**PTA Meeting Minutes**

**March 21, 2023**

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

**Attendees**: Julia Wittnebel, Clay Melton, Mollie Schlue, Amanda Schumacher, April Charters, Cassie Mitvalsky, Shawnna Ripple, Lisa Guttenberg, Melanie Fischer, Dean Keck, Kelly Bult, Sandy Scaia, Dorea Burkamper & Darrius Ballard

**Executive Committee Report**:

**Mollie Schlue, Secretary, submitted February 2023 meeting minutes.**

* Shawna Ripple motioned to approve minutes.
* Julia Wittnebel seconded the motion.
* Minutes approved unanimously by membership vote.

**PTA Fundraising:**

* We are having some issues with the reporting of financial gifts through the website Benevity (used by Collins Aerospace, among others).
	+ Donations from this site are given to PTA in a lump sum which makes it hard to send acknowledgement letters.
	+ If you have made a donation this year via Benevity, please let us know.

**Post-Prom Report:**

* Post Prom will be held after the dance on April 29th.
* Donations of money and in-kind gifts are still being requested.
* Volunteers will also be needed that night from 10:30 p.m. through 2 a.m.
* PTA is donating $300 to Post Prom.
	+ This is being used for gaming equipment that we can use year after year instead of renting each year.

**Committee Reports**:

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

**Hospitality:** Dorea Burkamper & Stephanie Helle

* Dorea is working with Willy Ray’s BBQ for Staff Recognition Party on Friday, May 19th.
* Hospitality will need volunteers and donations for this event.

**Grounds:** Nadine Brock

* Saturday, April 22nd (Earth Day) is Spring Clean-up Day.
* Saturday, May 20 (week before graduation).

**College Connections:** Rebecca Lindwall

**Warrior Closet:** Liesa Greco

* Donations to the Warrior Closet (and Pantry) are always welcome.

**Warrior Pantry:**

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

**Social Media/Website:** Clay Melton

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

**Counseling Report: Jen Byers – Counselor**

* All upcoming important events for Seniors can be found on:
	+ BIT.LY/CRWASHSENIORS
* Summer Kirkwood classes opportunities for Sophomores and Juniors
	+ Washington will PAY for students to take three college-credit classes this summer. Learn more at:

[**https://sites.google.com/site/cwrcounseling/home**](https://sites.google.com/site/cwrcounseling/home)

* Look under page 4 on the ‘Announcements’ slide deck.
* The ICAN (Iowa College Action Network) has great checklists for Freshmen – Seniors on things they need to be doing to get ready for college and careers:
	+ <https://www.icansucceed.org/about-ican/services/career-and-college-access-power-plan>
* Starting this fall, the counselors will begin meeting with 9th – 11th graders to talk about long-term planning for college and careers including:
	+ what classes they need to be taking now,
	+ how to earn academic awards and medallions.
* Counseling department is working hard to finish fall schedules.
	+ They plan to release these on August 1st.

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

* Spring Fling dance, this Friday – March 24th
	+ Prin. Ballard will be the DJ.
	+ Only students who meet all criteria of the Good Standing Policy (attendance, grades, behavior) will be allowed to attend.
		- The policy is being highlighted in the announcements all week so kids who need to can get their grades up have time to work on them before Friday.
* Bathrooms – vandalism is way down!
	+ Posting adults near bathrooms between classes has made a big difference.
	+ Administration is looking at possibility of vape detecting technology.
* ISASP (Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress) test is coming in early April.
	+ Important, high stakes test that determines funding and rankings.
		- Attendance is VERY important. Anything less than 95% gets 0 points.
	+ Admin and staff working hard to get students to attend and do their best with:
		- Swag, like t-shirt and buttons for achievement and improvement.
		- Treats for homerooms (where test is taken) with 100% attendance.
		- A ‘tail-gate’ style party to get kids excited.
		- Prize raffle.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Dorea Burkamper

Motion seconded by Clay Melton

Meeting to adjourn approved unanimously by membership vote.

**Meeting Adjourned: 10:45 a.m.**

**Any questions or comments?**

**Please contact us at:** **crwashpta@gmail.com**