West High School
Parent Teacher Student Association
Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2021

Zoom Meeting

1. Business Items
   a. Approved Jan. 2021 minutes
   b. Treasurer’s Report Bethany Johnson
      i. $250 deposit for masks
      ii. No new members & nothing to report
      iii. Current balance: $3715.42
      iv. The money PTSA donated to help cover AP Exams was submitted. The ELP/IB Committee was very grateful for our donation.

2. Principal’s Report - no one in attendance

3. School Board - Katherine Kennedy
   a. Katherine shared the state COVID-19 School Data Dashboard showing that being 100% distance/remote learning was effective.
      i. Schools are showing higher COVID cases compared to SLD - percentage wise by being distance learning.
      ii. Utah has a high spread & positivity rates. May be due to anti-maskers & non-believers of COVID.
      iii. Utah also has such a low per-pupil spending, so we have more crowded classrooms.
   b. Board Meeting 2/2/21
      i. Discussed Late Start plans - a 0 period vs. past Late Start plan
      ii. The school board has the selected superintendent candidates.
      iii. Student Board Member policy change discussion - Instead of rotating schools, any interested future junior or seniors could apply for the Student School Board position. A committee of 21 people would go through the applications & interview with a committee of 7. There could be a runner-up too. You could only hold the position for a year, but possibly help advise next year’s member.

4. West PTSA Committees
   a. PT Conference Meals
      i. Teachers may be able to take away food but cannot get together for meals.
         1. Boxed lunches should be possible since it is how student lunch will be done.
         2. Paul will create a message for WHSPSN to solicit donations P/T Conference meals which will cost more due to COVID-19 restrictions.
      ii. Kathy Barnard is not sure if there will be a third P/T Conference. She will check with admin & let us know. There is a date scheduled March 4th, but that was before the most recent one was scheduled.
iii. Katherine would like Kathy to remind admin to remind teachers to offer to meet with off-quarter meetings too. The last P/T Conference was announced last minute which may have led to the lower turn out.

b. Fundraising
   i. Mod Pizza in Sugarhouse is willing to do a fundraiser night & give us 20% back. We’ll try to get March 18th; it can take two weeks to be approved. Paul will help publicize it once it is approved. Mod Pizza should have a flyer to use, if not we can create one.

c. Teacher Appreciation
   i. Kim will put chocolates with a nice note in teacher boxes welcoming them back to in-person classes starting Feb. 8th.
   ii. PTSA would like to know what teachers need from us to support them returning to the classroom. Teachers are getting ready but may not know what they ended until Monday. Kathy will send out a request to teachers to see what they need.
      1. Vaccines: More than 40% of teachers have started the first dose. It’s based on how many vaccines the district receives from the health department. SLD received 650 1st doses for the next round. Feb. 11th will be dose #2 for the first round.
      2. There have been a lot of inequities to how the state has distributed the vaccines and we’re wondering why/how Jordan and Davis districts received more vaccines & weeks sooner.

d. Grad Night - Sandra
   i. Sandra reached out to our past contact. We have until April to apply for the grant.
   ii. Sandra will book Booondocks just to be safe, but we need to decide how we want to proceed as we see how the 2nd half of the year goes.

e. Student Rep - Matej not able to attend tonight but sent comments to Sandra to report.
   i. A lot of time recently has been spent discussing who is returning to in-person learning next week.
   ii. Things seem to be going well with students.

f. Teacher Rep - Kathy Bernard
   i. Comments throughout various topics.

g. Communication - Paul
   i. Microsoft Online Form - West’s admin centralized the process but it stopped working after a few months. Paul contacted the district IT person to say the form is now blocked. A username & password can be created to allow others to submit communications. The form is owned by Lynette. She will work with Paul to get information shared until the form is unblocked for him. Kathy and Katherine can access the form and offered to help test &/or submit PTSA communications.

h. Reflections
   i. PTSA would like to have the school winners announced in the yearbook. Sierra will check with Arie & Mr. Packard to see what it would take. Possibly have a picture of the student and their art?
   ii. How are the district winners selected? West High seems to be underrepresented in the regional level winners.
   iii. Students need to know that a lot of the points come from a strong, connecting statement to the theme.

5. Adjourned. Next Meeting: March 3rd