

# West High School

## Parent Teacher Student Association

Meeting Minutes  
November 4, 2020

### 1. Business Items

- a. Approved October 2020 Minutes & will have them posted to West's website.
- b. West High PTSA website - <https://west.slcschools.org/community/ptsa/>
- c. Treasurer report – Bethany Johnson
  - i. Current balance: \$4477.35
    1. Dues & donations: \$875 and an insurance refund \$10.68
  - ii. No outgoing funds.
  - iii. We need to raise money to meet the budget.
    1. Encourage membership & donations on WHSPSN detailing how to join & donate. Explain what the funds will go towards.
    2. Drinks coupons were given last week for P/T Conferences.
    3. Teachers go into the building now & then so we can plan something for the spring.
- d. Discussion of 2017-18 bylaws due in December
  - i. Dues: Currently \$10 & we keep \$5.75. We have 40 members, but in the past three years we brought in around double that number. We don't want to exclude anyone, so the PTSA voted to keep them at \$10 & promote more donations. Ease of sign up makes a difference for both faculty & families. Maybe put an envelope in the teacher's boxes? Are funds being lost in different PTSA accounts online? Val can add or change the MySchoolFees categories with admin approval. MySchoolFees is poorly organized with old categories that need to be deleted. Bethany will contact Val to delete all PTSA accounts except dues and donations to streamline it.
  - ii. Unanimously approved West High PTSA by-laws.

### 2. Principal's report – Jared Wright - left the meeting before he could report

### 3. Student Rep report – Matej Marsh

- a. Attendance has been better since teachers are taking attendance during the Zoom call instead of an exit ticket.

- b. AP & challenging courses can be overwhelming for some students & they're falling behind.
  - i. Deadlines & information about AP & IB exam registrations hasn't been well communicated from West & the teachers. More information is needed for students & families.
- c. Students seem to be doing better, getting the hang of online learning better. Seems like students would rather be in-class, but they like the consistency of not going back & forth.
- d. Concerns are for end-of-year testing & how they may be negatively affected due to the unique Q1-A, Q2-B schedule this year. However, taking 8 classes online at the same time would also be a challenge.
  - i. Some teachers may be offering Wednesday sessions to help students stay current with the information over the quarter breaks.
- e. West High will stay on the same schedule for at least 2nd quarter.
- 4. Teacher Rep report – Kathy Barnard
  - a. Not in attendance tonight.
- 5. Teacher appreciation ideas (budget \$1,000) – Kim Madsen
  - a. Thirst donated gift cards & Kim put them in the teacher's boxes this week w/ a cute saying/card.
    - i. There are 141 boxes (teachers & staff) & 11 secretaries. Nothing was done for the secretaries since we didn't know to get enough so Kim will do something for them.
- 6. Reflections (budget \$500) – Heather May
  - a. Not in attendance but reported to Sandra.
  - b. Due Nov. 16th & West has had quite a few submissions this year. When it closes, the next step is finding judges. Everything seems to be going smoothly.
- 7. Fundraising ideas
  - a. Restaurant nights can help raise funds. Sandra is looking into them. We need to consider a location that would be easily accessible for West families. Look for the restaurant that will give West the highest percentage of sales.
- 8. Masks – Suzanne Attix
  - a. Some were given to alumni and students in need. There are approximately 40 left. PTSA members sold them at two games & discussed selling the rest at an

indoor basketball game or to the team. Sandra will check with the coach first about buying them for the team.

- i. Maybe sell them next Wednesday at the Q2 supplies pick-up. SBOs may be able to sell them too.
  - b. Discussed a design contest to order more since masks won't be going away soon. A PXP teacher was interested in doing one with their 9th graders. Will need to talk to Jared Wright about what he's decided or done since last month's meeting.
- 9. AP test funding help from PTA
  - a. Sandra hasn't heard how much the PTSA should donate.
- 10. Next meeting is Dec 2 at 5:30 PM
  - a. <https://Clearlink.zoom.us/j/92710188411>