**W-L PTA Meeting Minutes**

Date: February 12, 2018

Present:

Counseling Co-Directors: Kristen Devaney

W-L/School Board Liaison Nancy Van Dorn

Asst Director Student Activities: Justin Bollfek

Principal: Greg Robertson

PTA Officers

President - Tish Jenkins

Treasurer - Scott Burka

Secretary - Tina Evans

**WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS:**

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:** presented by Kristen Devaney

Past and current activities this month:

* We had a very successful coat drive. Every single student in need received a coat
* “Student of Semester” Lunch
* Athletic Hall of Fame – beautiful event for alumni
* Winter Activities Fair - took place over lunch last week. The fair is an opportunity for students to learn more about classes and extracurricular activities.
* Bye Bye Birdie musical just finished and was a big success.
* Senior Experience kickoff orientation. During the last 3-4 weeks of school, seniors have the opportunity to be exempt from exams to work outside of school whether it be an internship, job, travel, etc.
* National Honor Society – taking place concurrently with the PTA meeting.

Coming up:

* Spring Sports - begin February 19.
* The Band Pre-Assessment Concert takes place next week on Feb 21 at Yorktown, HS
* Winter Sports Banquet - Feb 28
* Course Request Forms – due Feb 28. Students should be meeting with counselors to review academic planning for the following year. Counselors are working in teams.
* CTE Career Tech Day - Feb 20th during the day. For the first time, members of the professional community will be coming to speak to students in CTE classes. The afternoon will be considered a field trip for those students but will then be opened up to the rest of the students during lunch.
* Rising 9th Graders – Scheduling night to review requirements, credits, etc.
* College & Career Fair – Feb 27 during the evening – more details to follow.
* Teen Stress, Anxiety, and Depression - presentation and panel discussion with school psychologists and local experts on how to distinguish normal stress from anxiety and depression.
* Intro to Advance Courses: February 21. Coursework takes place the week before summer school. IAC is recommended for students who are preparing to take advanced level courses. Students are taught note-taking, study skills, etc.

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES** – a powerpoint presentation was prepared by Justin Bollfek regarding the myriad of opportunities for students to engage at W-L.

Karen Weaver, administrative assistant with Student Activities joined W-L this year.

Clubs:

* We begin reaching out to freshman before they arrive at W-L. Postcards are sent out to rising 9th graders. The first Athletic Info Night takes place just after Spring Break, April 11. In addition, activities’ counselors also visit the middle schools that feed into W-L: Kenmore, TJ, and Swanson. A few parents raised questions regarding reaching out to transfer students who do not attend those three schools.
* In August, Freshman Orientation is followed by Activities Fair
* Student Activities hosts Small Group Meetings after the beginning of each new year. Counselors talk to students to encourage them to get involved. Part of the goal is for students to introduce themselves and identify their interests. Students who are not in a club are identified. A club can be created or a student can be introduced.
* There is also a Mid-Year Activities Fair
* Freshman Connect – freshman connect with student mentors during GP.
* All clubs are student-driven but have a faculty sponsor. For more information on clubs, visit the W-L webpage. Some clubs have their own websites and fall into categories such as: Language and Culture, Service, Academic, Political, Career, Special Interest, Choral, Instrumental, One Act Plays, Debate Team.

Sports:

* 2017-2018 Stats: 25 Sports, 57 Teams, 123 coaches.
* “No-cut” sports: There are a few options including Crew, Outdoor Track, Swim Dive, Cross Country and Ultimate Frisby
* VHSSL: - academic requirements are semester-based. Students must pass 5 classes with a minimum grade of D
* W-L Website: wlathletics.org: schedules, coach contact info

**PTA REPORTS**

TREASURER’S REPORT: Scott Burka presented the budget. PTA dues and contributions constitute the majority of income. There are very few fundraising events on the calendar.

* We are running a little bit behind where we want to be and looking for ways to increase income.
* The Annual Audit was completed and will be submitted to the Virginia PTA.
* W-L is requesting contributions from PTA to help pay for students to ride the Art bus after activities and sports. There was previously a grant but there is currently no funding. Approximately 20-30 kids per day could take advantage. It is advised that CCPTA and/or the school board contact the county to request that students ride free.
* 2017 budget – We finished with a deficit. In 2018, we are trying to minimize the anticipated deficit. We are intentionally drawing down the reserves and not carry over as much money into the following year. We plan to carry over a cash balance of approximately $10K to ensure enough money to pay for unanticipated costs.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

* 2018-2019 ELECTIONS - The board will be seeking new officers for the next year. Zelmira McCann is president-Elect now and will be president next year.
* PTA Contributions: We are hoping to increase contributions. In addition to online payment and checks, we hope to have available payment apps such as Venmo and Paypal. Other sources of income are the grocery card program (linked accounts need to be re-activated every year) and Plant Sale (early May). There is a significant decrease in Grocery Card program this year.
* During the executive meeting a few weeks ago, the board discussed ways to increase the PTA membership and fundraising. Of 2,250 students, only 1/3 of those families pay dues. It is also suggested that we increase dues from $10 to $15 in 2019 to help offset low enrollment.
* With the “No-sweat” Tax Deductible Fundraising Campaign, a PTA parent suggested that we offer examples of what the grants program has done for teachers in the past to help encourage donations.
* There is a Community Read hosted by the community group, Challenging Racism in joint with Yorktown H.S. and Central Library.
* W-L is supporting Matthew De LaPena, author *Mexican White Boy*, sometime in March.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

NEXT MEETING: March 12, 7:30pm