

## NWHS PTSA and Booster Club Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, February 20, 2024

### Administrative

- NWHS PTSA and Booster Club Notes from October 17, 2023 were approved

### Helping Your Child Save a Life – Parent and Caregiver Training

- Presentation will be given to all students; presentation content will be slightly different for each grade
- Program designed to help student recognize signs of depression/suicide, how to show care, and tell an adult through ACT (Acknowledge, Care, and Tell); more information on the program: [mindwise.org/parent](http://mindwise.org/parent)
- Counseling Office sees an uptick of students coming in (after presentation) about a friend who may be exhibiting signs
- Multiple sources available to help students (e.g., School Counselor, Pediatrician, Crisis Center); in house resources also available (school psychologist, mentors)
  - Students will receive national and local resource list
- Letter will be going out to parents next week with more information and resources
- Counselors work with teachers to ensure all students receive presentation (presentations will be done in March, with make up sessions after spring break)

### School Updates

- Q2 Breakdown by Grade; A's showing up as the highest across all demographics
- 66% of students are in Honor Roll for Q1 and Q2 (unweighted 3.0 and above)
- NWHS maintained its 4 star rating!!!
- There are 5 schools that are part of the Crown High School boundary study (Northwest, Quince Orchard, Richard Montgomery, Wooten, and Gaithersburg); parents are encouraged to voice their opinion about pulling NWHS out of the study
- MCPS Culture and Climate survey has gone out (distributed earlier this year); survey available through March 15; survey available in multiple languages
  - Survey separates questions related to 'school leadership' and 'central office leadership'
  - Students, parents, faculty have access to the survey; students will be asked to complete surveys during school
  - Continue to include survey link in weekly newsletter
  - **Action:** Include link to survey (News Block) on NWHS website – Kim
- Graduation Update
  - Senior resource bank (e.g., timeline) on the NWHS website
    - Cap and gown packages
    - Graduation venue fees
    - More information available in coming months
  - Parent requests: 1) traffic management day of graduation; 2) additional security check points to help expedite processing
  - Seniors select NWHS staff to read names

- Each family will get a set number of tickets (to be determined)
- Next graduation family meeting in Spring
- SSL information is available and promoted to students to complete requirement
- Graduation resources available
- Yard signs are on sale through March 10; available to purchase through SchoolCashOnline
- Request to have Q3 grade information available for the April PTSA/Booster Club meeting

#### **Ms. Greenly – Request for funding for Drama**

- NWHS is hosting Mean Girls play this season
- Funding request #1 – Microphone cases (body packs); microphones have endured wear and tear request to replace cabling of old packs; \$2000 estimate for replacing and body packs
- Funding request #2 – Graphic projections for the show are not strong enough; received a quote on projector that would work best for production; \$4000 estimate (for rental; 3 week period)
- Consider purchasing projector for the school for future use
  - **Action:** Provide specs of the projector – Ms. Greenly
- Projector is needed before end of March; show is after Spring break

#### **Joint Committee Reports**

##### **Membership**

- Membership has gone up since last report
- Currently, 210 members (\$17K; \$495 for library; 15 corporate members \$7K)
- Total PTSA members that are teachers 46

##### **Nomination Committee**

- Need to find people who want to be on the Nomination Committee
- Packet shows open positions and descriptions of the roles
- Booster Club President and Concessions Leader are most significant open positions available
- Please reach out to friends, neighbors, etc.
- Kim is available for support this year and next for Boosters

##### **Scholarships**

- Boosters and PTSA gave \$500 each currently
- Requesting Boosters and PTSA to give additional \$2000 (\$1000 awards, \$500 awards); rationale is to incentivize to apply
- Booster Essay rubric has also been updated
- Watkins Mills does require membership in Booster and PTSA; could consider a similar requirement for NWHS (e.g., student should join PTSA/Boosters)
  - This could hamper application submission rate (our membership is \$10)

## **PTSA Business and Committee Updates**

### **After Prom**

- May 17<sup>th</sup> @ NWHS
- Wild, Wild West Theme
- Need Volunteers
- Spread the word

### **Dining for Dollars**

- Taco Bamba \$117
- Chipotle \$ 233
- Remaining
  - Tortaco 3/18
  - Five Guys 4/4
  - Laperaux 04/29
  - Berries N Bowls 5/2
  - Paisanos 6/6

### **MCCPTA Delegate Report**

- MCCPTA and BOE meeting March 20<sup>th</sup> @ Clarksburg HS

### **Reflections**

- 3 entries → All-County
- 1 entry → State
- Work on growing the program to include all of the arts

### **Staff Appreciation**

- May 10<sup>th</sup> Trail Mix Bar
- Need volunteers

## **Booster Club Committee Reports**

### **President's Report**

#### **Athletics**

- Mar 14<sup>th</sup> Meet the Coaches
- Need Volunteers for Spirit Wear
- Updating School Resources
- Mar 1<sup>st</sup> starts try-outs
- Poms won county
- Track, Swim/Dive & Wrestling have athletes in all county & states

### **P&L Review**

- Reviewed

### 5K & Health Fair

- All Sponsorships are filled
- Need volunteers
  - Ask Sports to help
- Need Health Fair Vendors

### Concessions

- Need a chairperson for 2024-2025
- Sign-Up genius updated for play-off games, Spring Sports, and Musical

### Spirit Wear

- Will sell at feeder schools
  - Clemente 6/6
  - Lakelands 6/11
  - Kingsview TBD

### Disbursements

- After Prom \$5000
- Drama \$6000 (Mic Replacements)
- Athletics-\$12,500

**Next Meeting: May 21, 2024**

**Commented [YM1]:** Kim I'm not sure I have this right. I know there was discussion about replacing the upper field (Practice field) from info I've received from football coaches. Delete if incorrect

**Commented [YM2]:** TBD. If you have a date, let me know. I can add it.