

WT Woodson PTSO Meeting
September 12, 2017, 7:00 PM in Career Classroom

In Attendance:

Dr. Scott Poole, Mr. Yarborough, Raquel Bishop, Melissa French, Alan Anderson, Kristin Driscoll, Amy Sine, Kim Waxman, Bruce Waxman, Justin Laiti (student), Chrissy Dunn, Bridgette Trela, Kesha Stowe, Liza Cooley, Celeste Felsburg, Kristy Rumbaugh, Linda Vasquez, Elena Theobald, Katie Poole, Beth Mailand, Jennifer Pryor-Abraham, Surabhi Tandon, Ender Berberian, Mirela Cantuneanu, Kristina Clarke, Catherine Swanton, Mary Beth Quick, Joanne Ladino, Shawn Guth

1. Call to order

2. Officer's Report

- a. **Principal's Report – Dr. Scott Poole** stated that this was his last meeting and that he was staying until October 1st. The principal panel was selected and the interviews were planned.

He talked about the Academic Awards ceremony that is usually at the start of school and that students will have to maintain a 3.85 GPA. There was an issue in past years with kids that were transferred that were not in this ceremony and that's why they are changing the ceremony. However, the administration would like to still keep this program and have a breakfast for all the students that received this award in October. Parents asked if students would continue to receive a letter or pin for the students that already received this award. Dr. Poole said he believed so and would double check.

Dr. Poole stated that he had made changes to balloon day and was in agreement that it should continue, but to include even more options and colleges so that all students will be comfortable in participating. We need to continue the program and get the kids to help set the guidelines. Ms. Ishi runs this program.

Dr. Poole introduced the new assistant principal—Mr. Yarborough. He talked about his career and working in Falls Church, the DC School system including turn around schools and charter schools. He also discussed his perspective and philosophy.

Raquel mentioned that it would be great to have a vice principal at every meeting.

Dr. Poole stated that the start of school went well except for a couple of bus issues that were being resolved.

A parent asked if the CAV Culture Advisory Board made up of parents, students and staff and diversity issues would continue in the transition from Dr. Poole to the next principal. Dr. Poole said he expected the board to continue. In addition, teachers participating in the Culture Leadership team went through the Cultural Proficiency Training.

The discussion then went to the safe space issue we talked about in the spring. It is not feasible to put the space outside. There is a room near the offices with windows where students could be monitored. We can come up with some reasonable criteria for kids to use the space and work with counselors and clinicians for a process. Linda Vasquez asked if the library was an option. Dr. Poole discussed having the student pass through a counselor or clinician to ensure student health. Parents weighed in and discussion about a parent volunteer to head this up.

b. 1st VP—Membership – Melissa French

- i. Teacher Supply Closet: PTSO wants to create a supply closet to encourage teachers to join the PTSO. Interested people can volunteer to help start this.
- ii. Speaker vetting. Woodson has developed a process to vet speakers and the PTSO would also like to adopt a similar process for our speakers.
- iii. Mock Exams: Yelena Jones is in charge of this program. There will be 2 Mock Exam Fundraisers this year for the PTSO. Mindworks hold the exams. They are \$15 each. The first one is October 28th and there will also be one in the spring.
- iv. Milk and Cookies: Shannon Murphy will spear head this. There will be 4 this year with sign-ups to volunteer.

