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Wheaton HS PTSA Meeting Minutes
Actas de la reunión - PTSA de la
Wheaton High School
Tuesday, September 21, 2021
Martes 21 de septiembre de 2021
Via Zoom

Call to Order 7:03 PM Inicio de la reunión

MINUTES -- Miguel moved to approve May Minutes, Lisa Moreau seconded, passed unanimously

Introduction of board members

Treasurer Report

See report here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TKyvMuBRe79f-NtNMSj-5RxMo7UvDaxA/view?usp=sharing>

Moved approval: Miguel, Narissa seconded, approved unanimously

Principal Updates -- Mr. Munsey

- Introduced Admin team
- 11th Grade Parent Meeting Thursday, September 23, 6:30 PM via Zoom
- 12th Grade Parent Meeting, Wednesday, September 22, 6:30 PM via Zoom
- COVID
 - Two letters today re. individuals who tested positive
 - Rapid testing available for any student who shows symptoms of COVID
 - Testing via health room
 - Negative result still goes home due to being ill
 - If positive, school does contact tracing to identify close contacts
 - No quarantining needed to date
 - Those who are vaccinated (close contacts) do not need to quarantine unless they have symptoms
 - Information is provided to the school by the individual who tests positive
 - Student proof of vaccination not required to taking people's word for it
 - Lunch
 - About 2,650 people.
 - Lunch in courtyard, stadium, all three floors to eat in hallways and classrooms with supervision
 - Lunch lines are long but move quickly, encouraging staggering so they don't all get in line at the same time.



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- Close contact -- within three feet of another individual (middle of chest to middle of chest) for 15 consecutive minutes
 - Cell Phone tower, adding another provider to the existing tower
 - Clubs -- asked all clubs to create a short video to share with PTA. 47 clubs at the moment with more coming. They meet at lunch or after school.
 - Staffing
 - Long terms subs in Art, Physics, AOIT.
 - Gaps in physical education
 - Also short on Paraeducators, in particular those who provide one-on-one support
 - Busses are full. More drop-offs. Three lanes through the parent drop off/pick up. Routes are available on the website.
 - Do have busses for away games and off-site practices
 - Grading questions
 - Some assignments marked 50% before assignment is due
 - Lowest grade possible is 50% unless teacher has two-way communication with parent/guardian
 - Praised teachers effort to teach in new ways, students have risen to high expectations
 - If you're not getting timely feedback on grades, please reach out to grade level administrator
 - Many challenges with technology but everyone is learning.
 - Homecoming event
 - Working hard with SGA, MCPS to plan special, safe event
 - October 16
 - Hannah will share more about Homecoming

SGA -- Hannah Wosenu:

- County Wide Homecoming Committee, met three times. Indoor dance deemed unsafe.
- See planned details here:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/167Y5R9dj5d4lqj3MtEWaTrDVPGo6kUVqxiin1RdIZQA/edit>
- SGA application positions available



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- Open to all 9th to 12th grade students
 - Share with your students
 - See list of positions here:
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1UU6qggbgUAM92jx5CAoVy7WmK0lhRmkCYsyRMIxnJCys/edit#slide=id.gf0cbce2f9b_0_1817

TESTING -- Kim Polischek, Testing Coordinator:

- Many tests not administered virtually last year due to test security
- (get from Kim)
- Sitting for exams provides avenue to waivers for graduation if we go virtual again
- October: Mock ACT for 11th graders
- PSAT Day
 - 9th graders practice PSAT -- give them practice sitting for a longer test, rusty with any testing after two years
 - 10th, 11th graders will take official PSAT (all paid by MCPS)
 - Parent consent form needed for 11th graders -- entrance for National Merit Scholar Program. Optional for 10th graders.
 - 12th graders can take SAT (free if they did not test in the spring, \$55 if they did) or Accuplacer, or Seal of Biliteracy for seal on diploma
 - 11th graders will take biliteracy later in the year
- WIDA Model -- Access for ELLs by WIDA -- for ESOL, small group
- A score of 5 in AP World Language also qualifies students for the Biliteracy Seal

COMMITTEES:

- Want to get students on PTSA Board and involved to add their voice to everything we're doing
 - Looking for one student from each grade
 - Open committee opportunities
 - Seeking staff representatives
 - Academics
 - Special Ed
 - ESOL
 - Arts
 - Reflections (pull from Parkland)



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- <https://forms.gle/jCX7qYm2Pi1xaNFy7>
 - Reach Miguel at WheatonHS.Reflections@gmail.com
 - Parent help with judging and organizing the culminating celebration

NEXT MEETING:

- WHS PTSA BOD: Tuesday, October 5
- WHS PTSA General Membership: Tuesday, October 19

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM