

**Wellesley High School
PTSO General Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
May 18th, 2022, at 9am**

Executive Board Attendees: Jamie Chisum, Debbie Cutler-Ortiz, Meridith Edmonds, Sarah Laybourn, Kristen Toffer, Brooke Wheelan

Guests: Sarah Matloff (AP), Dana Plunkett (Guidance), Collin Shattuck (AP), Drew Kelton (AP)

Welcome and Introductions – Sarah Laybourn

Sarah welcomed everyone to the meeting. It was noted this meeting will be recorded. We had a quorum in attendance.

WHS Leadership Update – Jamie Chisum

Jamie provided a leadership update in the following areas:

- Stuff is happening around school! International Night is tonight, 5/21 is Junior Boat Cruise, 5/23 is Evolution Expo and lots of events happening from there. MCAS and AP exams have been going on for the last three weeks.
- School Council voted (5 for and 3 against) to push forward the semester-based grading proposal. Questions were asked around who was polled and how much feedback was ascertained from the student body. In the community forums, parents were overwhelmingly against moving to semester-based grading. Dr. Lussier will deliberate next steps in the process. Jamie underscored that the administration will be working to improve the feedback process, regardless of where the vote goes.

PTSO Business – Sarah Laybourn, Kristen Toffer

- Kristen gave a P&L update. YTD income is (\$41.3K), which represents ~14% family participation (versus \$65K budget). One highlight is YTD Faculty Support (\$15.4K), including 21 grants already approved. Other YTD expenses include General/Administrative (\$6.5K), Program Services (\$7.8K), including the Parent Speaker Series, School Support (\$2.7K) and Student Support (\$4.6K), including two new clubs (Architecture Club and Building Cultural Bridges). Actual YTD expenses total \$37K.
- Meridith Edmonds made a motion and Debbie Cutler-Ortiz seconded the motion to approve the PTSO General Meeting Minutes from 3/16. The Minutes were voted on and approved.
- The Executive Board slate for the 2022-23 school year was presented. Kelty White made a motion and Marisa Gandler seconded the motion to approve the following Board members, which was voted on and approved:
 - Meridith Edmonds and Kate Staehly – Co-Presidents
 - Debbie Cutler-Ortiz and Stefanie Albertson – Co-Vice Presidents
 - Kristen Toffer – Treasurer
 - Brooke Wheelan - Secretary
- There are opportunities for involvement with the PTSO in 2022-23 including open slots for Chair and Committee positions. Look for email with further information.

Guidance Presentation and Q&A: Gradual Transition in Guidance Platform, Dana Plunkett

- In April, a letter was sent communicating the transition from Naviance to Scoir. For many years, Naviance was the only platform available for the post-secondary process

and education planning; however, there have been many challenges with customization and customer support, and Naviance has been unresponsive to feedback.

- Scoir is a new platform that has gained steady momentum over past five years. The Scoir platform has all the same capabilities as Naviance yet is much more user-friendly for students. Scoir has partnered with Common App, Coalition, and Slate (the college application system), so there is more collaboration with other systems.
- WHS' transition to Scoir will start with Class of 2024.
- For more information about Scoir, including Q&A, refer to the Meeting Recording.

Principal's Presentation and Q&A: Standards Based Grading (SGB) – A Deeper Dive, Jamie Chisum

- The work with standards at its core is driven by having students' best interests at heart.
- The goal is to use standards to focus kids on both learning and values. This will be the first of many discussions about SBG.
- During the presentation, Jamie covered why we are here (what our goals are), what standards are, and what we are doing with respect to standards next year.
- Next year, WHS will not add any new courses to the SGB list; instead, the administrative team will focus on improving communication and clarity for students and families, and teachers who use SBG will train with WHS consultant from Adlai Stevenson High School in Illinois.
- For more information, including Q&A, refer to the Meeting Recording.

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjourned 10:50am

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Wheelan
PTSO Secretary