

**WT Woodson PTSO Meeting  
May 8, 2018, 7:00 PM in the Library**

**In Attendance:**

Dr. Floyd, Raquel Bishop, Melissa French, Kristin Driscoll, Amy Sine, Kim Waxman, Bruce Waxman, Stacey Brahmey, Pam Hardin, Elena Theobald, Betsy Miles, Joanne Ladino, Katherine Gilbert, Linda Vasquez, Rebecca Wright, Shannon Kamenick, Priscilla Lee, Julie Lifland, Sara Mastro, Michelle Byman, Jacob Yim, Lynn Barnsback

**1. Call to order**

**2. Officer's Report**

- a. President –Raquel Bishop** stated that Dr. Floyd would be coming late so we will proceed with announcing the slate. She said that we would need a vote. Kim Waxman asked for the slate to introduce themselves. On the slate: Sara Mastro: Communications Director, Priscilla Lee: WeMail Editor, Michelle Byman: Treasurer, Michelle Lucas(not present): Secretary, Pam Hardin: Baccalaureate, Lynn Barnsback/ Meri Farling: Cav Cruise Director, Julie Lifland: Cav Cruise Treasurer, Katherine Gilbert: Bricks and Magnets, Bruce Waxman: Student Directories, Kristin Driscoll: 1<sup>st</sup> VP Membership, Elena Theobald: Family and Student Enrichment, Melissa French: President. Raque asked everyone to loo at the slate and asked for a motion. Joanne Ladino was first and Linda Vasquez was the second. Motion carries.
- b. 1<sup>st</sup> VP -- Membership – Melissa French** had no new business.
- c. Treasurer-- Kristin Driscoll** said that the budget was out for everyone to review. April was not a busy month. We paid out for Art Boosters and took money in from directory sales and mock SATS. We had some expenses for Stress Less/ Laugh More. We purchased a year subscription to Weebly to update our system. Linda Vasquez mentioned that the Cav Cruise budget was on the back.
- d. Secretary—Amy Sine** asked for a motion to approve the April minutes. Sara Mastro was 1<sup>st</sup>, Kim Waxman was 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

**3. Other Reports**

- a. Teacher Representative—Liza Cooley** (not present): Raquel said that Liza had no new business and that the teachers loved the luncheon.
- b. Student Reps—Jacob Yim** mentioned some of the recent events including Stress Less/Laugh More, ice cream day, therapy dog day. They also had a Hay Day that let all the clubs come out so students could see what is available. He also mentioned that the 5K was successful. Next month the plan to finish off the year with fun: Spirit Week and Graduation. Raquel asked what charity was supported by the 5K. Jacob said that it was an animal shelter and last year it was Alice's Kids. Kristin mentioned that the PTSO gave some money and gift cards for Stress Less/Laugh More. Jacob mentioned that they always enjoy the free stuff.
- c. Communications Director— Kim Waxman** mentioned that Priscilla Lee will be trained on the WeMail. She said that it is really important to submit WeMail articles to the WeMail address. We will be changing some of the proesses. We will also be changing the WeMail design. She

told Lynn Barnsback that if they wanted to change anything on the website, to let her know. Kim said that the other big piece is that next fall we would like to have the graphic arts students redesign the PTSO logo. Sara Mastro stated that it is vector based and instead of recreating the existing logo, we will have a contest for the design. Kim said that last year there were some payment issues so we want to make sure it is okay. Stacey mentioned that she also knew someone who could help if they needed that. Kim said that if anyone is interested in helping to let them know. Lynn Barnsback said that they also did this using art students with a prize. Sara agreed that is what they are planning on. Raquel said that she loves the idea of using students for the logo. Sara stated that we would like to personalize it with pictures, etc. We would like to grab more people's attention. Kim said that you would only need to send anything to one email.

- d. **Grants—Shawn Guth** (not present)—Kristin Driscoll said that anyone that received a grant, papers are due to her by June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- e. **Family and Student Enrichment—Elena Theobald** said that she wanted to gauge interest in a key note speaker that would be more motivational for students. His name is Erik Swanson and usually talks to corporations, but also talks with youth. He has written a book geared towards youth. He calls himself MR. Awesome and he said she thought it would be good to have him at the beginning of the year. Raquel asked if he was on Youtube for us to watch. Elena said yes and his fee is usually \$5000, but will do it for us for free. Linda mentioned that it might be good to have him at night for the parents too. Raquel said we would go through the process to see about having him. Melissa mentioned that she thought it would be beneficial for the students to hear him during the day, but maybe he can speak both times. Elena said that he would like to record for his Ted talks. He works with kids from 8-18. Melissa asked if we need to book him now and Elena said by July. Kristin said that we needed to go ahead and push him through the pyramid and Melissa said that she thought we should have him during the day. donates once a year and that is sufficient.
- f. **Counselor—Shannon Kamenick** introduced herself and said that they are starting a program where they give back as interns. We decided that a food pantry for the school for students on the free and reduced lunch program would be a good idea. They started a small pantry with food and toiletries. She said that they would like to keep it going in the future even after she leaves. Sara said that she works for a program that donates specific feminine items that we could include. Linda asked how it works. Shannon said that the counseling team and learning teams monitor it and we get requests for families. Kristin also mentioned that it should be discreet. Melissa said that we are facilitating space and helping with this. Stacey said that NHS would be a good venue to get donations. Melissa stated that Elena would handle this next year. Shannon mentioned that adding the additional items would be good and then help with keeping it stocked. Raquel asked if they were looking for contributions or volunteers and Shannon said that the counselors man the pantry, they just need contributions. Shannon said if there are any questions to contact Adrienne Wood. Sara will be reaching out to the company she works with (Braws).
- g. **Teacher Luncheon—Stacey Brahmey** said that the Teacher Luncheon went well. We ran out of pork. She said she is excited that Raquel is taking it over. The teachers enjoyed it and thanks to all of the volunteers and food. Raquel thanked Stacey and Melissa recognized Stacey for running this for 4 years.

