

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

**Executive Board:** Amanda Adkins, Angela Robinson, Peg Reed

**Voting Directors:** Olivia Ballard, Jason Berman, Pete Riddle, Anne Roma, Julie Smyth, Nikki Hollis, Katherine Chiong

**Non-Voting Auxiliary Members:** Evonne Morales, Kelly Leanza

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

**Interested Others:**  
Michele Kay, Ami Brown

**Principal's report:**

- Talent showcase being held tonight in auditorium
- Cum Laude tapping: approximately 90 students are selected on excellent academic and citizenship accomplishments
  - Ceremony dinner will be held soon, date not announced at this time
- State testing:
  - Eng/LA 7,8,10 grades finish Thursday 3/24, make up testing on Friday and over spring break
  - Math 7,8, Algebra 1, Geometry week on April 18th
- 176 students enrolled currently
  - Mostly 7<sup>th</sup> graders
  - Last registration event March 24,2022
  - Out of district enrollment will be over the summer in July/August
  - A parent brought up that the enrollment was difficult to find on the website, not outreaching emails sent from what she has seen
  - Smaller numbers all around despite more kids passing the test than previous years
  - If enrollment goes down too much it could affect staffing/budget, Goal is 429 students in 7<sup>th</sup> grade class
- Spring break next week, come back April 4<sup>th</sup>
- Graduation will be May 26<sup>th</sup> at Fifth Third Arena
  - Senior awards night is May 24<sup>th</sup>, cap and gowns will be distributed that night
  - Academic signing day coming up
- Parent brought up concern about parking. A parking attendant is needed for improve safety concerns. School is aware and trying to add cross walk to improve safety for pedestrians

**ILT:**

- The bell schedule is still being discussed. Debate between 8 bell vs 7 bell schedule'
- The minutes from meeting are posted on website
- Next meeting April 20

**LSDMC:**

- No report, Amanda will meet with Deb Hellman soon

**Hospitality:**

- Faculty and staff appreciation luncheon coming up
- Ordering quarter zip pullovers for all staff
- Cost of both is approximately \$7,000
- Will have LOE campaign 1 week to have devoted to teacher appreciation
- Will need vote to exceed budgeted amount
- Plan for last week of April or first week on May

**LOE:**

- Almost \$96,000 raised for the 2021/2022 school year
- Will devote week of fundraising to staff appreciation, week of April 10th

**WalnutFest:**

- This will be an on-line only event this year during the April 13-15th
  - Outdoor events only, lower number of parties this year, 4 parking spots, 4 premium seats for graduation
- 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
  - Sent sign up genius for donations, volunteers

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

- Frosh on same day as Taste of 10
  - May combine events, 2 grades need to meet to decide outcome of plans

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

- 'A Taste of 10.0 is scheduled same day as Frosh, may combine events or hold them separately

**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 send off was discussed. The students are planning this with the teacher advisors

### **Theatre:**

- The teachers' dispute with CPS has been sent to arbitration
- Lend Me a Tenor will be in April

### **WHIP:**

- The teachers' dispute with CPS has been sent to arbitration

### **Finance:**

- Will not need to fund textbooks this year
- We will need to dip into reserves to pay for expenses this year but feel this is appropriate since reserves are at highest they have been for 5 years

### **Any other business:**

- Amanda will confirm positions for next year

### **Motion to draw down reserves and spend \$14000 on WHiP, \$14,000 on Athletics, \$2,000 on Fine Arts, and \$7,000 on staff appreciation:**

- 7 votes for but not enough so will finish voting via email

### **Motion to adjourn:**

- Olivia Ballard called and Jason Berman seconded the motion