

## Walnut Hills High School Parent Association Business Meeting Minutes via Meet Google

### ATTENDANCE

Voting Directors: Davis Griffin, Sally O'Callaghan, Sylvia Nelson, Tiffany Helm, Ro Clark, Debbie Elliott, Sean Kelley, Catherine Gavin, Sarah Hilton

Non-Voting Auxiliary Members: Amanda Adkins, Angela Robinson, Peg Reed, Evonne Morales, Kelly Leanza, Missi Kerschner, Brian Wade, Olivia Ballard, Monica Mitchell, Judy Neff, April Flessa, Lucinda Hurst

Ex Officio Members: John Chambers, Sam Gerwe-Perkins

Interested Other: Julie Vernon, Wadeeah Nashid

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

*Presented by John Chambers*

- Not much going on at the physical building except for athletics
- Walnut submitted 6 different plans to the CPS Board for return to the classroom; none accepted because no way for 6' social distancing
- Even with 3' social distancing, still would need to follow A/B schedule which means kids only see teacher 2 days a week
- Walnut cannot have an independent network; must remain part of district's network
- Explored other locations for additional classrooms; issue isn't space, it's having enough teachers; A/B model would take 56 additional teachers
- Before COVID, there were plans in development to create/build 18 new classrooms, but that is on hold while the district deals with COVID; wouldn't solve the problem anyway
- The district does not have the capacity to livestream classes; we are nowhere near that; so the blended model with streaming is not a reality
- Ms. Gerwe-Perkins pointed out that the blended model with livestream would fundamentally uproot our kids' schedules
- Why extended bells/block schedule rather than regular bell schedule:
  - District recommended limited screen time per day (4 hours)
  - Too many logons and meet codes with 6-7 classes/day
  - Tried to create a schedule (block) that wasn't overwhelming for the kids
  - Gives teachers a longer period of time to engage with kids
- Will proceed with PSAT for Juniors only
  - In the process of looking at how that will work
  - The National Test for National Merit consideration is only offered certain days
  - Possibly October 29
  - Will bring all Juniors to school seated in classrooms of 9

- The test is normed on the time of year you take the test; October 14 and 29 will be same level of difficulty just different questions
- Possibly allow kids to opt in rather than make the October date mandatory

## **NEW BUSINESS**

***Presented by Amanda Adkins***

- Is there anything the Parent Association can do to support the teachers?
  - Ms. Gerwe-Perkins wanted to let everyone to know that parents and teachers are on the same side; nobody wants anything but the kids to be successful
  - Ms. Gerwe-Perkins will put out feelers to see if there's anything and get back to Amanda

## **ILT**

***Presented by Olivia Ballard***

- Conference Nights are: 10/14/2020, 11/10/2020, 1/27/2021, and 4/8/2021; all are scheduled from 5-8:00pm
- Asked the District if Wednesday could be kept as flex day as it's a good mental health day (rest of the district is distance learning on Mondays)
- Recommended that teachers use Schoology calendar so student workloads can be monitored

## **11<sup>th</sup> Grade Liaison**

***Presented by Monica Mitchell***

- Made \$4500 from popcorn sale
- Another fundraiser planned for spring

## **Theatre**

***Presented by Kelly Leanza***

- The Theatre Department has successfully pivoted to provide both the students and the Walnut Hills High School community with great productions
  - *A Doll's House*, originally slated for Spring 2020, was turned into a "radio drama" and streamed September 1-8 on ShowClix.com
  - *Hamlet*, blending aspects of theatre and film, will begin streaming on demand on November 20
  - *The Virtual Theatre Festival*, a showcase of student-created work, will stream on-demand December 4-11

*Meeting Google Slide:*

*[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1f0eW1HQT8S1sAOCnM6Bh4mH\\_4Y72djCXme4ms-8YQHs/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1f0eW1HQT8S1sAOCnM6Bh4mH_4Y72djCXme4ms-8YQHs/edit?usp=sharing)*

## **Financials**

***Presented by Peg Reed***

- Angela Robinson accepted the financials as presented
- Sylvia Nelson seconded

*Sally O'Callaghan made a motion to adjourn*

*Aidan Adkins seconded*