

Walnut Hills High School (Parent) Association
January 26, 2022
Zoom Meeting

Executive Board: Amanda Adkins, Debbie Elliott, Angela Robinson

Voting Directors: Davis Griffin, Olivia Ballard, Pete Riddle, Cathy Reidy, Ro Clark, Tiffiney Helm, Nikki Hollis, Missi Kershner, Jason Berman, Katherine Chiong

Non-Voting Auxiliary Members: Saundra Oprea, Jody Montgomery, Aidan Atkins

Ex Officio Members: John Chambers, Margo Fisher-Bellman

Interested Others:

Melanie Prevost, Michelle Kay, Shay, Ashley Tolokorian

Principal's report:

- Good to have students back in the building. Even the short remote period seemed to allow students to value the in-person experience.
 - Fewer kids seem to be struggling this year
- First registration for next year will be tomorrow (27JAN2022). Additional registration dates are 24FEB2022 and 24MAR2022 for students within the district.
 - Three hundred families are anticipated tomorrow
 - Close to six hundred kids are eligible to come next year
 - Four hundred more kids will still be taking the entrance exam
- Capital improvements
 - Construction begins soon
 - All permits have been received
 - Bi-weekly meetings to oversee the process will begin soon
 - The tennis courts will be the initial project
 - An access road has been established to keep the construction and school traffic separate

Discussion:

- Bathroom restrictions during lunch and study hall?
 - No, however attendance is taken first during study hall, then students may go to the restroom
 - There are two bathrooms on the way to the cafeteria.
 - Students are encouraged to visit the restroom before they come in
 - Once seated, kids should not be moving around for safety/contract tracing needs
 - Students are asked to fill seats as they enter the lunchroom
 - Students can wait for their friends and enter sequentially so that they can sit together
 - Concerned students should address Principal Chambers
- Updates on substitute teachers

- Upon the return to school for the spring semester, there were approximately 30 teachers out per day. Currently there are about 11/day with a peak of 14.
 - 8-10 substitute teachers have been able to manage this workload without needing to enlist, 'non-para-professionals'

ILT:

- Meetings convened 15DEC21 and 19JAN22; upcoming meeting 16FEB2022
- New courses approved:
 - Astronomy
 - Journalism Production
 - Ceramics
- Spring EOC 2022 testing schedule codified
- Discussion regarding having an Open House combining 'walk the schedule night' and 'curriculum night' before the start of the year
- It is important to ensure that WHHS continues to be recognized for its AP offerings and rigor. In some recent discussions/communications, it seems that College Credit Plus was being favored relative to AP offerings. This will be addressed.

LSDMC:

- Focus for the group is improving communication between WHHS and the community
- Completed an initial assessment of communication platforms/methods and the associated effectiveness/satisfaction

Hospitality:

- Faculty and staff appreciation luncheon coming up
- Need some insight regarding what is most meaningful to faculty and staff – lunch, gift cards, recognition, etc.

LOE:

- Over \$76,000 raised for the fiscal year ending June 2022
- No updates to items upcoming or help needed
- Clarified that donations made by individuals after they graduate generally are made to the Alumni association, not LOE

WalnutFest:

- This will be an on-line only event this year during the first two weeks of April.
 - Still soliciting interesting things for people to bid on
 - Likely items include parking spots, graduation seats, parties will continue to be part of the offerings
 - A 'bourbon pull' or similar activity was suggested (bottles donated and ticket holders win a bottle at random)

Updates from each area/grade level

7th/8th grade:

- Discussing a digital handbook for the parent liaisons going forward
- Separate accounts being established for the class of '26 and '27

- Looking forward to planning the Twilight Ball on 08APR2022

9th grade:

- February 8th - hosting a pay-to-play sports tournament. Futsal (soccer) & basketball will be played by teams of five and winning teams will receive gift cards.
- Spring Fling dance is upcoming and will replace FROSH (which was for 9th grade only). This dance will include 9th and 10th grades. Both classes are working together currently on theme, date, and details, and they will be reaching out to the parent association shortly with requests for donations and volunteers.

10th grade:

- 'A Taste of 10.0' will be moving forward
 - Requested 23APR2022 for the date
 - Will need help with planning, organizing, and executing

11th grade:

- Prom planning is the primary focus

12th grade:

- Rumors of Nerf wars ongoing
- Working on the Senior Dinner Dance

Theatre:

- Successful run of the One Acts Festival. Parents filled approximately 100 volunteer spots providing 3 tech meals, selling concessions and welcoming. Provided meals to 100 students.
- Increased price of snacks and drinks to \$2 for this show and future shows in order to make enough to reimburse meal manager for purchased food for tech meals. Will offer advertising in SpongeBob program for restaurant if they will donate the food. Food managers have donated approximately \$400 this year.
- The SpongeBob Musical runs Feb. 17,18, and 19 @ 7:00pm. Tickets are open to the public now.
- Will send out parent communication email for Lend Me a Tenor in early February.
- Help needed with:
[WHHS THEATRE LINK](#) - please help us spread the word and share our social media posts

WHIP:

- Working on cash app for small donations at concerts
- Coming up:
 - Second fundraiser (Butterbraid) in February or early March
 - Working with theater department on the high school musical (SpongeBob)

Finance:

- First round of SOAR grants distributed, and teachers have begun to use the funds
- May do a second round

Any other business:

- Check to see the budget implications are of not reaching our fundraising goal for WalnutFest.

Motion to accept minutes from November meeting:

- Pete Riddle called and Olivia Ballard seconded the motion

Motion to adjourn:

- Angela Robinson called, and Davis Griffin seconded the motion