

Walnut Hills High School (Parent) Association
September 22, 2021
WHHS Music Lyceum

Executive Board: Amanda Adkins, Angela Robinson, Peg Reed. Debbie Elliott

Voting Directors: Davis Griffin, Olivia Ballard, Pete Riddle, Sylvia Nelson, Cathy Reidy, Nikki Hollis, Missi Kershner, Julie Smyth, Jason Berman, Katherine Chiong, Veronica Toffefson

Non-Voting Auxiliary Members: Sandra Oprea, Aidan Adkins, Lucinda Hurst, Kelly Leanza, Evonne Morales

Ex Officio Members: John Chambers, Margo Fisher-Bellman

Interested Others:

Ami Brown, Sam Stevenson, Victoria, Michelle Kay

Principal's report:

- We have 17 National Merit semi-finalists who can apply to be finalists
 - WHHS had 3 finalists last year
- Arrival and dismissal times
 - No students may be in the building prior to 0730.
 - There is no one to supervise prior to that time
 - Parents need to assist here
 - Especially as we approach the colder months, an alternate solution is needed so that children are not dropped off prior to 0730
- Campus improvements are underway
 - A permanent covering is in progress for the tennis courts
 - There will be heating and cooling as well as bathrooms
 - Can be used for athletics and academics, e.g. AP testing may be conducted there
 - Planned to complete in March 2022
 - Cafeteria expansion
 - Expanding into court yards
 - Will offer additional seating
 - Planned to complete May 2023
 - Campus expansion
 - New building with 24 classrooms/office spaces
 - Across from lot A
 - Additional space does not mean there will be additional enrollment, as there are 27 traveling teachers now
- Assisting with communication
 - Contact Ms. Daniels in the front office if parents are not receiving robo calls (need to confirm they don't have call blocking)
 - If emails, eagle flyer are not coming check with Ms. Daniels

- Questions/concerns/comments raised by the association
 - There is an issue with the medical registration link that has been published.
 - Mr. Chambers will address in a robocall and in the eagle flyer
 - Will there be an honors event to recognize achievement be reinstated?
 - Mr. Chambers will discuss with administrators.
 - Plan for lunch during colder months
 - The school will follow the inclement weather process (lunch in gyms)
 - Improved cleaning needed for South Field and exterminators for bees
 - This has been addressed with custodial leadership
 - Water flow in the bathrooms may be insufficient for effective handwashing
 - Mr. Chambers will review and discuss with the appropriate individuals
 - Kids following a social media 'challenge' vandalizing schools
 - Two students were identified and held accountable for their actions
 - Thank you to Mr. Chambers for manning the traffic circle and supporting safe and timely access to school

ILT:

Topics in August 11 and September 22 meetings:

- Plans for September 27 Professional Development day – using data from AIR and AP testing to refine teaching approach
- Exam week schedule being revised due to 8 bell schedule
- Schedule adjustments for PSAT Day (October 13)
- Schedule for End of Course/AIR testing in Spring 2022
- Next Meeting: October 20

LSDMC:

- Walnut Hills Alumni Foundation voted to be the Lead Agency for WHHS. The Alumni Foundation works with WHHS on long range planning
- Roles for upcoming year: Chairperson - Laura Stith Deck, Vice-Chairperson - Cathy Reidy, Secretary - Jessica Smitson
- Coming up – Anti-Racism Committee – need to ensure the committee aligns objectives with those set by the CPS board.
 - Students will be a part of this group
 - Will determine how to coordinate with the Parent Equity group as there is a separate focus for that committee
 - Determining how to measure success

Hospitality:

- Curriculum night was managed virtually this year
- Staff appreciation activities will be planned for spring

LOE:

- \$99,147 raised for 2020/21 academic year, up ~\$3,000 from prior year
 - Fiscal year ends 30JUN
- \$3,860 raised for the 2021/22 academic/fiscal year from 51 donations
- 59% of current year donations from ~20 recurring donors

- Supports the following, including, but not limited to: extracurriculars, purchasing textbooks, coaching, college counseling, uniforms, advanced math classes, SOAR grants, staff appreciation, music programs, theater, and fine arts
 - Clarity regarding what this program supports may enhance our ability to secure donations
 - Consider setting quarterly goals
- Coming up – the launch LOE in Under the Dome.
- Help needed with updating Constant Contact and promoting more parents to opt into WHHS Association emails. An invitation to join was in the last Eagle Flyer.

WalnutFest:

- Planned for 04Feb2022 at Rhinegeist
- There is a group of parents who are supporting the event, but a chairperson is to be determined

Updates from each area/grade level

7th/8th grade:

- Engaging parents via Facebook and may add a parent page to grade level pages
- Dodge ball on 23SEP2021
- Boogie base on 22OCT2022
- Would like to see a consolidated calendar of events across the grades/groups

9th grade:

- No updates

10th grade:

- Hoping to hold a spring event next year

11th grade:

- Homecoming games for 10th, 11th, and 12th grades from 3-5 on Southfield on 24SEP2021
- Concession sales will be the fundraiser at the event
 - Good parental support from 10th and 11th grade parents

12th Grade:

- Homecoming preparations ongoing
 - Tickets still available
- Senior t-shirt design contest winner has been selected and will be announced shortly
- Selling popcorn to raise money for local families with food insecurity starting next month

Theatre:

- Senior High Play Rhinoceros rehearsals have begun – production in November

- One Act Festival. Audition and crew interview dates: Oct. 4&5, 4-7
- Parents have suggested a fundraiser

WHIP:

- First fundraiser complete
- Determining the best way to host concerts given Covid protocols allowing only 25% capacity in each venue
 - The pros and cons of livestreaming were discussed

Finance:

- Tax return filed last week
- We maintain approximately one year of reserve cash in the bank just in case of unanticipated issues
- We need to confirm who can manage the SOAR grant program
 - About \$5,000 is allocated for this program
- Someone with a financial background is needed to assume treasurer responsibilities from Peg at the end of this school year

Motion to adjourn:

Peg Reid called and Davis Griffin seconded the motion

Motion passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:30