



West Potomac PTSA Membership Meeting
Monday, October 4, 2021, 6:30-8 p.m.
Via Zoom

- I. Call to Order – Welcome
 - a. Meeting called to order at 6:31pm by Tanya Stamos (43 attendees on Zoom)
- II. Approval of 9/12/2021 Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve minutes from Jen Price, Second from Tracy Dunn; All in favor, none opposed
- III. Principal's Report – Principal Tangy Millard
 - a. Thanks to all that helped with Homecoming
 - i. It was the largest in recent history; over 1,200 tickets sold
 - ii. Held outside, which was a great option
 - iii. Every kind of student was in attendance
 - iv. Pulled off exclusivity as planned
 - v. Will work on locating a DJ to spare all of the elicited words
 - b. Staff and students are out more right now
 - i. In a crisis when teachers need to be out for any reason
 - ii. Sub pay rate will be increased, but may not necessarily help with issue
 - iii. Please bear with us as long-term solutions are explored
 - c. Fail rates are low; below 80%
 - d. Attendance and eNotify will be sent out for the procedures when student needs early release for appointments
 - i. The absence calls are annoying to most parents, so if parent called earlier in the morning and still get message, should be better for the 6:30pm call
 1. Question from Doris McBryde: Sometimes it's not clear when the child was supposedly absent esp if they were late or had a sub. It would be nice to know which class
 - a. Have to go to Parent SIS to be able to view which period student was marked tardy or missing from as eNotify is not set up that way
 - e. Planning an equity grading Q&A panel with community on 10/19 @ 6pm-7:15pm
 - i. Will do a hybrid meeting (in-person or virtually)
 - ii. Will include parents, students and staff
 - iii. If you have clear and direct questions, please reach out to the teacher and department administrator first
 - f. Student behavior concerns
 - i. Have had several to go to hearings like fights, thefts, students and their defiance with not going to classes are at an increase
 - ii. Working on group and individual specific plans
 - iii. Big issues with some 9th graders, especially coming from middle school after a pandemic
 - iv. Expectations on how we must behave, otherwise discipline will be taken
- IV. Administration Introductions

- a. Principal Tangy Millard aka Gigi, wife, mother of 3, grandmother of 1; 27 years teacher, counselor, DSS, AP
 - i. 5th year at West Po and 7th year as a principal
- b. Mike Henrich, Systems of Support Advisor (SOSA)
 - i. 23rd year in education, 18th in FCPS
 - ii. Email: mrhenrich@fcps.edu
 - iii. Support students and families in attendance, behavior and grades
- c. Sylinda Banks (Cham – Gua)
 - i. 4th year as Assistant Principal
 - ii. Special Education and SOSA
 - iii. Over 25 years of experience as educator
- d. Susie Britton (Gub – Mar)
 - i. Assistant Principal
 - ii. 5th year at West Po; 22 years in FCPS
- e. Ivan Johnson (Mas – Ras)
 - i. Assistant Principal
 - ii. Oversee Social Studies and Custodians
 - iii. 5th year at West Po
- f. Kevin McMahon, Director of Student Services
 - i. 14th year in Education, 5.5 years as school counselor, 8th year as WPHS DSS, 8 years as basketball coach
- g. Aaron Helmick, DSA
 - i. 17th year at West Po; 25 years in Education
 - ii. Club fair at the end of this month
- h. Emily Millians, Dean of Instruction
 - i. 24th year in Education; 17th year at West Po
- i. Belinda Williams (A – Chan)
 - i. Assistant Principal
 - ii. 25th year in Education; 18 years as an Assistant Principal
- j. Brett Garner (Vj – Z), Academy Administrator
 - i. 1st year at West Po
- k. Chris Cashman (Rer – Vi)
 - i. Assistant Principal
 - ii. 22nd year in FCPS
- l. Donnell Fisher, Dean of Students (Attendance/Tardy/Cuts)
 - i. 7th year at West Po

V. Fundraising

- a. Direct donation campaign, <https://westpotomacptsa.memberhub.com/store>
- b. Upcoming fundraising events:
 - i. October: Chick-fil-A, Noodles & Company (dates TBA)
 - ii. November 18: Five Guys
 - iii. December: Minted, Amazon Smile

VI. New Business/Questions & Concerns/Adjourn

- a. Profit & Loss statement will be attached to minutes along with agenda
- b. 2021 Yearbooks – Susie Britton
 - i. For current 10th – 12th students, they will be distributed this week
 - ii. Afternoon dates are forthcoming
- c. Grading period ends on 10/29
- d. Next Wednesday the 13th, 9th graders will stay home, 10th and 11th graders in for PSAT, 12th graders that signed up for SAT and early release
- e. October 11th is a student holiday
- f. WPHS National Honor Society: NHS applications are now being accepted for current juniors and seniors who have a 3.5 GPA or higher. Application deadline is October 6th

by 3:30 PM. Questions? Please email Jamie Carfang at jacarfang@fcps.edu or Sarah Newton at sabuchkowski@fcps.edu Please use this link below to access application:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd-NwDfdzOO0UCLsGNboxMziY2haXFCxW6_fbuB_SBr4gIN_Q/viewform?usp=sf_link

- g. November 2nd is the last day to vote for Virginians
- h. Poll Results for Nov meeting: 19% would attend with 81% virtual
 - i. Will probably keep it as a virtual meeting unless a strong case to add in person

Motion to adjourn from Tracy Dunn; Second from Tanya Stamos; All in favor, none opposed;
Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.

Upcoming Dates:

- 8 November – “Study in DC” Presentation, Mental Health, Meet the Counselors, Academic Support
- 6 December – Substance Abuse Prevention, Holiday Philanthropy
- 10 January – Academic Advising / Course Selection - Mr. McMahon
- 7 February – ACT / SAT testing
- 7 March – TBA
- April – (No WP meeting) Attend Carl Sandburg PTA Meeting
- 2 May – Prom, Graduation, ANG Update, PTSA Board Nominations
- 6 June – Volunteer Appreciation