

Walnut Hills High School (Parent) Association
November 17, 2021
WHHS Music Lyceum

Executive Board: Amanda Adkins, Debbie Elliott, Peg Reed

Voting Directors: Olivia Ballard, Pete Riddle, Sylvia Nelson, Cathy Reidy, Ro Clark, Jason Berman, Katherine Chiong

Non-Voting Auxiliary Members: Sandra Oprea, Evonne Morales. Lucinda Hurst

Ex Officio Members: John Chambers, Margo Fisher-Bellman

Interested Others:

Ami Kothari, Sam Stevenson, Brad

Principal's report:

- Current enrollment 2,739 students (last year 2,854 students)
 - 1,473 female; 1,266 male (last year 1,524 female; 1,330 male)
 - Approximate number of students by year
 - 7th: 408
 - 8th: 412
 - 9th: 464
 - 10th: 550
 - 11th: 455
 - 12th: 461
- Some students who may have enrolled this year made commitments to private schools prior to the date it was confirmed that WHHS would return to on-campus learning five days/week.
 - This may impact next year's enrollment
- Entrance testing for next year has begun
 - CPS has conducted initial testing for the 6th graders
 - Two open sessions for testing have occurred or are scheduled with approximately 430 students
 - Additional testing sessions are being scheduled
- Performing Arts and Athletics have had a number of recent successful events
 - Live performances for: Orchestra, Senior High play, Jazz ensemble, Steel drums, Junior High choir
 - Upcoming: girls and boys basketball, Junior High orchestra
 - Excellence in athletics this season:
 - Three cross-country runners went to 'State'
 - Five football players went to 'All-conference'
 - Six of the ladies soccer team went to 'All-conference'
 - The volleyball team excelled in their season
- Graduation will take place 26May2022

- Anticipating full-capacity seating for the event

Discussion:

- Bussing/traffic accidents/traffic/resulting tardiness
 - WHHS has requested officers to be present to support drop-off/pick-up
 - Negotiations are ongoing
 - Recognized increase in number of parents dropping off because of the altered bussing situation this school year
 - Some discussion regarding reverting to dedicated buses for students
 - There will more likely be more limited student parking next year because of ongoing campus improvements/construction
- Revisited Capital improvements:
 - Expanded cafeteria
 - New addition to the Arts and Sciences building
 - Covered tennis courts (see October minutes for more information)
 - Tennis court project will likely be completed first
- Keeping grounds neat and clean:
 - Students need to be reminded of their social responsibility to actively participate in keeping the school clean
 - Throw away trash following lunch
 - Recycling appropriate items
- Assigned seating for lunch?
 - No – however, 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
- District-wide mandatory, bi-weekly assessments
 - To assess baseline, mid-stream, and post lesson mastery
 - Group discussion regarding how closely testing aligns with the WHHS curriculum
 - Group discussion regarding whether this testing is useful relative to the instructional time required to administer the program

ILT:

- Next meeting 26Dec22
- New course proposals:
 - Mathematical Modeling and Reasoning
 - Physical Fitness
 - Astronomy
- Study Guides for exams

LSDMC:

- Class of '82 Alumni presented on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion group they have been working on since the spring of 2020
- Reviewed the Anti-Racism Policy for the District and that each school has to have an Anti-Racism Committee that is sub-committee of LSDMC

- Voted to merge these two committees
 - This will be the official Anti-Racism sub-LSDMC committee
 - LSDMC reps are Sandra Oprea (parent) and Lisa Brokamp (teacher)

Hospitality:

- A fall faculty and staff appreciation gift will be distributed the week of finals

LOE:

- \$26,000 raised for the 2021/22 academic/fiscal year from 164 donations
 - Davis purchased 20 yard signs promoting LOE and placed around school
- Plan to include in Under the Dome and the Eagle Flyer in November.
 - Will show donors by bracket
- Updates to Constant Contact needed and promote more parents to opt into WHHS Association emails
 - An invitation to join was in the last Eagle Flyer.
 - Unable to send tax forms for check donors since we don't have a parent directory

WalnutFest:

- Venue walk-through occurred this week
- Parent donations solicited

Updates from each area/grade level

7th/8th grade:

- The parent calendar is nearing completion (specific to Junior Highschool)
- Upcoming activities
 - Kindness canes (candy canes with a message) in Nov/Dec
 - Cards for hospitalized kids
 - Thanksgiving bake sale 19NOV2021
- Looking forward to planning the Twilight Ball next

9th grade:

- Thanksgiving gram fundraiser for November
- Holiday movie night in December

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:

- Movie night held 15OCT2021; another planned for 19NOV2021
- Upcoming events:

- Snack sale 1st week of December
- Clothing drive 2nd week of December
- Student market featuring student run businesses early spring semester

12th grade:

- Popcorn fundraiser allowed over \$3,000 in food to be delivered to 15 families
- Senior T-shirt sales ongoing

Theatre:

- Successful run of Rhinoceros
 - 4 sold out shows
 - Parents filled 110 volunteer spots providing 3 tech meals, a matinee meal, selling concessions and welcoming
- For future shows should identify a tech meal manager and concessions manager
 - Concession sales are used to reimburse manager for ordered food and stocking concessions
- Auditions for SpongeBob and Lend Me a Tenor were this week. Cast will be posted on Friday (19NOV2021)
- One Act Festival 2-4DEC2021 in the Rick Steiner Black Box Theater

WHIP:

- Elected a new treasurer, Melanie Prevost
- CPS will be increasing concert capacity from 25% to 50%
 - Work to repair ceiling above auditorium balcony is critical to using that seating area
- Focus on Patron Donor sponsorship

Finance:

- Fundraising is running ahead of expenditures so far this year
- We are funding a college counselor, Sandy Uhrig
- Paid our first Walnutfest expense (auction software)
- Large disbursements will be made in December and January (Schedule E and advanced math course)
- Replacement for finance/accounting PA role needed.
 - Someone with financial background needed

Any other business:

- NA

Motion to adjourn:

- Sandra Oprea called and Katherine Chiong seconded the motion