

2024-2025 WHHS Parent Board Meeting Minutes

2024 October Meeting

October 16, 2024- 7 pm Location: Walnut Hills High School Recital Room

In-person Attendees: Rachel Smith Steinert*, Lady Crockett*, Michelle Kay*, Sylvia Nelson*, Brian Hamilton, Caroline Perez, Amy Yap, Veronica Tollefson, Danielle Morgan, Cheryle Jackson, Hao Cong, Dawn Kurchak, Ed Paff, Ashley Tolokonsky, Amy Lovelace, Grace Royalty, Jamie Leslie, Dalia Tsurov, Alexandra Min, Francesca Bownas-Rayburn, Antoine Sprigs

On-line Attendees: Margo

Staff Attendees: Shanice Steele

Student Attendees: Nyla Shahanavaz

Call to Order- 07:02pm

Executive Board Introductions- Lady Crockett (President), Sylvia Nelson (Vice President), Michelle Kay (Treasurer), Rachel Smith-Steinert (Secretary)

Quorum Established

President's Update – Lady Crockett

- September meeting minutes were emailed to voting members- Veronica Tollefson motioned to approve the minutes. Dawn Kurchak Seconded. Minutes were approved and posted.
- Bylaws- Emailed out today for review. Will vote on proposed changes at the November meeting.
- SOAR Grants are now open; \$5000 limit for academic year- Amy Yap will send link to Margot to distribute to staff
- Yearly Events Calendar- need volunteers!
- Parent FAQ document- need volunteers!

Treasurer's Update- Given by Michele Kay

- 2024-25 Proposed Budget & Financial Report- distributed for review
- 990 Tax form for 2023 has been completed
- Sneaker Ball and LOE stock transfer not reflective in this month's report
- Discussion- Proposed to move SchoolAuction.net fees to overall Administrative expenses (move line item)- Brian Hamilton made motion, seconded; voted and approved
- Discussion on Department Fees and how to communicate to Department Heads funding is available

Legacy of Excellence- Brian Hamilton

- Introductions to Brian Hamilton, JR Verkamp, Veronica Tollefson, LOE Chairs 2024-25
- Reviewed budget and goals
- Clearly stated goals to fundraising- mission will be to communicate these goals to school community and collaborate with Boosters, Parent organization, and administration to increase fundraising dollars

- Communication Plan- Discussed Objective, Audience, Messaging, Key Stakeholders, Channels
- Website/Database Update
- Outreach to Potential Donors
- Kick Off Party- October 27, 2024 @ JR Verkamp's Home

Walnutfest- Veronica Tollefson

- Explanation of committee- parties are sponsored by donors and hosts- tickets purchased and 100% of funds go to Walnut Hills
- Upcoming Parties emailed out in Under the Dome
- Senior Party Oktoberfest 10/19/24- tickets still available!
- New Walnut Gathering for 7th Grade Parents (Class of 2030)- tickets available
- 2024-25 Committee Members: Becky Gash, Damn Kurchak, Veronica Tollefson, John Twachtman

Sneakerball- Lady Crockett

- October 5th @ Fuel Collective- \$8400 was raised! Very successful w/ positive feedback
- Great support w/ Sponsorship
- Total net gained will be shared next month

Walnutfest- Grace Royalty

- Moved to- Friday February 21st, 7-11:00pm @ Rhinegeist Brewery
- Looking for help with subcommittees- marketing, venue and food, silent auction
- First meeting was October 6, 2025- Next meeting November 17, 2025 @ 4pm
- Still need help w/ Silent Auction & Sponsorships
- Contact Grace Royalty theroyaltyfamily@gmail.com
- Looking for corporate and individual sponsors for food, bar, etc.

Athletic Boosters/Dads Gone Nuts-

- Dads Gone Nuts- fundraising for new grill; doing a bourbon raffle last football game
- Concessions being run fully by Boosters- looking for volunteers
- Boosters donated \$500 to every team this fall!

DEI Student Group/ Parent Equity Group-

- Three student committees-
- Event committee-counsellor pop up in cafeteria, planning an international game night
- Outreach Committee- Bringing student groups together
- Parent survey sent out- 18 respondents thus far to identify knowledge gaps
- Parent Equity Group- next meeting 10/28

CLASS UPDATES-

7th/8th Grade- Ed Paff & Ashley Tolokonsky

- Boogie Bash is next event- October 18, 2024- thank you to all parent donations and those who volunteered to chaperone

9th Grade- Dawn Kurchak

- No Updates

10th Grade- Nyla Shahanavaz

- Blood Drive; Huge fundraising year
- PSAT 10/23/24

11th Grade- Shaunice Steele

- Homecoming and Prom Fundraising (4/11/24 @ TQL Stadium)
- 20 teams signed up for Homecoming Games- very successful
- PSAT 10/23/24

12th Grade- Nyla Shahanavaz

- Trunk or Treat- 10/19/24 1-3:00pm
- Seniors off 10/23/24
- Senior T-Shirt Design current project

Hospitality- Katherine Chiong & Amy Yap

- Coffee/Hot beverage Bar; Monday December 16, 2024; Exam Week
- Gold Mugs w/ navy text, school motto on back- ordering thru Spirit Shop
- Sign Up Genius for volunteers and donations in Eagle Flyer and Under the Dome
- Staff Appreciation Lunch- May of 2025

ILT- Vacancy

- Committee Purpose- Teacher Meeting- Department Representatives- great way to learn about WHHS
- Next meeting 10/30/24- Wednesday @ 3:15
- If interested reach out to Lady Crocket

LSDMC

- Began working on the Needs Assessment for finding a Lead Agency

WINGS- Amy Lovelace

- 12th Night Opening Night! Opening Night 10/17-19/24- Will have a in-school performance 10/21 for 7th Graders- complete the permission slip
- One Acts Festivals 11/21-23/24- Great way for 7th and 8th graders to get involved
 - Approximately 70 cast and crew engaged, with extra strong crew participation
- Parent Association is a Season Sponsor- will be featured in program- will showcase LOE and Walnutfest!

WHIP-

- Marching Band competition in Columbus

- See WHIP meeting minutes

Bylaws-Sylvia Nelson

- Changes made to clarify operation of association
- Will be published in UTD
- Please email with questions
- Will vote @ November meeting
- A few questions answered

Principal Report- Ashley Morgan was ill- Lady gave report

- School report card- 5 stars given
- Homecoming major success as it was moved inside due to inclement weather
- Yondr Pouch rolled out well! Remind your child to bring their pouch- if rules aren't followed phone taken and detention given
- Entrance and dismissal has become very efficient

Meeting Adjourned- 8:20pm