

Minutes of the Meeting December 8, 2014
Winchester High School Parent Faculty Association

approved

Attending: Lynn Phillips, Mikie Ulwick, Julie Piantedosi, Heidi Driscoll, Kristen Ward, Brendan Driscoll, Cedward Frenette, Michael Cashing, John LaMarre, Bob Deering, Roger Hain, Susan Wolf, Ceci Cordeiro, Sam Kunes, Susan Verdicchio, Michele Nathan, Ewe Romaniuk, Gregor Collisiodri (sp?), Audrey Loria, Elena Langlois, Jody Collins Skinner, Lori Scully, Jayne Micciche, Roger Hain, Susan Fagerstrom, Malini Dutta

Malini Dutta called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. She thanked the Social Committee for the beautiful and successful faculty breakfast which had been held that morning. Many positive comments were sent from teachers.

Minutes of November 3, 2014 meeting were presented and approved.

Treasurer's Report — Due to the absence of the Treasurer, Malini presented the Treasurer's report. Year-to-date expenditures total \$2,782.72. Revenues total \$24,397.88. The Direct Appeal has raised 82% of the goal, but only 194 of approximately 900 families have participated. Families are encouraged to use Amazon Smile for their holiday purchases through smile.amazon.com. The report was approved.

Principal's Report — Sean Kiley reported that these are busy times at WHS.

- The current enrollment stands at 1208.
- He recognized the achievements of the students who competed at the aeronautics competition. Nominations for WHS Student of the Quarter are ongoing and have been very well received.
- Two student athletes signed Division I NCAA letters of intent—great accomplishment.
- The Senior Class held a very successful Masquerade Ball at Town Hall.
- Tough year for losses.
- Student musicians made a great showing at NE District Festival—hats off to the music program.
- Teachers felt very appreciated by the PFA breakfast.
- Trying to instill Fridays as a day to wear Sachem gear.
- Changes have been made to the evacuation procedures, which will be communicated to parents very soon.
- Superintendent search finalists have been identified, with numerous opportunities to meet the candidates.
- Sean had the opportunity to meet with the student body during the pep rally, which took place prior to Thanksgiving. He really enjoyed being able to address all of them.

HOT TOPIC – WHS Renovation Project Update and Safety on Campus

Bill McAlduff presented a powerpoint outlining the progress of the construction and next steps to be expected. (MALINI—WE SHOULD INCLUDE A LINK HERE TO THE POWERPOINT!!)

There was a lot of discussion about air quality, especially in the C wing (math area). Additional comments were made about:

- Start Date of 2015/2016 School Year will be after Labor Day, due to construction contract.
- Band room needs to have a locking mechanism, as expensive instruments are housed there.
- Concerns were raised about diesel odors. Mr. Kiley assured parents that teachers are quick to alert administration and the response by the construction crew is immediate.
- Concerns were raised about CO monitoring. Monitoring equipment will be included in the new project.
- Evacuation plans are working well, although a new plan will be communicated soon.
- Concerns were raised about the temporary parking lot, which is scheduled to be addressed this week.
- An Indoor Air Quality Assessment is performed on the 3rd Friday of each month and published the following Friday. This includes mold spore counts/results.

The next PFA meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2014 at 7:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Audrey Loria
Secretary *pro tempore*