

PTA General Meeting

May 16, 2023

7:00-8:PM

**Board members in attendance:** Christy Butler, Emma Damsky, Chesley Simpson, Christy Brown, Kelley Wolff, Kirsten Leuscher, Cheryl Brower, Jeanette Passons

Regrets: Amanda Hardgrove, Stephanie Angle, Mary Herbert, Laura McDonald

**MEETING NOTES:**

**Welcome-** Christy Butler

**Review of Meeting Minutes-** March meeting minutes approved

**CSMS Principal, Dr. Eric Underhill-** Footloose, Purple Up Day (200 military families @CSMS), Inspire Conference (April, 40 families), Scientific Thinking in Action, Silent No More Opioid Presentation for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade (Eastern District US Attorney's Office & DEA), Teacher and Staff Appreciation (Staffulty)

**Announcements-** Dr. Underhill

- **SOL Testing-** scores available in SIS/ParentVue, will receive notification from school
- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance-** Tickets will be distributed week of dance
- **Summer Programs**
  - VIP Camp- Mr. Carter
  - Imagine Program- Mr. Kewer
- **School Supplies**
  - School will take care of basic supplies
  - Students receive bag of supplies on first day of school
  - Families responsible for specific items (AVID binder for organization)
- **Orientation Programs-** new student, all student & family open house, Panther Power House
- **Middle School Teaming/Houses for Sandburg-** helps with planning/coordination of assignments
  - Core Interdisciplinary Model (On Team- 140/team (changes from 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade), honors/AAP, special education on each team)- Math (except Algebra/Geometry), Science, English Language Arts, Social Studies (<<these are 5<sup>th</sup> period)
  - Cross Teamed (across teams, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade)- Special Ed, English learner, World Language, CTE, Fine & Performing Arts, AVID, Specialty Electives
  - Each grade will have 2 Assistant Principals, 1 Dean, and 3 Counselors
- **Common Practices**
  - Common grading calculations, late work, extra credit, etc.
  - Return period going away- time added back to schedule and added daily advisory, same lunch time every day (5<sup>th</sup> period every day, 45 minutes)
    - Indoor spaces available during PDT during winter- teachers can reserve

- Advisory (25 minutes) will be flexible but teachers equipped with standard content, opportunities for enrichment- social/emotional learning, team building, school spirit, study skills, acceptable use policies, study time, etc.
- **Summer Immunization Clinic-** August 2023, info coming

**Thank you, PTA President-** Dr. Underhill- thank you, Christy!!

**Treasurer Report-** Cheryl Brower

- \$14k balance as of April
- Five Guys, \$750 one night
- Civic donations
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade signs- ~\$1,200 for 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance
- PTA provided donuts/drinks for events

**PTA President Elections-**

- Amy Tilman- elected by membership.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance-** sponsored by PTA, free to students

- Hawaiian theme, DJ Juiceee, Raffle, Food, Photo Booth

**West Potomac Parent Panel**

- Liz Ver Hage- incoming WPHS PTSA President
- Kenyatta Williams- CSMS and WPHS parent
- Good things to know:
  - August 1- school sports start, VHSL forms due at end of school year
  - Personal finance- required, online, rising 9<sup>th</sup> can take it, recommend take it in the summer!
  - PE only required 2 years, can take PE during the summer
  - Leadership class- must apply, interview, get accepted, promotes participation in PTSA