

West High School

Parent Teacher Student Association

Meeting Minutes – March 7, 2018

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Business Items
 - a. Treasurer's Report.....Kristin Bonacci
 - i. Not covered due to Kristin's absence.
3. PTSA 2017-2018 Committee Updates
 - a. Parent Teacher Meals.....Adriana Rojas
 - i. P/T meals went well. Adriana didn't need to ask for desserts, but someone donated 2 big platters of cookies. Adriana also had fruit & yogurt. Julie said the teachers liked the food & were asking about the BBQ sauce. Teachers generally really enjoy the time to get together & visit over food before P/T Conferences. The PTSA received around \$500 in online donations which covered most of the money spent! Tip: \$70? Katherine made a motion to give a \$70 tip & Lisa seconded it. All approved. Do Pro Start students get the tips? If not, maybe the tip can be paid to help with their fees or the PTSA can give the students a tip. The meal is becoming more successful with every year thanks to Adriana!
4. 2017-2018 Initiatives
 - a. Community Partnerships.....Lisa Thompson
 - i. Lisa met with the partners of Our Casa. Ford will take us on a tour to see a potential space to use as an easy access, unifying current resources housed at West like Gear Up, Trio, & Pace in addition to a gathering space for families to use for speakers, etc. SCC may hire a 29 hour a week employee to run it. The job description & proposal is currently being written. The position may be able to tie into the current job description for the advocate position. Remodeling should begin over the summer with the position beginning next school year. The FAFSA person will be new, coming from the U of U. The Family Resource Center (FRC) is near the potential Our Casa site. Ford is looking into getting a full-time social worker with an intern, hopefully funded by the U. If not, maybe the SCC can help fund it. West will bring in the Hope Squad next year (anti-suicide group). PTSA can help organize volunteers to help keep Our Casa open longer.
5. Our CASA and Family Resource Center Tour.....Ford White
 - a. Saw the new college & career readiness area. The PTSA wants to make sure all students & their families know about and access these resources.
6. Principal's Report.....Ford White
 - a. Registration is being entered by hand, so West's ability to post for needed staff positions is delayed.
 - i. Students will leave school this year with a draft schedule. A 2nd version will go out mid-summer, & a final one is printed the start of school in the fall.
 - b. Only 34% of the students have emails in PowerSchool & many are student emails.

- i. Online registration will try to capture more emails. Another goal is to help families set up their own access to PowerSchool so students don't change contact info, also giving parents access.
 - c. Training needs to be done regularly for teachers & staff on how to handle emergencies.
 - i. A drill needs to be taught for an active shooter. It is important to inform, yet not create panic. It is best to teach adults very well to help control the situation. Ford is updating security & trying to find a balance between safety & freedom.
 - 1. Run: if possible
 - 2. Hide: if you can't run away
 - 3. Fight if you can't run or hide
 - d. Ford would like to schedule another lunch with the principal - week of April 9th
 - e. Ford will provide a bus for Saturday events & any other away events as long as the coach(es) requests it.
- 7. Teacher Rep Report.....Julie Anzelmo
 - a. The faculty may not know that it's the PTSA providing the meals. Julie will communicate that with them.
- 8. Student Rep Report.....Emmanuel Onyeagba
 - a. Emmanuel didn't have anything to report.
- 9. Review Calendar
 - a. May 19th Senior Prom
 - b. May 7th-11th Teacher Appreciation Week
 - i. Julie will ask reasonable teachers for ideas on ways to honor them
 - 1. The mystery book wrap was a hit last year but is a lot of work. Julie has students who can help with labor like wrapping packages, etc.
 - 2. West's business partner Fidelity may do more so PTSA should check with them.
 - c. June 6th Commencement/Grad Night - partnering with East @ Boondocks
 - i. Katherine will try to find a junior parent who will possibly take on this year & next
 - 1. Katherine will also try to find a new nominating person
- 10. Next meeting April 4th at 5:30
- 11. Future meetings: April 4th & May 2nd