***WHS Parent Faculty Association (PFA) Meeting***

***March 22, 2021***

***Zoom at 7:00 PM***

***“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”  --Margaret Mead***

Welcome/Introductions/Quick update from Co-Presidents (Mai Harrison & Abbie DiMatteo)

* Principal Update (Principal Dennis Mahoney)

Figure out how we will transition with 7-8 weeks remaining in school year. Read his email for details. We are certainly worried how/if that will aid to the spread. #1 goal is to create a safe environment.

Senior events: We will do for what students vote on (within reason). Last week May/first week of June. We are watching Governor’s advice too. Huge graduation planned. Mostly no dancing. Town day weekend too. Band, strings and chorus will all participate in the graduation to give a proper sendoff to our kids. Sat/Sun 1st week of June.

Principals from Middlesex league have biweekly meetings, so Dennis is staying abreast of what other schools are doing. Remember numbers matter so comparison with other schools is not same. 5 day 6 period rotation schedule.

Parking will be an issue, keep that in mind and plan. 180 spots only. Over 650 kids.

* Approval of minutes from January meeting (Yogita Miharia) - Approved
* Direct Appeal (Ann Mikula and Lori Sirignano)
* Treasurer’s Report Update (**Kate Carpini**):

All good news. Direct appeal over $32000. Grants slowly coming in. Lot of them have been approved – spent 4K so far. Balance just a little over 34K.

**Committee Reports:**

* Grants (Ruth Gagne & Adrienne Spignesi)
* Newsletter (Tara Salvietti & Laura Colella)
* Technology/Website (Lauren L’Esperance)
* Social (**Kerry Curran**, Bettina Parks, Deb DePeter, Becky Tellefsen, Danielle Adams):

Waiting to see where we are with COVID to decide for the teacher luncheon.

* Gifts (Kristen Geddes)
* Class of 2021 (Senior Parent Advisors Cindy Luthern, Bettina Parks, Kerry Curran & Leigh Hurd)
* Class of 2022 (Junior Parent Advisors Caroline Kinsbourne, Naro Khandjiah & Mai Harrison)
* Class of 2023 (Sophomore Parent Advisors Gina Altara, Deb DePeter, Tricia Syed, & Maria O’Connor)
* Class of 2024 (Danielle Adams, Pam BalfanzMichelle Blumsack, & Leigh Hurd)

**Community Updates**

* School Committee

Brian Vernaglia –

Frank will be new interim sup for 2 years. Muraco override coming. Go to town website for all info. Board approved to move into Lynch feasibility study. Our 14-day rate has gone up, so stay vigilant.

https://www.winchester.us/690/2021-Ballot-Question

* Parent to Parent
* Winchester Coalition updates
* WFEE update
* SpedPAC update
* Other business

GUEST SPEAKERS: 4 Candidates for School Committee

Shamus Brady

Joanna Boylan

Tom Hopcroft

Allison Kangas de Bellalta

Future Meetings: Hope to see you at our next ZOOM meeting, **Monday, May 10th at 7pm.**

***THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ZOOMING! 😊***