

Walnut Hills High School (Parent) Association  
February 23, 2022  
WHHS Music Lyceum

**Executive Board:** Amanda Adkins, Debbie Elliott, Angela Robinson

**Voting Directors:** Olivia Ballard, Jason Berman, Ro Clark, Davis Griffin, Missi Kershner, Sylvia Nelson, Cathy Reidy, Pete Riddle, Anne Roma, Julie Smyth

**Non-Voting Auxiliary Members:** Evonne Morales, Saundra Oprea, Brian Wade

**Ex Officio Members:** John Chambers, Margo Fisher-Bellman

**Interested Others:**  
Michele Kay, Gina Pratt

**Principal's report:**

- The ACT will be taken by the Junior class next week.
  - This is being provided free of charge to students and is paid for by the state of Ohio.
  - Students must arrive on time (no admittance once the test begins)
- Sponge Bob the musical wrapped up and was excellent
- LSDMC and ILT passed the 2022-2023 budget and staffing requirements
  - No staffing will be lost
- 172 students enrolled on the first registration night
  - Mostly 7<sup>th</sup> graders
  - Next registration event 24Feb2022
- An eligibility testing opportunity for students that the district inadvertently missed will be held on 09APR2022
  - The passing rate has been higher than in previous years
  - More representation is being seen from schools that are not typically 'feeder' schools for WHHS
  - Strategies are being developed to facilitate the enrollment process
    - It's important to consider why parents aren't engaged in this process and more generally in the school association/supporting school related initiatives
- There has been an error in CPS' teacher contract in regard to salary schedule E, such that teachers who spend extensive time beyond the school day to support student activities (including music, visual arts and theater teachers) have not been compensated for their time and effort.
  - Teachers need support in ensuring teachers receive the agreed stipend approved by the district
  - Calls and emails to the school board will help further this cause
- Capital improvements
  - Construction has begun

- Building expansion will begin after spring break
  - The new building is expected to be in place by the end of August 2022

**Discussion:**

- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade fundraising
  - The relative merits of establishing 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade accounts for funds received from grade level activities were reviewed. for the junior high should go to the overall parent association to support overall school activities.
  - In the past, these funds have been allocated to the parent association to support school activities
  - It was agreed the Junior High should not be focused on fundraising

**ILT:**

- A new course has been approved - Cybersecurity
  - Open to Seniors only
- The bell schedule may revert to three lunch periods for next year
  - To address increased disciplinary problems this year
  - To address decreased instructional time
- Next meeting 16Mar2022

**LSDMC:**

- Putting together a survey regarding Walnut communication to help direct the path forward
- Looking at various options for management/control of the website
  - A website has been built and was ready for launch, but was dismissed
- Offline discussion will be held to revisit implementation of the previously developed tool

**Hospitality:**

- Faculty and staff appreciation luncheon coming up
- Ordering quarter zip pullovers for all staff

**LOE:**

- Almost \$85,000 raised for the 2021/2022 school year
- No updates to items upcoming or help needed
- May craft a communication highlighting the need to support LOE as WalnutFest is expected to be a less of a financial contributor than in years past
- Discussed the possibility of sending personal thank you letters to donors (perhaps the student council can support)

**WalnutFest:**

- This will be an on-line only event this year during the April
  - Still soliciting interesting things for people to bid on, and parties for outside gatherings
- Rhinegeist is allowing us to move our event to Feb 2023 without financial penalty

**Updates from each area/grade level**

### **7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade:**

- Twilight ball coming up on 08APR2022
  - Planning and logistics ongoing
  - Need assistance with putting the flyer on the website, Under the Dome, etc.

### **9<sup>th</sup> grade:**

- Pizza sale coming up 18MAR2022
- Sport tournament upcoming
- Spring Fling for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders planned for 23APR2022; opportunities to support this event will be forthcoming

### **10<sup>th</sup> grade:**

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

### **11<sup>th</sup> grade:**

- Prom planning is in full swing
  - It will be held 09APR2022 at Paul Brown Stadium

### **12<sup>th</sup> grade:**

- Senior Dinner Dance coming up 26FEB2022
- Still selling Senior t-shirts

### **Theatre:**

- SpongeBob was an artistic and financial success
  - Critics stayed to 11 pm discussing the show
  - Nominations will come out in April
  - Extensive participation and support
- Urgent need to support the WHHS Fine Arts teachers – please see the principal's report section of the minutes for additional detail

### **WHIP:**

- Helping to support teachers with lack of Schedule E compensation
- Butterbraid fundraiser ongoing
- Need support in writing letters to the CPS BOE regarding the Schedule E conflict (see principal's report)

### **Finance:**

- Fundraising has exceeded expenditures so far this year
  - Notable expenses coming in the spring (athletics and music)
  - SOAR grants being distributed
  - New treasurer has been identified to take over next year

- Welcome Michele Kay

**Any other business:**

- NA

**Motion to accept minutes from January meeting:**

- Will be reviewed offline and votes sent to Amanda Adkins

**Motion to adjourn:**

- Olivia Ballard called and Jason Berman seconded the motion