will also be a strategic planning day.

Dr. Poole is excited to rollout the new intervention plan. The program will start with standard diploma kids who are failing their English or math class. These students will be provided additional assistance during return periods or after school. There are approximately 175 kids and if it goes well we'll look to expand program. Students who are not in the program and need additional help can use a flip flop pass to see their teacher(s). The hope is to expand the program to include additional subjects. A KIT has been sent. Math honor society students are also tutoring struggling students in the Math center.

Fall sports went really well. Football made the playoffs. We have had a tremendous start to the school year. Thanks to the support of parents. The kids have been fantastic.

Dr. Poole commented that with the defeat of the meals tax FCPS is going to have a tough time with the budget going forward especially where salaries are concerned.

Linda Vasquez asked about SIS shutting down at the end of last quarter for a week. Dr. Poole said it's by design and that it's a county decision. There's a lot of data entry and so many people are logging on there's a concern that the system will crash. The re-take policy is a lot of work for the teachers and, math, in particular, has been challenging. Leadership chimed in that some teachers gave a report to the students on the last day of class which was helpful.

V. Treasurer's Report - Kristin Driscoll

Taxes have been filed with the IRS. A second Mock exam is on target for February. We purchased more magnets this month for \$272 under Misc expense. Dr. Floyd worked with a group who wanted to rent the gym. We should be fine hitting our total income target. Mock SAT fundraising goal was \$1,600 and we took in over \$1,400. Exams were \$15.

VI. Vice Presidents Report - Melissa French

Membership is going well. We have 505 members to date which is above our budget. Pre-ordered directories are in office if you didn't pick them up. Parents should have gotten an e-mail. We've opened an on line store for directories and magnets. We can add bricks in the future. Rita asked if anyone can order a directory off the website. In the past we were worried about non-community members having access to our information. Sue Taylor will be ensuring to make sure only WTW parents can purchase a directory.

VII. Committee Reports

Shawn Guth - Grants Committee - Shawn reviewed our fall grants. She explained that grants help fund unique funding requests that aren't covered in the school's budget. Total grants requested were \$11,174 against a budget of \$10,000 with grants split between fall and spring. The goal is to reach as many kids as possible with each grant. Booster organizations are sometimes asked to share in funding the grant, i.e. Art Boosters may be asked to help fund an Art grant. The grants were approved.

Linda Vasquez - Bricks & Script - we have 2 Safeway, 2 JC Penney, and 1 Ross card left. There is nothing to report for bricks.

Stacey Brahmey - Hospitality - reported that all volunteer forms have been checked and names have been forwarded to the appropriate committee chairs. Hospitality provided snacks for the hearing screening.

Kim Waxman – We Mail - please remember to use her We Mail specific address for e-mails and to continue to submit announcements by 5pm on Friday for publishing on Monday at 2pm. Kim also reviewed a new, very helpful PTSO website cheat sheet that shows how information on the PTSO site is laid out.

Rita Manfredi - Welcome to Woodson - meeting Wednesday, November 16th, at 7:30 pm. There's some concern among new parents about kids not being allowed into athletics if they move into the community late in the summer. Is this a WTW or VHSL policy?

Leadership - Student Reps - Community Service planning is underway including the annual 'stuff the truck' and the winter dance in February. Rita tipped in that the PTSO budget includes a \$1 dance after a basketball game. Also coming up PS I Love You day and a Blackout Bullying day.

Meeting adjourned: 8:30pm

Next meeting: Monday, December 5, 2016, 7:00pm in the library