c. 2nd VP—Fundraising—Alan Anderson

- i. Directories: Alan asked Bruce Waxman to weigh in on the directories. Bruce has contacted Susan Lee in the Admin office and the directory info will be released to the PTSO around mid-October. We need numbers on how many directories to print. Kristin and Melissa will keep track of the numbers of directories pre-ordered. We are looking at early November for distribution.
- ii. Kim Waxman discussed ads for the directories. We are expanding the ads to be not only in the printed directory but also as the website. There will be different costs for different kinds of ads. The ads will be in the Wemail and on the website and hopefully we will be adding coupons from local businesses to the directory. Meri Farling will send an email out to solicit all ad sales; this information will also be communicated via Wemail and on the PTSO website.
- iii. Engraved Bricks: Linda Vasquez in charge of the brick sales that are then placed in the courtyard. You can download the order form from the website. If you order by May 15th, they will be installed by graduation. Once a month, there will be something in the wemail about it. A parent mentioned about having a school project for the kids to create a map of where all of the bricks are located. It could be used as service hours for the kids. Although there are some that are hard to get to, it was suggested that there could be a grant for a company to help clean the weeds and dirt.
- iv. Cathy Swanton: Student Driver Magnets: They will be selling magnets at Back to School Night and at the 5 Safe Driving Parent/Teen Seminars held at Woodson this year.

d. Treasurer—Kristin Driscoll

- i. PTSO Budget and All Night Grad Party budgets and copies for everyone. The numbers are based on last year.
- ii. Educational Support Grants: Provide grants to groups and activities that can't fund themselves (math tutors, snacks, special needs, calculators, model congress, science team, etc)

- iii. Family Enrichment Programs: We need to work with Dr. Floyd for speakers. Elena Theobald is the volunteer for speakers. Please contact her with any suggestions. Programs for a stronger community—Monica Cameron is a good resource.
- iv. Stacey moved to approve budget as presented—Motion Carried
- v. Audit needs to be adopted by membership. On July 31st, 3 auditors were used. Also Cav Cruise audit was done July, 28th. Motion to approve audits—Motion Carried

3. Other Reports

- a. **CAV Cruise**—Linda Vasquez—Cav Cruise Budget: Fundraising shoe collection: We are trying to get 7500 pairs of shoes. To date, there are about 2500-3000. There will be a link on the homepage. Fundraisers yard signs are on sale.
- b. **Lisa Cooley**—Teacher Representative—Thanked the PTSO for the breakfast. Asked how we can have better exposure for teachers to sign up for the PTSO. We would like to have forms in the teachers mailboxes.
- c. **Justin Laiti**—Student Representative—Senior SGA officer. He thanked the PTSO for a great dance after the football game. The DJ was really good. Senior week went well with different days and themes. It was to promote seniors and get them excited for the year. There was a good turn out for the Cav Kick-Off. Homecoming is the weekend of October 20-21st.
- d. **Kim Waxman**—WeMail— WeMail submissions are due by 5pm on the Friday prior to Monday's publication (by 5pm on the Thursday prior if you have an attachment. Guidelines are available on the PTSO website where you will also find the PTSO calendar, WeMails, engraved brick information, the PTSO online store, a list of all PTSO volunteers with email addresses (Under the "About Us" tab. The "Resources" tab published monthly workshops special resources. Also on the PTSO Website is CAV Cruise information and the Welcome to Woodson Program under "For New Families" tab.
- e. **Mary Beth Quick**—Talked about what we can do for the Staff Self Care Day. Would like to have food vendors, chair massages, service dogs. There would be a 2 hour period the teachers could take advantage of this. Will do a Sign-Up Genius for volunteers. Would likely happen late October/November, April and June. Could offer advertising for those businesses donating their time.

4. Old Business—No old business

5. New Business—

- a. Stacey mentioned that the volunteer forms are not coming in compared to previous years. Mentioned having forms at BTSN. We need to start looking for a Teacher Appreciation Lunch Coordinator for next year.
- b. Kristin/Shawn—Grants—We will open the grant money and allocate. There are 2 opportunities for grants. In the fall, we look at the budget and vote to approve grant money for the year. Next month we will open the grant money and present the PTSO

with all grants that are turned in. After Christmas, we will look at the second cycle. Most are front loaded in the fall. \$10,000 was allocated – fluid in allocation.

6. Announcements—

- a. Next Meeting is Tuesday, October 10th in the library at 7:00 pm.

7. Adjournment