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Wheaton HS PTSA Meeting Minutes
Actas de la reunión - PTSA de la
Wheaton High School
Tuesday, April 20, 2021
Martes 20 de abril de 2021
Via Zoom

Call to Order 7:02 PM Inicio de la reunión

MINUTES from March. 16, 2021 meeting - approved.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Yuan Chen Yao, Shawntel Chin, and Leon Peace agreed to serve as the Nominating Committee. They will recruit members to serve as PTA officers next year. Please feel free to contact one of them if you're interested in serving as President, Vice President, Treasurer, or Secretary next year.

Motion to approve Nominating Committee: Oriole

Second: Tish Mueller

TREASURER REPORT.

- See the Treasurer's Report at the bottom of these notes
- Two new members since last month.
- Yuan-Chen explained that Wheaton PTSA would like to send members to the National and State conventions this summer. Requesting member approval to add \$500 to budget for this purpose
- Merrill explained that National PTA revoked the PTA charter of Maryland PTA so that new Maryland entity will be created at these conventions and Wheaton PTSA should have a voice in the proceedings.
- Oriole moved to amend the budget
- Second: Tish Mueller

UPDATES ON THE SENIOR EXPERIENCE -- Ms. Sandi Williams

- Graduation will be 10:00 AM June 3
- First rain date will be 6:00 PM June 3
- Second rain date will be 6:00 PM June 4
- MCPS requested waiver for in-person outdoor graduation from Montgomery County but the waiver is not yet approved.
 - First waiver: outdoor graduation



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- Second waiver: 2 guests for each graduate. Guests will be pre-registered, with the school, by the graduate
 - Tuesday, 4/27 during homeroom -- senior class meeting to update seniors
 - Thursday, 4/29 Senior Parent Meeting
 - May 5 distribution
 - caps, gowns, yard signs
 - Times will be assigned based on last names.
 - Opportunity for pics in the stadium, to be used in virtual graduation presentation
 - Diploma distribution will take on a date place after graduation

ADMIN UPDATES -- Dr. Mugge

- Maryland State Department of Ed waived SSL requirement for graduation for class of 2021. Update will appear on 4th quarter report card.
- Class of 2021 asking for photos on social media of where students are going next year to celebrate future plans.
- MCPS is providing each high school:
 - Stage
 - Sound system
 - chairs
 - extra security
 - cap & gown for each grad
 - yard signs
- Emphasizing two guests per graduate
 - Graduate will pre-register the two guests with the school
 - others, including minor children, will be turned away
 - No tickets, no "trading"
 - school will maintain registration information for 30 days
- No physical contact at graduation
 - Grad will pick up diploma cover on the state
 - no handshakes



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- no handing things out or handing off name cards
 - will have photo w/Dr. Mugge but not known yet if masks can be dropped for the photo
 - distribution of actual diploma will happen at a later date
 - Speakers, number will be limited
 - Dr. Mugge will speak
 - Student speakers
 - Staff speaker
 - No live music
 - processional and recessional will be “canned” and special performances will be recorded
 - Must wear masks during graduation
 - Email Dr. Mugge (Debra_K_Mugge@mcpsmd.org) or Ms. Williams (Sandi_L_Williams@mcpsmd.org) with questions
 - Our seniors are excelling
 - Two Posse Scholars
 - Two Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship recipients
 - Thank you for snacks. Staff definitely appreciate them.
 - Senior Unity Day
 - still waiting for waiver
 - planning to use May 5 distribution day for a celebration.
 - Students can take pics w/backdrop in the stadium
 - approximately 60 students at a time to celebrate
 - Photos will be used for virtual graduation, which will be streamed even if we are able to host an in-person graduation
 - No food allowed, per central office
 - Please urge your seniors to check their email. Best way for Ms. Williams to communicate with all seniors at once is through Canvas
 - Livestream link for graduation will go out to families closer to graduation day
 - AP dates -- email Jeanne Salvado with questions (Jeanne_T_Salvado@mcpsmd.org)



