

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

Attendance: Rita Manfredi, Linda Vasquez, Rebecca Phalan, Scott Poole, Rebecca Watt, Shawn Guth, Ally Kammerman, Yi Shang, Bruce Waxman, Stacey Brahmey, Junas Basio, Monica Cameron, Melanie Do, Jennifer McGarey, Shannon Murphy, Heather Davies, Denise Parker

I. Call to Order

II. Approve Minutes – Approved January and March minutes

III. President's Report – Monica Cameron

We are recruiting new PTSO members for next year. The Courtyard Project will be April 22 in the courtyard by Cav Hall. This student/teacher driven beautification effort is funded by the PTSO. Stress Less/Laugh More week is happening this week. The PTSO funded locker magnets for that have helpful phone numbers for Crisis Link, mental health links, etc. On April 26th there will be a Parent Ed presentation “What is Normal Teen Behavior vs. Warning Signs of Mental Health or Substance Abuse”.

IV. Principal's Report – Dr. Scott Poole

We had a minor fire (which was over very quickly) caused by a handkerchief over a light during a photography exercise. Dr. Poole updated us on the Student/Staff panel-a Blackboard page will be created to reach a wider sampling of students. An end of year KIT will be coming out soon to seniors detailing graduation, Cav Cruise, etc. A graduation speaker has not been chosen yet. SL/LM is going well. There are lots of activities for students and staff. There was also an update of the tardy policy: Staff will be stationed around the building to help get kids checked in more efficiently. There was also a discussion of getting ready for next year including mid-term grading policy review, improve return periods, intervention for failing kids, collaborative teaming, schedule simulator for rising 9th graders.

V. Treasurer's Report – Linda Vasquez

This month we had \$1,100 in income, the bulk of that coming from the SAT/ACT practice tests. Expenses-we've paid for all of the fall grants. We still have expenses to pay for spring grants, teacher appreciation, SL/LM, and Baccalaureate.

VI. Vice Presidents Report – Rita Manfredi and Rebecca Phalan

We need suggestions to boost our PTSO meeting attendance. We also need new officers for next year's slate. Rita and Rebecca may need to call people.

VII. Representative Reports

Leadership-Ally reported that Leadership candidates will find out Friday if they've been accepted. Leadership is hosting a Teacher Appreciation breakfast. There will be a kiss (Hershey) a senior goodbye. Histiocytosis 5k run is May 21st at 8am.

Teacher Representative Rebecca Watt: Ms. Watt had nothing to report.

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon: Stacey noted that the luncheon will take place on Thursday, May

5th, and Red Hot & Blue has been booked.

SCRIP: Linda indicated that due to continued slow sales that this may be the last year for script.

WeMail: Jennifer McGarey, a senior parent, reported that we need a replacement for her.

Community of Solutions (COS) & NAMI: Heather reminded us that NAMI meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at WTW and the 4th Thursday of every month in Springfield. She reported that the COS teacher self-care day was Monday. She testified at the BOS meeting regarding mobile crisis unit(s). She also discussed if school clinic and counselors do more mental health care. Heather also stated that on May 3rd there a Summit regarding opioid abuse to be held at the FC Gov't Center. The Unified Prevention Coalition will host the movie, 'The Other Side of Cannabis' on May 19th that will include a panel discussion.

Meeting Adjourned: Next Meeting May 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.