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| **WHS PTA General Meeting** | 9/27/23 WHS Library |
| **Attendees:** Board - Bev Greene, Pattie Small, Jessica Sanchez, Vicki Grubaugh, Sandra Enimil, Parents & Staff: Shiva Suttle, Becca Miller, Russel Martan, Amani Wright Gunn, Samara Brah, Aliya & Chrispin Stewart, Rachel Forsa, Marie Ackerman, Zavondia & Chrichton Stewart, Claire Roosien, Sam Ekwurtzel, Arani Osler, Annie Decker, Eric March, Dominique Moody, Almeida Wright |
| **Minutes:** Pattie Small |

1. Intros – PTA Board Introduced themselves and welcomed all Parents, reminder to join the PTA in order to vote
2. Room parent update and info – Sandra & Mrs Gethings gave ideas for what a room parent looks like – Community building, bringing parents into the classrooms and teacher wishlists, please sign up to be a room parent or room helper
3. Principal Report – Mrs Gethings let us know that interactive smart boards are moving into the classrooms, there are many new staff and many many new families. We were all excited that our new Superintendent and Assistant Superintedent made it to our BYO Picnic and were able to meet so many families, there is a new art truck program, new social work internships, new 7th grade clubs, the 7th & 8th Grade Debate Team and Math Counts are competing this year. Also noted is that we are looking for a new choir director, Ms Kegel is unable to fill this role this year and typically there are 60 students involved in Choir.
4. After School Update – Ms Forsa reports that 275 Students are registered in the After School Program and there are new enrichment classes at the upper school, jewelery making, history club, chess club was able to add spots, at the lower school Tinker Lab and readers theater were both new and very popular, lots of scholarships available for after school. There were 6 new staff and 3 new highschoolers working for the program and the new social work interns were very interested in ASP as well. Thank you to Dr Stein for being the after school supervisor.
5. Finance Report will be voted on at the October Meeting, Oct 25th
6. Break out by grade Group session – ideas on engagement, half day and teacher day get togethers, projects, gardening, for example the garden beds and tables are buckling at upper school,
7. Upcoming Dates

October 25th next general PTA meeting

October 28th Trunk or treat – vounteers needed contact room parents to help

November 17th Family Fun Night

Community Events of Mention

Erector Square Open Studios - October 21 & 22, 12pm - 5pm

315 Peck Street, New Haven <https://erectorsquarestudios.com/open-studios-2023/>

CT Mission of Mercy is hosting a Free Dental Clinic at the Floyd Little Fieldhouse at James Hillhouse High School on October 27th & 28th <https://cfdo.org/ct-mom/>

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