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- Last 9 weeks of school
 - Last day for seniors (if graduation requirements met) is May 28
 - Can meet requirements up to the morning of June 3
 - MCPS offering opportunity to change courses to pass/fail
 - for electives only
 - does not apply to graduation requirements/core courses
 - Check with Counselor to see if a course qualifies for pass/fail
 - Abbreviated schedules also available
 - Still time to request an abbreviated schedule
 - Works well for 11th & 12th graders and granted to a few 9th & 10th graders based on family need
 - Start the application for an abbreviated schedule with the student's counselor.
 - Must still take at least four classes
 - Welcomed 9/10/11th grades back, Group A, yesterday
 - 220 students attended in person on Monday
 - 189 today, impact of abbreviated schedule
 - Families are still changing between in person and remote
 - Three on waiting list right now
 - two requested late today
 - one pending parental approval of request to switch
 - Each switch to in-person is like “putting together a 1000 piece jigsaw puzzle” -- must be sure that each student reports to a room monitored by an adult as some teachers are remote and some classes are at capacity in the room with the teacher.
 - April 26 Group B returns (and Group A will be remote)
 - Check the Wheaton website for the weekly schedules. Some weeks will feature Wednesday as an instructional day due to other changes that week



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- The Board of Education, today, asked MCPS staff to consider making Wednesday an instructional day. Decision will be made at a future BOE meeting.
 - MCPS will maintain A/B rotation, not bring both back at the same time. This is due to capacity issues.
 - Lunch is working well
 - 30 minute wellness break
 - Can go out to courtyard, stadium, media center
 - Can eat lunch in the cafeteria, courtyard, tables on back patio
 - Students are doing a better job cleaning up after themselves than they used to do before the pandemic

Q: How were the A/B groups determined?

A: Based on the alphabet. Tried to keep the groups even. Moved students between groups based on carpools, parent requests, siblings. As families changed to in person, they might be assigned to the opposite group to balance the numbers.

Q: Will MCPS provide any sort of student walk-up vaccination at school?

A: Recommended contacting Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, who are managing vaccinations.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

- Offering 2 \$1,000 scholarships to students attending vocational or technical schools or community college
- Received 2 applications to date
- Deadline is April 30
- Application is on the Wheaton PTSA website: <https://wheatonptsa.org/>
- Cynthia Hammond-Davis is another good source of information for students and parents
- Sent an update to members and received, in response, a donation to a future scholarship from alumni



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STAFF APPRECIATION

- Wonderful response and donations of snacks for staff
- Staff greatly appreciate the staff
- Link to sign up genius for April 26 donations:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0845abad22a57-welcome>

Ms. Williams passed along a request from the Senior Class Sponsor: could the PTSA provide a balloon arch and goodie bags for teh May 5 cap & gown distribution? Dr. Muggie said that two balloon arches would make the photo ops go faster. Expecting 517 grads to 520 goodie bags would work. Balloon arches need to be tall enough for students and family to stand under them.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM. Next General Membership Meeting: Tuesday, May 18, 7:00 PM

Wheaton High School PTSA Meeting
Treasurer's Report - 4/20/2021

	2020-2021		
	Approved Budget	2020-2021 Actual	Budget Notes
INCOME		Actual vs.	
MEMBERSHIP	3,000.00 1,156.00 -1,844.00	103 members	
FUNDRAISING	3,000.00 192.81 -2,807.19		
GRANTS	1,000.00 0.00 -1,000.00		
MERCHANDISE	1,000.00 145.70 -854.30		
DONATIONS	5,000.00 4,380.00 -620.00	Donations from WJ and Whitman POST PROM	
	2,000.00 2,625.00 625.00	Refund of deposit from last year's post prom	Total Income
	15,000.00 8,499.51 -6,500.49		



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EXPENSES

MEMBERSHIP 1,312.50 525.00 -787.50
TECHNOLOGY 600.00 428.19 -171.81 Budget increased by \$300 on 3/16 STAFF
APPRECIATION 400.00 -400.00
SCHOLARSHIP 2,000.00 1,000.00 -1,000.00
MINI GRANTS 2,000.00 -2,000.00
POST PROM 7,000.00 -7,000.00
MERCHANDISE 1,000.00 15.00 -985.00
NAACP 300.00 -300.00
LGBTQ 250.00 -250.00
SNACKS for testing 300.00 -300.00
ANNUAL INSURANCE 230.00 -230.00
PAYPAL/SQUARE FEES 100.00 60.57 -39.43
REFRESHMENTS (for meetings) 100.00 -100.00
Prior Year expenses 100.00 44.55 -55.45
Conference fees (State & National PTA) 500.00 -500.00 New budget line to attend State and National PTA
conference COMMUNITY OUTREACH 2,000.00 -2,000.00
Total Expenses 18,192.50 2,073.31 -16,119.19

Net Income -3,192.50 6,426.20 9,618.70

Bank balance at 3/15/2021 18,069.50

Bank balance at 4/20/2021 17,901.56

change since last meeting -167.94