**PTA Meeting Minutes**

**January 12, 2022**

**President Paly Khan Afridi called meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.**

**Attendees**: Paly Khan Afridi, Julia Wittnebel, Kelley Cole, Mollie Schlue, Amanda Schumacher, Darrius Ballard, Jennifer Byers, Deann LaGrange, Allison Rust, Brooke DeWolf, Dana Jarzynka. Jennifer Patterson, Lisa Greco, Nicole Pedron, RJ Hojka Jr., Sandy Scaia, Tanya Schneidermann

**Executive Committee Reports**:

**Secretary, Mollie Schlue, submitted January 2022 Meeting Minutes.**

* Nicole Pedron motioned to approve minutes.
* Kelley Cole seconded the motion.
* Minutes approved unanimously by membership vote.

**Treasurer, Kelley Cole**

PTA took in approximately $1,000 in donations for the Post Prom event. PTA is helping transition the financial end of Post Prom this year. Next year will be handled exclusively by the Cedar Rapids Community Schools Foundation.

Because of Covid concerns/cancellations of some regular Wash academic extracurricular programs, we have a budget surplus. Please contact Kelley if you know of a program that would like to apply for funding for this year.

**Committee Reports**:

**Warrior One Fund/Membership:** Nicole Pedron

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Dennis McDermott

**Hospitality:** Dorea Burkamper & Stephanie Helle

**Legislative:** Dennis Goettel

**Audit/Bylaws:** Andrea Lewerenz-Norris

**College Connections:** Rebecca Lindwall & Paly Kahn Alfridi

**Warrior Closet:** Liesa Greco –

* We need weatherproof gloves (not knit) for the Closet. Kelley Cole noted that we have unused Warrior Closet money in the budget. Liesa will buy some gloves and submit receipts.
* There will be a Closet workday before prom to sort our potential prom-wear.

**Social Media/Website:** Nadine Brock

**Grounds:** Nadine Brock

**Warrior Pantry:**

Amy Rouse, Wash Engagement Specialist, runs the Pantry, but needs a PTA chair.

Please email: [crwashpta@wash.com](mailto:crwashpta@wash.com) if you’d like to volunteer.

**Post Prom:** Andrea Norris

**Counseling Report**: **Jennifer Byers**

* A new counselor has been hired! Welcome to Heather Waters. Heather will be the new counselor for students whose last names start S-Z. She comes to us with a ton of experience in helping at-risk students and students who have experience trauma. She is currently working on a Master’s degree at UNI. Originally from California, she has lived in Iowa for six years now with her husband, 2 children and their many dogs and cats.
* Wednesday, February 9th is last day for students to change the grading for elective classes to S (Satisfactory)/NS (Non-satisfactory) for this semester.
* Tuesday, February 15th at 6 p.m. is Washington Information Night for incoming 9th graders who will be joining us from outside of the CRCSD. This will include students from the Virtual Academy and homeschoolers who will be transferring to Wash in the fall.
* 2022-2023 scheduling make-up date is Friday, January 28th.
* Check out this month’s Counseling Newsletter: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RHE-y4ZpZSDPOBx4CTQtwhPTIiNUvZVDopaDI-NAQ_4/edit?usp=sharing>

**Principal’s Report**: **Darrius Ballard**

* Next big newsletter will be coming soon! It will have an Executive summary of last semester’s statistics on attendance, grades, and behaviors.
* Our next Town Hall will be coming soon. Sometime after Spring Break. Topics will include:
  + The CRCSD Facilities Master plans for middle and high schools
  + Our Wash behavioral framework. We want to include all stakeholders (students/families/staff/administration) to discuss needs and solutions.
* Our recent Welcome night for incoming 9th grade students was a success!
  + 118 families attended. It was a good mix of new to Washington families and those who have had prior Wash students.
* We are working on more ways to encourage students to carry and use their student ID’s.
* New program: Warrior of the Week.
  + Teachers are writing on their classroom’s glass door about a student that they’ve observed this week doing something positive for our school.
* Registration: Thanks to the counselors who are still working very hard on getting our 2022/2023 schedules worked out. Having these done earlier allows us to make better staffing choices so that we have the right teachers for the right classes.
* New hires/new positions: Besides adding new counselor Heather Waters we also now have three full-time engagement specialists
  + Alicia Haan
  + Morgan Troendle
  + Jolene Buchheit

**New Business**:

* Shoutout to MOShow on Saturday, February 12th.
  + Doors open at 7:30 a.m. First performance at 8 a.m.
  + This is the Patron’s of the Performing Arts (PPA) biggest fundraiser of the year.
  + There are 21 groups scheduled to perform.
* Shoutout to the Washington Speech team for their great performances at State last weekend
  + 20 Washington groups/individuals made it to State
  + 5 have qualified to go on to All-State
* Time to start thinking about next year’s PTA Executive Committee. Please contact Paly Khan Afridi if you are interested in joining the Executive team.

**Meeting Adjourned: 10:28 a.m.**