**PTA General Meeting**

**3rd Tuesday / November 21, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.**

Meeting Minutes

***President:*** *Clay Melton called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.*

*Jennifer Gibbons seconds.*

Attendees: Clay Melton, Anthony Betters, Jennifer Gibbons, and Sandy Scaia, Shawna, Paula Wood, Jennifer PAtterson, LeAnn Willis, Kelly Bult, Fottrals, Katie Mohasci, Julia Wittnebel

## Executive Committee Reports:

Approve Last Meeting Minutes (Oct 2023)- Motion by Clay, Shawna seconds the motion.

Need to elect a new secretary due to tragedy with our elected PTA Secretary. Details on Alicia’s loss here: <https://www.thegazette.com/crime-courts/man-killed-in-cedar-rapids-shooting-was-delivering-for-doordash/>

* November 14th: Numerals Celebration was awesome! Thanks to those that helped hand out the awards–such an honor to honor the students!
* Cookie Date, December 18th! Cook on Sunday and Bring your cookies on Monday.
* Send in your donations right away - as end of Nov Kelley sends state PTA fees
* We need a Treasurer Shadow for Next Year – discuss with Jennifer Gibbons further.
* We need a hospitality Shadow for next year
* We need a secretary now.
* We are burning reserves now. Cash wise we are fine, but our donations are way down.

## Committee Reports

### Membership: Anthony Betters

Join the PTA and help us! Support our need for open positions.

### Hospitality: Dorea Burkamper

* Need a Dorea Mentor (Hospitality) – discuss with LeAnn Willis
* Tailgate Dinner Status – success!

### Grounds: Christine Erickson

N/A-no update needed now

### College Connections: Becky Lindwall Notes with Shawna speaking/supporting

Dec. 19, 9:20-10:30 a.m., Tuesday, auditorium

(Note: Counselors will not make PTA meeting on this day, unless they delegate)

ShayNell and Shawna will MC the event.

Pretty much this would be copy/paste of last year’s event but open up to all students with invitation rather than just jrs and seniors

6 Hoping to work again with Student Senate to get an invite on Google docs created that students must RSVP to and by which they can ask questions in advance

Parents are welcome to visit and listen.

### Warrior Closet: Amy Rouse

is running this and her largest needs are always: Backpacks, Wash Gear (tshirts, sweatshirts) chapstick, belts. Amy Rouse reachable at [arouse@crschools.us](mailto:arouse@crschools.us), or 319-558-4637

The Warrior Closet has passed out over 50 backpacks so far this school year. Countless deodorants, feminine products, and chapsticks. Over 35 dresses for homecoming. I have also gone through more notebooks and pens/pencils than any other year!

Currently we could use Chapstick, Belts, Washington Gear (Sweatshirts/t-shirts), Notebooks, Light Winter gloves.

I have attached my updated info sheet on the closet, feel free to share with the group! Let me know if you have any questions.

[Warrior Closet 2023-2024](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1JfT7061yfCB5axmnLjKYuR59s0A67dxigcZcOeDHdxQ/edit?usp=drive_web)

## Principal’s Report: Ian LeMaster

* Discuss Student Recognition:
  + Esser Funds for Recognition - Federal Funds update. Federal funds for logos of individual schools are not allowed.
    - Cell phone policy
    - Attendance policy trial after break. Pilots in progress.
* Student Recognition Subcommittee created. Wed Afternoon 3-4 pm, contact Cymone if you want to get involved.

## Counseling Report: Shawnna Ripple/ShaNell Young

* November – 2024-25 Registration Starting.
  + Week of Nov 13th - 11th grade (US History classes)
  + Week of Nov 27 - 10th grade (LA classes)
  + Week of Dec 4 - 9th grade (LA classes)
  + After Jan 1 - Incoming 9th grade (McKinley, Franklin, Harding, Parochial)
* PSAT Scores out by around Thanksgiving
* Nov 16th Incoming Freshman Orientation, 6-8 pm – *POSTPONED until after January 1st, to align with delay of incoming 9th grade course registration*
  + (Not postponed) Financial Literacy (Scholarships) - 6-7 pm
    - Event: Financial Literacy Night Date: Nov 16th  
      Time: 6:00 - 7:00 pm Location: Cafeteria  
      Washington will be hosting a Financial Literacy Night on Thursday, Nov 16th at 6:00 pm in the cafeteria. During this time ICAN will be presenting information on how to file the FAFSA, known changes to the FAFSA for the 24-25 school year, and additional ways to finance college. UNI and Mt. Mercy will be sponsoring the event so there will be representatives from both schools if students/parents would like to meet with either school. This event is open to all students and families but information will be directed to 11th and 12th grade students and parents/guardians.
    - Kristin Mangrich, College Career Transition Counselor   
      Washington High School / Kirkwood Community College   
      319-558-3981 / [kmangrich@crschools.us](mailto:kmangrich@crschools.us)
* No appointment Friday - 2nd Friday of each month
  + Counselors will be stationed in Room 128 on 2nd Friday of each month for students who want to see their counselor without making an appointment

10 AM: Motion to end meeting by Clay Melton and seconded by Julia Wittnebel.

# Reference Items (Not Discussed in Meeting)

## Volunteer Reference Information

Raptor Volunteering Tracking System,  
<https://apps.raptortech.com/Volunteer/Login/MTE5OTpWb2x1bnRlZXI6ZW4tVVM=>

or reach from the Washington High School Website:  
<https://washington.crschools.us/students-families/parent-teacher-association/>

This link will be posted at the end of each month as a reminder to enter your volunteer hours. Make Washington’s Volunteer hours show up in district records! Go Warriors!

## Washington Counseling Information

<https://sites.google.com/site/cwrcounseling/home>

## Executive Contact Information

Role, Name, Contact Information:

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* We need a PTA Secretary!