**PTA Meeting Minutes**

**December 13, 2022**

**President Julia Wittnebel called meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.**

**Attendees**: Julia Wittnebel, Kelley Cole, Mollie Schlue, Amanda Schumacher, Darrius Ballard, Becky Lindwall, Charlotte Butikofer, Jen Byers, Jennifer Patterson, Kelly Bult, Lesley Fleming, Mary Koozer, Shawnna Ripple, Sandy Scaia, Kristie VanGorkom, Liesa Greco, Tanya Schneiderman, Charlie Funk

**Executive Committee Report**:

**President, Julia Wittnebel submitted October 2022 Meeting Minutes.**

* Becky Lindwall motioned to approve minutes.
* Lesley Flemming seconded the motion.
* Minutes approved unanimously by membership vote.

**Treasurer, Kelley Cole**

* Just received $1,200 check from the Optimist’s Club of Cedar Rapids for participating in their annual flag program.
  + Big thanks to Tanya Schneiderman for organizing
  + Volunteers needed for next year! Easy & fun. Look for Google sign-up after break.

**Committee Reports**:

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

**Hospitality:** Dorea Burkamper & Stephanie Helle

* Holiday cookie boxes for faculty and staff were filled and distributed yesterday.
  + Thanks all to all who contributed!

**Grounds:** Nadine Brock

* Saturday, April 22nd (Earth Day) is Spring Clean-up Day.

**College Connections:** Rebecca Lindwall

* Event planned for Tuesday 12/20 at 9:30 a.m. in the auditorium.
  + Wash alumni from 8-10 schools will be there to answer questions for Jrs. & Srs.
    - First ½ hour to be a panel discussion led by counselor, Jen Byers.
    - Second ½ hour, additional questions from the audience.
    - Possibility of small group discussions later with alum who is taking a gap year was discussed.
* Thanks to Jen Byers and the student senate for all of their help.

**Warrior Closet:** Liesa Greco

* Thanks to Amy Rouse, who runs the closet, for doing such a great job.
* Donations to the Warrior Closet (and Pantry) are always welcome. **With colder weather coming, hats, gloves & mittens, coats, and sweatshirts are always needed. Any item(s) can be left in the main office.**

**Warrior Pantry:**

* Donations to the Warrior Pantry (and Closet) are always welcome. Shelf stable food products and toiletries are especially needed.

**Social Media/Website:** Clay Melton

**Audit/Bylaws:** Stephanie King & Leslie Fleming

**Legislative:**

**WAC (Washington Athletic Club) Report**

* Apparel from online WAC sale will be available for pickup on Saturday 12/17 from 10 a.m. to noon in gym lobby.
  + Other apparel will be available for sale that day.
  + If you can’t make that date, please email:  [wac.warriors1@gmail.com](mailto:wac.warriors1@gmail.com)
* We still need Concession Stand volunteers:

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**Counseling Report: Jen Byers – Counselor (with Becky Lindwall re: College Connections)**

* This month’s counseling newsletter: <https://sites.google.com/site/cwrcounseling/counseling-staff>
* Student Registration for 2023-2024 classes happening now.
  + Thanks to teachers for doing such a great job explaining their classes to help students make good choices throughout Wash career.
  + Exclusively at Washington: CRCSD has approved AP Environment Science can now count for required Environmental Science course!
  + Counselors and some teachers just finished our very successful Middle School Showcases at McKinley and Franklin. Thanks to all who participated.
  + Freshman Welcome Night was last Wednesday.
    - Approx. 100 families attended.
    - Counselors would appreciate some feedback on best time to hold this event.
  + Scholarship Season is coming in January when most applications come out.
    - Scholarship applications are now on the Sr. Google classroom site.
    - Jen is working on a more comprehensive scholarship guide & FAQ.

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

* Singer and performing artist Dorian McCall has just finished his second wildly successful two week residency at Wash.
  + Grant money, procured through Wash teachers and administration, funds his residency, which includes:
    - teaching vocal lessons to students,
    - a recital at the end of the residency. The auditorium was PACKED!
  + Mr. McCall has loved his Wash experiences and is planning on coming back next year!
* CRCSD district calendar is under review for changes, which include:
  + at least one day off/monthly to facilitate teacher recovery time,
  + tightening the school conference windows (still under discussion).
  + The survey regarding changing the start times for elementary and high schools was approx.. 50/50 for those for and against moving start times. Thus things will remain the same for the coming year.
* Transition from first to second semester. Please see Mr. Ballard’s most recent wrap-up email.
* For next month: District is reviewing how Fine Arts funding is handed. More info to come.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Becky Lindwall

Motion seconded by Tanya Schneiderman

Meeting to adjourn approved unanimously by membership vote.

**Meeting Adjourned: 10:38 a.m.**

**Any questions or comments?**

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