

WHS PTC Meeting Minutes March 19, 2018

Class Updates:

Freshman – Jenna Dorr: Viking phone wallets are in. The Class of 2021 will be selling them at lunches for \$5 each. They also plan to sell at the ATC & WMS. The class raised \$165 at the Girls' Basketball game doing the concession stand. A bake sale and a car wash are upcoming/TBA.

Sophomores – Jen Capone/Advisor: The Class of 2020's Polar Plunge has been postponed twice due to weather. It is scheduled to take place this Sunday, 3/25 from 11-1pm at Yirrell Beach. There will be a DJ and Hot Coco will be served. Viking Umbrella's and possibly stadium cushions will be available for sale soon. Sophomores are responsible for providing desserts at the social.

Juniors – Ava Bertino: The Class Officers are starting to look at Prom venues for next year. The sophomore/junior social will be held at the CPYC on 4/28. Tickets will be on sale during lunches for a week and a half in April leading up to April vacation. Tickets are \$25pp. The Annual Easter Bake Sale will be held on the Saturday before Easter (3/31) from 9am-Noon at French Square. Anyone willing to bake please let Cindy Silva know. It's preferable to donate larger items such as cakes, pies, breads or a platter of cookies or brownies rather than individually wrapped items for this sale. A merchandise fundraiser is in the works. The Class of 2019 has teamed up with Project Repat, T-Shirt quilts can be purchased at a 20% discount, the class will earn \$25 on each order.

Seniors/Student Council – Alyssa Ferrara: The Class of 2018 put on a very well received Talent Show last week which earned them approximately \$1k. Prom tickets will be free for seniors and \$35 for guests. The Senior All-Night Party Code of Conduct forms are due on 3/30 along with the \$25 payment. The twenty students from Student Council who represented WHS at the Hyannis conference this year raised \$3k for Special Olympics by Polar Plunging. For the first time, the WHS Council was recognized for their fund raising efforts, coming in as the 2nd highest contributor. They also took home 1st place in the Lip Sync Competition. The three seniors in attendance from WHS were given Commonwealth Awards for their contributions over the years to Student Council. Congratulation to Alyssa Ferrara, MacKayla Norris and Chris Haskell as well as to Ava Bertino for being named the WHS Unsung Hero.

Principal's Report –

Mr. Crombie mentioned the successful & well attended Volleyball & March Madness Tournaments held this month and also how impressed he was with the Talent Show. WHS HAS a lot of Talent! The annual Spread the Word to End the Word campaign will take place the week of 4/2 ending with a school wide assembly on Friday. It will be a color week. Wellness week is the following week, leading up to April vacation. A schedule of events will be sent out soon. Seniors were given a power point presentation on scholarships. Please be reminded that you

must fill out the application for the Facella Scholarships in order to be admitted to the essay on Wednesday 4/25 at 6:45am. Those students that need recommendations as part of the application process for the scholarships located on the WHS site, must ask the teacher(s) that did their college recommendation for a copy (to scan and upload) or ask that the teacher email guidance permission to send the student their PFD file. They can then attach it to their application. All scholarships are done on-line, please be sure students read the criteria carefully to ensure they are an eligible candidate prior to applying. Scholarships are due on 4/13, prior to April vacation.

Superintendent Lisa Howard was the guest speaker this month. She was recently awarded a four year contract with the WPS. She gave an overview of her first 9 months in office and spoke of the various information gathering platforms she has been using to get to know the staff, students and policies in each building. During this time she has spent Tuesday and Thursday mornings split between the four schools and has been working closely with each principal to find out exactly what their operational needs are and how to ensure they are being met. There was an opportunity for those in attendance to ask questions at the end.

Guidance – Mrs. D’Amico informed the group that Princeton Review registration for SAT prep will be open soon for their program this summer in order to prepare for the August 2018 test date. WHS will be a host site for the May 5th SAT test. Naviance is up and running for all grades. Freshman were given instruction and passwords in their English classes last week. Students will most likely be given their 2018/2019 schedules prior to the end of the year. This will allow students with conflicts to make adjustments prior to the start of school in September. There will be no teacher assignments or room numbers on this schedule run. Please have your seniors bring copies of their acceptance letters to guidance! It’s tradition that we display them proudly in the entrance of WHS.

Upcoming PTC events include:

Spring clothing drive, Lauren Sennott will coordinate, it will be run for a week in May. Please start saving your donations. These clothing drives have been averaging \$1100 profit for the PTC treasury. \$2700 in scholarships will be given out this year. Membership is down so this fund raiser is much needed. The PTC ensures no student is given more than one scholarship from the PTC, therefore 27 different students will be recognized with a \$100 PTC scholarship for their efforts within all the departments of WHS. Lead teachers are asked to work with their departments and select students who are exemplary in their work ethic.

The Annual Top 10% Breakfast will be held on Thursday May 10th at the CPYC. Committee Chair Tina Lawlor is working with Tracie Turranski and Patty Hames on this event. Recipients will be notified by guidance. Please be sure your RSVP is turned in on time to allow for enough food.

The Staff Appreciation Luncheon will be held on May 25th. Cathy Norris and Kelly Parker will organize this event. If you volunteered to assist you will be contacted next month.

The Annual PTC Class Night Dinner and Awards ceremony will be held on Wednesday May 30th. All seniors are invited and encouraged to attend. Those students who purchased year

books will receive them that evening. Senior parents are asked to contribute desserts. Please let Gina or Joanie know if you'd be willing to donate a baked good for the evening's post award reception.

Lastly, Merrill Corbett would like anyone interested in hosting an international exchange student to contact her for an application. Lauren Sennott spoke to the overwhelming satisfaction she has felt providing this service to multiple students over the years that she has been involved in this program. It provides revenue to WHS as well as allows students from all over the world to experience the life of a teenager in the United States. There is a stipend paid to the host families in return for providing students with a place in your home and three meals a day. Connections are often made that last a lifetime.

The final WHS PTC meeting of the 2017-2018 school year will be held on Monday May 14th at 6:30pm in the WHS cafeteria. Please consider joining us!