- h. Milk and Cookies—Shannon Muphy** (not present) Amy Sine read an email from Shannon. They had the last Milk and Cookies, but ran out of cookies. She spoke with the person taking over next year and they discussed an increase in publicity. Sara asked if we had more people or less cookies and it was stated that it was less cookies. Kim said to have the default be more than 1 dozen. Joanne stated that most kids got cookies and only a few didn't. Melissa mentioned that we need to think outside the box. She put it on the FB page and it helped. We talked this year about cutting back, but she said that we need to keep it going.
  - i. CAV Cruise—Linda Vasquez** said they are doing well, but attendance is down. We are at 280-290. People do sign up at the last minute and the door closes online on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Raquel said that she would ask Dr. Floyd to tweet it out. Kim mentioned that there is also a 2018 page that we might be able to put it on. Linda said that were told no for that. Jacob Yim suggested that they could make morning announcements and add to the Class of 2018 FB page. Lynn Barnsback said that this night is for the seniors and is an amazing event. She said the kids are in their natural element and the kids enjoy hanging together. She said that the message hasn't gotten to the students and that all kids want to go. Stacey said that after AP Exams, there will be more to sign up. Linda mentioned that they had advertised a lot. Jacob said he will work to make the announcements and talk to seniors. Linda stated that they have a mechanical bull, a hypnotist, food all night and human foosball. Melissa said they could put some pictures on the announcements. Kristin asked if there is a student liaison for the Cruise. Linda and Lynn stated that they rely on the students to get the word out.
  - j. Hospitality—Teresa Lamair**—(not present) Amy Sine read an email. May 21<sup>st</sup> is the Senior Awards Ceremony. They are still in need of one or two people to purchase (for reimbursement) cookie and brownie platters and punch supplies and to help set it up. June 6<sup>th</sup> is Underclassmen Awards. We are still looking for volunteers for the same areas. Kim mentioned that this time last year, we had people that volunteered and we can check on that.
  - k. Baccalaureate—Pam Hardin and Betsy Miles**— The invitations are at the printer. You have to answer how many seniors are in your group for RSVP. We have an Imam and a Youth Pastor for speakers. We have kids at Woodson that attend both. We are waiting to hear from a Rabbi. We wanted to keep it at three. The key note speaker is Michael Viccora (history teacher). Dr. Floyd mentioned that Jeremy Burrows is interested if you still need someone. Betsy stated that they have a link on the Senior Info page for baccalaureate. Linda Vasquez said the Cav Cruise shifts would be 1030-1 and 1-4. We need volunteers all night. It's a great way for parents to see what is going on. We have a Sign-Up Genius set up. Dr. Floyd said that we can send a blurb to the whole Junior class.
- 4. Principal/AP Report—(this took place in between Cav Cruise report and Hospitality report) Dr. Floyd** reported that they were well into AP testing. She said it is stressful, but most students want to take them even though they are optional. SOLs start next Friday and it will overlap with AP tests for 1 day. There will be SOL testing for 2 weeks and then we are done. Exam schedules are listed on the homepage. She said the teacher luncheon was nice and thanked everyone for it. They are getting ready for graduation. The administration is meeting with each English class to talk about SR&R. They are going to get through the prom and then there will be 30 days until graduation. She said she has never had to give a 30 day to a senior, but they are reminding the students to think before they act. She said the 30 day rule may be effective. They are also reminding the students

about cap, gown and regalia and the what the ceremony means. Elementary schools will be getting a grad walk. We got through Hay Day. We are problem solving around a Cav Culture Community Group. We want the kids to feel connected. Linda Vasquez asked about the timing with the back to back exams and getting to the test on time. If they run over in one test, what do they do? Dr. Floyd replied they take the test on the make-up day. Linda asked if they could take it the same day if they wanted and Dr. Floyd said that it has to be on the make-up day. For change with those types of rules, any and all advocacy to the College Board should be taken. Sara asked if they do analytics on taking 2 tests in the same day. Dr. Floyd stated that the kids prepare for it and they are ready for “game day”.

5. **New Business— Jacob Yim** said that the students were working on beautification. They have been putting murals on the walls and planning on putting up more. They bought cups to go on the fence. They had teacher (bagels, videos), leader and senior (doughnuts and raffles), and admin(lunch) appreciation weeks. They had SGA and SCA elections and the future is looking great! Raquel gave gifts for the people leaving: Stacey, Kim, Kristin, Melissa and Amy
6. **Old Business—**No old business
7. **Adjournment—**8:16 Next meeting is June 5th at 6:00 pm in the library.