

Wellesley High School
PTSO Regular Meeting - Meeting Minutes
May 24th, 2023 at 9:30am

Meeting Attendees

Executive Board Attendees: Jamie Chisum, Meridith Edmonds, Kate Staehly, Kristen Toffer, Brooke Wheelan

Administrative, Faculty and Community Attendees: Jon Kleiman, Collin Shattuck

Parent and Guardian Attendees: There was a quorum of over 10 non-executive board members in attendance.

PTSO Business

- Kate welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Niki Ofenloch made a motion and Megan Delaney seconded the motion to approve the PTSO Regular Meeting Minutes from 2/15 and 4/26. The minutes were voted on and approved.
- Kristen gave a brief budget update. Participation is up by 10% versus last two years. Income is 99% of total budget for the first time since before Covid. Kristen also gave an overview of other budget cost items, including: 1) monthly faculty appreciation events; speaker series such as Lisa Damour, *Screenagers* filming, and One Love; grants for professional development, classroom supplies and materials, among other things; and other support for Cornerstones, Gateways, Challenge Success, BYOL, Seminar Day, etc.
- Kate and Meridith introduced the new Executive Board for the 2023-24 school year. The new Board was voted on and approved:
 - Melissa Mack and Meridith Edmonds – Co-Presidents
 - Megan Dyer and Joelle Reidy – Co-Vice Presidents
 - Kristen Toffer and Niki Ofenloch – Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer
 - Amanda Turner - Secretary

WHS Leadership Update – Jamie Chisum

Jamie thanked Kate and Brooke for their service on the board. It is Senior Mayhem which includes Color Wars (yesterday), Community Service Day (today), Prom (Thursday), Senior Awards Ceremony (next Tuesday), Senior Banquet (Wednesday), and Graduation (Friday). The official last day of school is 6/15, which is a half day and makeup day for the high school. Faculty last day is 6/16.

Challenge Success Fishbowl Activity – Jon Kleiman

The purpose of *Challenge Success* is to deepen our understanding of what students are experiencing in the classroom and to enable teachers and families to understand students' experiences and make changes to better support them. The Fishbowl discussion is meant to glean their wisdom and hear their stories, not debate right versus wrong. Questions being asked came from faculty, administrators, and students. The format will include eight students chatting for forty minutes, followed by a parent/guardian discussion. This discussion is being recorded for use by Collin Shattuck and *Challenge Success*.

Adjourned 11:04am

Respectfully submitted,

Brooke Wheelan, PTSO Secretary