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

***January 24, 7pm***

**Principal’s update:**

* Today is first day of 3rd quarter
* Scheduling: Acknowledged scheduling difficulties and student needs and demands. Happy to answer any scheduling questions.

In some circumstances even when kids haven’t met prereqs, they can take next level depending on aptitude and other circumstances.

* He will be presenting course of studies soon to the school committee.
* New course offerings: Neuroscience, Ethnic studies, Brit Lit will be offered for half year, Science self-exploration (independent studies), Mandarin
* Looking for new Math dept head as old one is retiring. Dr. Mossell is retiring. Mr. Gillis from photography is retiring, so looking for new too.
* World History will face evolution soon as state is requiring to teach Civics
* Your student should be meeting their guidance counselor in the coming month. (Course of Studies on the High School website.) Students typically select their courses around spring break time
* Day of dialogue is coming: Opportunity for LGBTQ kids to talk about their experience and how to use language correctly. Avoid microaggressions. Identifying our differences and respecting them. Happens in Win Block – for 10th graders. All speakers are WHS students
* Masking has been an issue at games.
* Morale of teachers is at an all-time low ☹ They are exhausted.
* Win block:
* Looking to get a guest speaker to get the students to understand that they are being manipulated by phones and social media.
* Want to bring back - How to practice for college interviews.
* Open to ideas and suggestions for enrichment activities.
* Will move to morning in Quarter 4
* Students will get a survey about the midterms

**Approvals:**

* Approval of minutes from November meeting
* Treasurer’s report

**Committee Reports:**

* Direct appeal (Ann & Laurie): Money trickling in because of matching gifts
* Gifts (Kristen Geddes): Sent nurses flowers
* Grants (Adrienne Spignesi & Maria O’connor): No new update
* Newsletter (Tara Salvietti & Audrey Siciliano): Don’t forget to check it out every week
* Social: for teachers and staff. We had a great Holiday brunch for staff/teachers. Faculty was very appreciative of it. Next is Valentine’s day lunch
* Technology/Website (Lauren L’Esperance): Check it out. It has all previous newsletters and current information
* Class of 2022 (Senior class): Prom is June 1st. Graduation on Friday Jun 3rd 6pm. Grossed 14,000 at the Hoedown, final amount made $11,000. WHS Royals is happening end of March
* 2023 (Junior class): Winter Dance “Snow Ball” Planned for 12/11 at WHS Dining Commons 165 kids went. Practice SAT fundraiser Feb 5th. Musical Bingo (Parent social) Apr 8th  Prom venue is being finalized
* Class of 2024 (Sophomore class): Apr 1st semiformal. A parent event the same night. Chipotle night on Feb 9th
* Class of 2025 (Freshmen class): No updates

**Community Updates**:

* Wifee update – Trivia bee shouldn’t be in-person as it is big. Will do like last year online. Bags on sale at their website
* School committee meeting tomorrow night
* School nurse update – cases are way down but continue doing what you are doing and keep your kid home if sick