



Westside High School PTO

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Leslie Evans, VIPS Coordinator • Laura McDuffie, Parliamentarian •
Dr. Suspa Sinha Chowdhury, Faculty Representative •
Keri Wittpenn, Principal •

PTO Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 11, 2020

In Attendance

Sarah Castro, Anni Krisanto, Stephanie Brewster, Gypsy Morinelli, Leslie Evans, Laura McDuffie, Dr. Chowdhury, Principal Wittpenn

Meeting started at 5:30 pm

Welcome

Sarah welcomed the group and reviewed the agenda and discussed showing appreciation for our veterans.

President

Approve Minutes

Minutes shared from October meeting
Changes--none
Motion to approve by Anni Krisanto
Seconded by Gypsy Morinelli

Recording Secretary

Budget

\$125 for water filter service for teachers
\$150 for professional development speaker

Treasurer

Principal's Message

COVID stats- campuses will begin to offer rapid testing; nurse going through training. There have been 10 total events—presumed or positive case since we have begun. This is reflected in COVID dashboard. Nurse has been doing a tremendous job in speaking with staff, parents, etc, to make sure that there are only isolated outbreaks. She has dealt with them swiftly. New nightly fogging protocol; part of custodial closing practices.

Principal

Parent opt-in for cycle 3 is this week. If not making any changes, there is no need to go into the system. Originally, we had 400 students and now in-person attendance has been going down due to health concerns. Proud of the way staff and students have been self-reporting. Dashboard doesn't update with the callouts; it should be updated on a weekly basis. Nurse completes a report and sends it in, which should get updated weekly. There have been both; multiple people have to quarantine based on contact.

PSAT—December 15th for 9th graders; testing fatigue, can 9th graders get picked up? An extra 1 or 2 callouts to remind parents that they need to pick up their kids early on that day. It will be a virtual day for all non-testers

Proposed final exam schedule—Jan 25-28th
Releasing early—1:05 pm
Each final 2 hours long
Final exams are only worth 10%

Holiday celebrations-outside events for 9th graders

Function for the staff—how would that look? Outdoor movie night? Trivia night for staff?

Pep rally for the teachers—outside

Flex time? Some teachers are going into flex time to teach and the student is not getting the assignments completed; some of teachers need to put due dates/times on assignments. Parents would like to see where the students are missing. Could flex time be used to go over work in small groups, so students know what they are missing? Timely feedback is not always happening—can graded work be released more often so students know what they need to work on.

Business

President

1. Partnership with STUCO
 - Faculty/Staff Appreciation letters
 - Sorted at WHS on Sat, 11/14 from 12-2 pm and Sun, 11/15 from 2-4 pm
 - Received authorization to pay for supplies for printing the letters
 - Food Drive
 - November 16-20
 - Boxes around building for in-person students to donate and receive community service hours
 - Manned box for virtual students to donate (drive-by) in carpool lane of student parking lot at 4:30 pm
 - Deliver to WHAM on Saturday, 11/21 at 11:30 am
 - Thanksgiving Turkey Drive with Wraparound services
 - Wil Smith is Westside Wraparound Services Specialist
 - He has asked to help feed 30 to 35 families for Thanksgiving
 - Friends of Westside account
 - \$1500 authorized
2. Committee Activities

Executive Reports

Corresponding Secretary/Parliamentarian

Membership	Membership #'s and recruitment We have around 95 members and we are still asking for people to reach out, especially to faculty members. Last year we had a large # of faculty participating.	Anni Krisanto
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Fundraising	We have nearly broke even on yard sign sales. In February, we will have an update on the spring fundraisers.	Stephanie Brewster
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VIPS	Staff Appreciation and upcoming events Staff Appreciation food (breakfast or lunch) will be in December before we leave for holidays. Principal Wittpenn will let us know the date. We will need volunteers. Yvette has been working with Barbara Nassab to organize it.	Leslie Evans
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New Business

President

Discussion around a December 2nd meeting. No conclusion was met. Sarah will communicate with the executive board via email regarding final determination.

Upcoming Events	
Nov 23-27	Thanksgiving Break - No School
Dec ??	Faculty and staff event
Dec 21-Jan 1	Winter Holidays - No School
Feb 3 5:30 pm	PTO Executive Board Meeting Via Zoom
Feb 11 6:30 p	Together We Can Do...Virtually Anything Guest Speaker: Ebony Lumpkin Topic: TBD Register at https://www.westsidehighpto.org/blog after Jan 13

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm

Committee Activities		
First Day Packet		Carrie Frain
Welcome & Recruiting		
Staff Appreciation	Staff Highlights - Emails Upcoming Staff Appreciation activities	Yvette Urteaga-Resendez
Homecoming		
PTO Social		
Safety		
Landscaping		
Senior Class Representative		Sharon Biek
Alumni Representative		Michel Hinton