**PTA Meeting Minutes**

**April 11, 2023**

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

**Attendees**: Julia Wittnebel, Clay Melton, Kelley Cole, Mollie Schlue, Amanda Schumacher, Andrea Lewerenz Norris, Charlotte Butikofer, Jen Byers, Lesley Fleming, Sandy Scaia, Mary Koozer, Erin Gehant, Charlie Funk, Kelly Bult, April Charters, Tanya Schneinderman, Jennifer Vick, Paly Khan Afridi, Cassie Mitvalsky, Dorea Burkamper, Lisa Greco, Cathy Klein, Jennfier Patterson, Shawnna Ripple, Melanie Fisher, Becky Lindwallj & Darrius Ballard

**Executive Committee Report**:

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

* Julia Wittnebel motioned to approve minutes.
* Andrea Lewerenz Norris seconded the motion.
* Minutes approved unanimously by membership vote.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

**Kelley Cole, Treasurer, presented the spring quarterly report**

* CRCSD is looking for donations to the Washington Alumni Fund for college scholarships.
* 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 donated this year via Benevity, please let us know.

**WAC Report – Andrea Lewerenz Norris, WAC Treasurer**

* New WAC apparel sale has started: <https://washingtonspirtwearspring2023.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>
* WAC is looking to fill a few positions for the 2023-24 year:
* Secretary
* Golf Outing Chair
* Apparel helper
* So far this year, WAC has donated over $70,000 to Wash athletics!

**PTA Fundraising: Tanya Schneiderman**

* Wash PTA has signed up again this year for the Optimist’s Club Flag Fundraiser.
  + Wash students and families help put up and take down flags on designated streets for 5 flag related holidays.
  + The Optimists have raised the amount they pay groups for this service to $1,400/year.
  + Please volunteer to help with this fun, easy activity.

**Nominating Committee – Clay Melton, Vice President**

* Slate for 2023-24 PTA Executive committee, thus far:
  + Clay Melton, President
  + Kelley Cole, Treasurer
  + Alicia Rogers, Secretary
* We are still looking for someone to take the role of Vice President. Please contact any Exec. member if you are interested.
* Ongoing discussion of have a PTA vs a PTO or other parent advisory committee.
* Ongoing discussion of best time to hold meetings (morning vs. evening).

**Committee Reports**:

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

**Hospitality:** Dorea Burkamper & Stephanie Helle

**Grounds:** Nadine Brock via Julia Wittnebel

* Waiting CRCSD approval for new plan for Wash sign garden bed (corner of Forest & Cottage Grove).
  + Generous donation will cover new planting for a complete overhaul of bed with native species that, once established, will significantly cut back on maintenance.
  + Professional landscaper has donated the design.
  + Hope to have plants purchased and installed by end of the school year.
* Saturday, April 22nd (Earth Day) is Spring Clean-up Day.
  + Please come and bring gloves, rakes, and wheelbarrows.
* Saturday, May 20 is Grounds Beautification Day (week before graduation).

**College Connections:** Rebecca Lindwall

**Warrior Closet:** Liesa Greco

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

**Warrior Pantry:**

* An in-kind fund raiser with Fareway is in the works for before the end of the year to stock the pantry for the summer months.
* Need students to help.
  + Working with student groups who preform community service to staff.

**Social Media/Website:** Clay Melton

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

**Counseling Report: Jen Byers – Counselor**

* Many big senior events on the horizon:
  + Senior Rec Night: April 24th, 7-9 p.m. in the auditorium
    - Students/families need to check lists to make sure the lists are correct.
    - Counselors are doing their best to make sure all lists/name spellings are correct.
    - If something is missed/wrong, there will be a QR code on the back of the program that will allow student/families to get a corrected version printed.
  + Prom will be held Saturday. April 29th at the Cedar Rapids Country Club from 7-11 p.m.
    - Grand March will take place at Wash from 5-5:30 p.m.
* Post Prom will be held at the Cedar Rapids Bowling Center from 10:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.
* Volunteers will also be needed that night from 10:30 p.m. through 2 a.m.
* Safe driver volunteers are needed to take kids from CRCC to bowling center and then to take kids home at 2 a.m.
* Shout out from Post Prom Committee co-chair Dorea Burkamper for the terrific work done by the small but mighty Post Prom Committee.
* Counseling website is continuously being added to/ updated.
* Please talk to Jen if you have any suggestions.

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

* New Privacy Bathrooms
  + Single stall bathrooms available to all students.
  + Have received positive media coverage and comments from students and parents.
* ISASP (Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress) test completed last week.
  + Important, high stakes test that determines funding and rankings.
    - Attendance is VERY important. Anything less than 95% gets 0 points.
    - Currently Wash has had 87% of students take the test.
    - Admin and staff are working to have students who missed it do the make up test to get us to the all-important 95% completion rate.
* Testing went smoothly.
  + Shoutout to Ian McMasters and Kalpana Kearney for all their hard work on this.
* Good Standing requirements must be met to attend Prom.
  + Washington is a school first, so academic performance and behaviors are prerequisites for ALL events including Prom.
  + All student’s Good Standing reports are recalculated on Fridays for the next week’s activities.
    - Students can work with teachers to get make sure that they are working to meet their goals.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Tanya Schneiderman.

Motion seconded by Dorea Burkamper.

Meeting to adjourn approved unanimously by membership vote.

**Meeting Adjourned: 10:40 a.m.**

**Any questions or comments?**

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