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| **WHS PTA General Meeting** | Wednesday, 5/3/23 6:00-8:00 |
| **Attendees:** Claire Rowe, Jessica Sanchez, Wolfgang Fink, Marie Ackerman, Jenny Clarino, Peter Butler, Vicki Grubaugh. Alsu Ramazanova, Margaret Mary Gethings, Arani Osler, Li Martin, Pattie Small, Bev Greene, Sophie Lafargue  *Guest:* Tanisha Washington and Maria Reyes | |
| **Minutes:** Vicki Grubaugh | |

Agenda:

1. Welcome!
2. Icebreaker – Compare yourself to your child at their current age.
3. Recognition of Mrs. Gethings for principal appreciation day! Monday, May 1
4. Approval of minutes – unanimous approval
5. Affinity Credit Union presentation – Tanisha and Maria
   1. Presentation by Affinity to share about their mission, their services, and how they are supporting our school and community.
   2. WHS Student Savings Challenge – running May 2023 <updated, will now run June 2023)
   3. Financial literacy seminars – working with the school to provide education for our students
   4. Mrs. Gethings: Affinity has been a wonderful partner – donations to the IRIS run, Gala silent auction item, and staff presentation
6. Nominating Committee Report – Hope Metcalf
   1. 3 members, nominating committee – for next year’s PTA Board
   2. Required positions: President, Secretary, Treasurer + optional other open positions
   3. Nominations: Bev Greene (president), Vicki and Peter – considered for other positions, Abby – Treasurer; Christian and Alsu will remain as VP Events, Juan Gu VP Events, Sandra to remain VP Room Parents
      1. Pattie Small, self-nominated for Secretary
7. Principal’s report
   1. Importance of the PTA as a partner with the school
   2. Ms. Clarino creating new orientation for Kindergarten
      1. Created a handbook last year just for kindergarten, taking feedback and FAQs from parents
      2. This year, starting a new kindergarten screener week of May 22 to understand where students are to help inform the teachers for next year.
      3. Hoping to do a kindergarten meet-and-greet in June for rising kindergarteners
   3. Mrs. Gethings shared about some of the many wonderful accomplishments of WHS students and exciting activities offered, many of which have been supported by the PTA.
8. Recap of recent major events (DEI session, Gala, child development speaker)
   1. Great feedback on the events the PTA sponsored
   2. Overall feedback re: the DEI event – more conversations to be had, a series would be helpful for the future and establishing some norms for future conversations. It was a great discussion but it felt like we had only just begun – left without closure.
      1. Acknowledgement of the amount of work and time needed to do more and in a way to bring people together. Board considering finding a grant as professionals in this space are costly.
      2. Discussion of a potential committee in the coming school year, as a collaboration between the school, PTA, and families. SPMT should be part of the planning process.
         1. (SPMT meets monthly, typically the 1st Tuesday of the month with school and parent reps, student rep; 3:15 in-person at upper school, if you had a topic you wanted to bring to the committee, reach out to MMG; closed group but parents may be invited to observe if there is a topic)
   3. Gala – raised $5K+; 40 some people, 60+ tickets sold. A great time was had by all!
9. Additional Public Comments:
   1. Communication – discussion re: do we need more or do less?
      1. Classroom teachers are the first point of communication; Room Parents are next point of contact
10. Adjourn
11. Next Meeting – Wednesday, June 7 at 6:00 PM, Elections!