

West High School

Parent Teacher Student Association

Meeting Minutes – January 10, 2018

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. 2017-2018 Initiatives
 - Community Partnerships.....Lisa Thompson
 - i. Casa review (see Nov. & Dec. meeting minutes) The program has many community partnerships & resources focused on equity & access to higher education. The room is open for families & the community M-Th currently. PTSA may be able to help by opening the place for a two-hour window on Friday. 2 people at a time is best for safety reasons in addition to required background checks. Coffee networking/Our Casa introduction time?
 1. Kristin put a motion on the floor & Sierra seconded it for PTSA to look into covering the \$50 fee for volunteers who need a background check. There were no issues with looking into. We believe the community partners will offer the training.
 - ii. Lisa & Kim went to Granger High to see their food bank program to use as a model. There is a pantry room within the counseling/admin area. Walt May from the Food Bank said the need is based on free & reduced lunch to qualify a school. Storage is an issue for West. Ford will contact Granger's principal.
 1. Access to the elementary school pantry program truck that regularly attends schools, but to access that program, your student must attend that school.
 - iii. Ford would like the PTSA to see an area in the library to create a College & Career focused area for next school year. Our Casa will move there to make access easier for families & centrally locate all resources.
 1. Capacity is 3300 for West & it's expected to be 3000 next year so West needs to rethink space. Gear Up will hold classes in teacher's rooms who are on consultation, so their room is available. Ford will take us on a tour next month. Ford is also looking for a full-time social worker & intern & streamline the connection to outside mental health support.
3. Business Items
 - Treasurer's Report.....Kristin Bonacci
 - i. Nothing to report.
4. PTSA 2017-2018 Committee Updates
 - Reflections..... Julie Peaslee
 - i. Julie couldn't attend tonight but she sent an update to Kim. The award ceremony was last night at Highland & West was well represented. Julie will email Ford to arrange a chance to announce the winners. Ford recommended the Winter Assembly that will begin highlighting more than

sports. Ford would like to also post it on social media. Winners will receive an Amazon gift card.

- ii. Grad Night June 6th: needs a chair, so Kim started getting info
 - 1. All Star needs a guarantee of 200 kids which is way over our 35+
 - 2. Boondocks: both locations are booked, but Kim asked East high to share their Kaysville location. East expects 150 to attend.
 - 3. Cost is usually \$25 for bus, food, activities, & prizes. West High usually helps subsidize some of it.
 - 4. Emmanuel will ask around to see if the students would mind sharing a venue w/ East.
 - 5. Ford is looking into releasing the seniors a week early once they are cleared.
- iii. Lunch with the Principal: Jan. 18th Emmanuel will recruit friends & students to attend w/ food & feedback on the school. Ford is hoping for 10-15 students for each lunch & will see how it goes. PTSA will invite their kids. All grades, 7th-12th are invited. Emmanuel & Kim will help Ford create a simple agenda. Emmanuel will work on helping the students feel comfortable sharing their opinions & being critical with the principal in the room.

5. Principal's Report.....Ford White

- Attendance: how to improve it w/o negatively reinforcing behavior. Bring back citizenship to separate behavior from academics? Get stakeholders input on what to do about tardies & attendance.
 - i. 20% habitual absent & 3% habitual tardy
 - ii. Don't want student advocates to chase students.
 - iii. Raised \$27K for Family Resource Center the end of December
 - iv. Ford wants stakeholder input on issues to know what the School Community Council (SIC) should work on & keep in mind for accreditation & let everyone know that PTSA is an important voice at West.
 - v. West needs to support ALL students
 - vi. Master Schedule has been changed to better support students such as a math teacher to do credit recovery & help students catch up on missed credit & learning. Math is also being doubled up, so some have math every day.
 - vii. PTSA create 3 issues to address at each PTSA meeting? Draw in people to discuss.
 - viii. Try a breakfast "Parfait with the Principal" to bring in more parents in the morning to share their voice

6. Teacher Rep Report.....Julie Anzelmo

- Next Wed. 1:30-2:30pm Cristina Henriquez who wrote "Book of Unknown Americans" will visit West & speak w/ 350+ students through the United We Read SLC program. The author will also hold a night forum in West Jordan.
- Julie follows the legislative bills & PTSA asked her to share information with the PTSA to send out.
- Emmanuel & Julie have a Google Drive to track book donations.

7. Student Rep Report.....Emmanuel Onyeagba

- Nothing to report tonight.

8. Calendar

- PTSA book drive (Required Reading Book Bank- R2B2) Jan 16-19th
- PTSA Sponsored student lunch with Principal White Jan 18th
- March 1st Parent Teacher Conferences
- May 19th Senior Prom
- May 7th-11th Teacher Appreciation Week
- June 6th Commencement/Grad Night

9. Next meeting Feb 7th at 5:30

10. Future meetings:

February 7th

March 7th

April 4th

May 2nd