

West High School

Parent Teacher Student Association

Meeting Minutes – December 5, 2018

1. Business Items

- a. Review Minutes November
 - i. No replies so went ahead & posted them. The website needs updating - board members.
- b. Treasurer's Report - Kristin Bonacci
 - i. West High Interactive Parent Support NETwork (WHIPSNET) posted soliciting membership. Kristin will look onto new funds on My School Fees.
 - ii. Faculty meeting is a week from today at 2:45 in the Choir Room. Racheel will write a paragraph for Ben Jones to read at December's meeting soliciting faculty memberships &/or donations. Katherine offered to attend January's faculty mtg as a follow up reminder.
 - iii. Possibly join the ELP-IB in soliciting donations & offer to have them join too. The request can also be e-mailed out to their communication list. We can share with them what the PTSA funds go towards.

2. West PTSA 2017-2018 committee Updates

- a. Community Outreach - Lisa Thompson
 - i. Nothing new this month to report.
- b. Reflections - Racheel Taussky
 - i. Done this year! Racheel stepped up with Kim's help. Entries received: 2 dance, 6 literature, 1 photography, 75 2D & 8 3D entries. Awards are January 9th at Highland High to see if they win & move on to Regionals.
 1. Katherine will look for space at Highland High to hold this PTSA meeting there, see the Reflections entries, & go to dinner afterwards. All would be welcome.
- c. Teacher Appreciation - Suzanne Attix
 - i. Suzanne collected names of people interested to help. The group will meet in March to brainstorm a plan. In the past, West has done something daily - most in the mornings & one lunch. Possibly set up a couple locations to make it closer to teachers - one in the tech wing? It is also a testing week to keep in mind. We can do it any week, like during a lull in February, but we have to remember that there is a lot to carry in. We should ask for donations & gift cards. Plan on 105 teachers - 190ish total staff. Kim has a lot of past ideas.
- d. Grad Night - Joni Jones
 - i. She couldn't attend tonight but will be there next month. We have Boondocks in Draper & East may join us.

3. 2018-2019 Initiatives

- a. Food Pantry - Lisa Sandstrom

- i. Open & busy! There will be a grand opening ribbon cutting with possible media coverage. Last month everyone was called down to the Family Resource Center to see where it's located & was given a box of cereal.
 - b. Community Partnerships, Our Casa - Racheel Taussky
 - i. Our Casa did not get to meet so they will meet & will report next month.
 - ii. Transportation to after school programs is needing funded, but the district will fund teachers before these kinds of programs.
 - iii. Safety procedures in place at school, but there's a discrepancy between policies & the reality of students knowing what to do.
 - 1. There is only one cart of supplies for emergencies, so we need to look into more for easier access.
 - 2. Emergency drills are done at school.
 - 3. Stop the Bleed programs can be brought in with the PTSA to help fund. Lisa Speight will talk to Ewin Jones (9th grade West student) for more info about bringing this program to West.
- 4. Principal's report - Ford White
 - a. Ben Jones attended in Ford's place.
 - b. The 10K in 10 minutes was approved for Dec. 21st, but the teachers have to stay this year. The administration will have a Hot Chocolate holiday social in the cafeteria during this time.
 - c. West High's community really came through to show their support to keep West High's open enrollment.
- 5. Teacher Rep report
 - a. Student Leadership Committee - Kara Budge
 - i. Couldn't attend tonight & will report next month.
- 6. Student Rep report
 - a. Lunch with Principal - Shayla Steinfels
 - i. Couldn't attend but turnout & discussions went well. They'll report next month.
- 7. Nominating Committee
 - a. Katherine & Racheel will talk to the 6th grade teachers at our feeder elementary schools to see which parents may be great to join the PTSA once they know who plans to attend West. The PTSA needs representation of our West Side community. We need a well-connected nominating committee to help reach out & engage new members.
- 8. Review Calendar
 - a. Dec 3: Reflections Due to Region
 - b. February 9: Sweethearts Dance
 - c. February 28: Parent Teacher Conferences
 - d. March 18-22: Spirit Week
 - e. March 22: Spirit Bowl

- f. May 4: Senior Prom (date may change)
 - g. May 6-10: Teacher Appreciation Week
 - h. June 5: Grad Night
9. Next meeting January 9th at 5:30 @ Highland High?