

Walnut Hills High School (Parent) Association
October 27th, 2021
Start 7:04 PM
WHHS Music Lyceum

Executive Board: Amanda Adkins, Debbie Elliott

Voting Directors: Olivia Ballard, Pete Riddle, Cathy Reidy, Missi Kershner, Julie Smyth, Jason Berman, Sean Kelley, Ro Clark, Katherine Chiong

Non-Voting Auxiliary Members: Sandra Oprea, Kelly Leanza, Mark Lawson

Ex Officio Members: Margo Fisher-Bellman

Interested Others:

Amy Brown, Andrea Wilkerson

Principal's report:

- N/A

Appreciation for the 'real time' robocalls relative to the lock-down/in and lifting of those security measures was expressed

ILT:

- Two midterm exam schedules proposed
 - Monday-Thursday with Friday remaining for make-ups
 - Study hall Monday morning, first exam Monday afternoon, last exam Friday morning, make-ups Friday afternoon
- The spring 2022 MAP testing schedule is still being defined given our 8 bell schedule
- A new math course is being proposed for those kids who would like a 4th year math course other than pre-calculus/calculus
- Halloween parade on Friday and Senior panoramic picture on Monday
- Next meeting 17NOV2021

LSDMC:

- Kathy Restle presented the long range plan for WHHS which was approved (five year plan)
- Roster and by-laws for LSDMC reviewed and approved
 - The team will confirm where these documents can be posted for broader review
- Next meeting 16NOV2021

Hospitality:

- A fall staff appreciation event/effort being considered

LOE:

- Launched LOE in Under the Dome and the Eagle Flyer in October

- A correction to the link for donations is being posted
- \$10,660 raised for the 2021/22 academic/fiscal year from 96 donations to date
- Yard signs have been ordered
- Still need help 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
- Software to facilitate the auction was renewed
- Given the burden the pandemic has placed on area restaurants, etc, food donations will not be solicited this year, unless someone knows the owner/manager well and determines the request would not pose an undue hardship

Updates from each area/grade level

7th/8th grade:

- Boogie Bash occurred on 22OCT2021
 - It was a great success with \$2,750 raised
 - 468 tickets sold
- Ms. Stephenson, grade level advisor, and 4-5 others were instrumental in leading this event
 - Great volunteer support
- Upcoming activities
 - Kindness canes (candy canes with a message) in Nov/Dec
 - Cards for hospitalized kids/nursing home patients
 - Thanksgiving bake sale 19NOV2021
- Looking forward to planning the Twilight Ball next

9th grade:

- Thanksgiving gram fundraiser for November
- Holiday movie night in December
- Focusing on creative mechanisms to raise funds

Note: 9th grade teams will coordinate with the 7th/8th grade regarding Thanksgiving fundraisers

10th grade:

- Received approval to host a spring event next year
 - 'A Taste of 10.0' will be the theme
 - Requested 23APR2022 for the date
 - Will need help with planning, organizing, and executing

11th grade:

- Homecoming games for 10th, 11th, and 12th grades were a success
- Movie night held 15OCT2021
- Chipotle fundraiser conducted
- Upcoming events:
 - Movie night 19NOV2021

- Clothing drive 1st week of December
- Holiday market featuring student run businesses on 05DEC21 (tentative date)

12th grade:

- Homecoming was a success
- Popcorn fundraiser to raise money for families with food insecurity raised \$3,000
 - Planning to buy \$200 worth of groceries for 15 families
 - Laundry baskets or reusable bags sought to help with delivery
- Winner of Senior T-shirt contest is Aubrey Laur (see slide for image)
- There is a senior costume contest on Friday

Theatre:

- Senior High Play Rhinoceros tickets on sale
 - 75 tickets per show
 - 11-13NOV21 in the Black Box
- Audition and Crew sign ups available for the spring production of THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL and LEND ME A TENOR
- Thespian Society laser tag fundraiser 02NOV21
- Still working on logistics of in person performances

WHIP:

- Hosting in-person concerts again
 - Kids wear masks
 - Balcony cannot be used at this point (maintenance or spacing issue)
- Cookie dough fundraiser complete
- Focusing on patron donor sponsorships

Finance:

- Vote deferred

Any other business:

- Based on the initial 7th/8th grade fundraiser, our school treasurer is working to develop an easier system/clearer process to manage the financial end of the fund raising efforts
- There was a discussion regarding whether a list of parents/family/alumni/supporters of WHHS who own businesses and are willing to donate/contribute/support various events can be maintained as a starting point when planning school events
- SOAR grants
 - Forms updated and requests will have to be received by 30NOV21 (an email box will be defined)
 - Responses will be given by winter break
 - Amy Brown and Jason Berman will review requests and Angela Robison as well as one other institutional expert will be asked to support reviews
 - Amanda Adkins and Margo Fisher-Bellman will ensure the grant forms are received by the teachers and club leaders
 - Awards are capped at \$500
 - Funds will be issued in JAN22; must be used end of APR22

- Expense receipts must be provided to Peg Reed
- Request to form a traffic committee
 - Cars are driving too fast
 - There are currently no school zone markings/lights
 - There is an unacceptable number of accidents occurring as students arrive and depart (number to be confirmed)
 - There a number of new drivers coming to school each day
 - These factors combine to create risk that needs to be better mitigated
 - Homeowners on other residential streets feeding into schools are prohibited from street parking between 0700-0900
 - Is this an option?
- Concerns regarding gaps between end of day and start of after school activities
 - Where can kids safely go between school and on-campus activities
 - Coaches/teachers are telling them to go to the cafeteria or gym; administration tells them they cannot be there
 - Not clear who is allowed/supposed to be in various locations
 - Must have some flexibility given scheduling of activities and what is going on in the community around WHHS
 - Specifics regarding the issue that spurred this conversation will be provided to and shared by Margo Fisher-Bellman with the appropriate parties

Motion to accept minutes:

- With the correction to the number of National Merit Scholar finalists last year
- Pete Riddle called and Sean Kelley seconded the motion

Motion to adjourn: Adjourn 8:29

- Julie Smyth called and Sean Kelley seconded the motion