**PTA Meeting Minutes**

**April 12, 2022**

**President Paly Khan Afridi called meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.**

**Attendees**: Paly Khan Afridi, Julia Wittnebel, Kelley Cole, Mollie Schlue, Amanda Schumacher, Darrius Ballard, Jennifer Byers, Lesly Fleming, Nicole Pedron, Rebecca McCarley, Sandy Scaia, Darlin Keck, Jennifer Patterson, Liesa Greco, Nadine Brock, Tanya Schneiderman, Dennis McDermott

**Executive Committee Reports**:

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

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

**Treasurer, Kelley Cole**

* Final loose ends of the AV fundraiser from last year are being tied up.
* Robotics asked for and was given funding to replace some equipment
* Post Prom money is getting turned over to CR Community Foundation.
	+ Kelley asks people to remember to help ‘pay it forward’ by donating to the Post Prom fund even if their kid(s) are not seniors this year. Post Prom provides safe, fun, alcohol-free activities for students to go to after Prom (May 25th) ends

**Committee Reports**:

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

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Dennis McDermott

* Suggestion was made to start paying for the professional version of Sign-up Genius instead of the free version we are currently using. The advantage is that this version will track volunteers’ hours automatically. We need a better way to track our volunteer hours since this can affect grant funding. The professional version costs approximately $100/year.

**Hospitality:** Dorea Burkamper & Stephanie Helle

* Dorea is working with Counseling Department to create academic award certificates
* May 20th will be Staff Appreciation/Retirement Recognition Day. Details to come.

**Legislative:** Dennis Goettel

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

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

* College Connections Day, which was postponed in December due to last Covid surge, is being rescheduled for May. Details to come.

**Warrior Closet:** Liesa Greco

* Closet needs more masculine Prom-wear
* Closet also needs more Washington sportswear. Please consider donating any Wash themed t-shirts/sweats/jackets/etc.

**Social Media/Website:** Nadine Brock

**Grounds:** Nadine Brock

* Sign-Up Genius went out to all PTA members asking them to ‘adopt’ a garden bed. It’s not a huge commitment probably and hour or so three times a year to weed and mulch.
* If we can’t get enough people to adopt the 9-11 beds, we will need to ask the school facilities personnel to take these over and they are stretched thin as is.
* Student Senate has volunteered to take over the Cafeteria Courtyard and the entrance bed to the Fine Arts wing.

**Warrior Pantry:**

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

Please email: crwashpta@wash.com if you’d like to volunteer.

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

* Read the latest Counseling newsletter: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1O1cN3NprBuAEjk_571mEmzwnU4VDDj_Gw-K9COeATiY/edit>
* Monday, April 25th at 5:30 p.m. in the Wash cafeteria, the Counseling department will be holding a College Financial Aid Seminar with ICAN (Iowa College Action Network). Everyone is welcome to attend, though this is specifically geared toward Juniors who will be submitting their FASA (Free Application for Student Aid) in the fall.
* Monday, May 2nd at 6:30 in the Wash auditorium will be Senior Recognition Night.
* Summer classes – see Counseling Newsletter for more details
* Counselors are working hard to make their department less reactive and more proactive! They need suggestions from both students and parents to make this happen. Please contact Jen Byers with any ideas.

**Administration Report**: **Darrius Ballard - Principal**

* Senior Recognition Night will be in person (5/2 at 6:30 p.m.) for the first time in two years. Administration is working on tightening up the format to make it shorter than in the past while still recognizing all our Seniors’ achievements.
* Work is being done to find ways to make our Senior Recognition medals more affordable and sustainable. We are also working on ways fund them for the long-term.
* Testing: MAP testing and the ACT are done. Now onto the Iowa State Assessment of Academic Progress and the AP tests.
* Social/Emotional/Behavioral Learning surveys Panorama (our Washington in-house survey) and The Conditions of Learning (the state of Iowa survey) will be taken by Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors on April 18th and 19th. Both will help us focus on where are students are struggling.
* Behaviorally, our attendance has remained at record levels. Now we need to work on raising grades to match.
* The Town Hall meeting was last Wednesday. The Facilities Master Plan, next year’s Bell Schedule and Expectations were covered. Watch at replay at: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/18OELppSOtXGDJZL-Q3FNq24s2M21hJ-f/view>

**New Business**:

* Motion was made by Mollie Schlue to nominate Tanya Schneiderman, Nadine Brock, and Sandy Scaia to serve on the Nominating Committee to help find PTA Executive Officers for the 2022-2023 school year.
	+ Kelley Cole seconded the motion
	+ Committee approved unanimously by membership vote
* All positions for next year’s PTA Executive Committee are open to any PTA member. Please contact any of these Nominating Committee members if you are interested in serving on the PTA Exec. Board.

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**Meeting Adjourned: 10:30 a.m.**