**PFA Meeting minutes Jan 13th 2020**

Speakers:

Relay for Life: Ben Burns - Ben Burns (student): head of publicity for relay for life

* Event is last few years has lost participation
* Previously catered to high school students, now to all families and communities
* Community outreach help – arrange for open meetings. Any community member can come. First one this Wed 6 to 7:30 in library
* Planning trips to elementary schools
* Event is Sat May 9th

Michael Marchand, Science Department Chair

* Flowchart explaining courses
* With changes in middle school curriculum, students coming in with changes in high school – working on addressing that
* 9th grade – MCAS year. Biology (2 levels – CP, Honors)
* 10th – Chem (CP, Honors) Marine science for sophomores is new from last year. It is an integrated course (unleveled)
* Junior – Physics (H/CP). There is flexibility to take any. Next year unleveled Environmental science (an alternate pathway)
* Senior – Four AP, Anatomy & Physiology (H, CP). Biotechnology (H, CP) Forensic science, marine science. Proposed - Env science. Proposed – science seminar (research a topic of their choice) - CP and H level. It is a semester course

Suzanne Ontso, Guidance Department Chair

* 5 other counselors, 2 adjustment counselors
* Work with all students, assigned for all 4 years
* Meet twice a year but can come as often
* They work with students for course selections and make sure they meet graduation requirement
* Regular newsletter sent
* Winchester Scholarship foundation application is here (for Seniors)
* Meeting for juniors on Wed
* Subject test info on their website

Dennis Mahoney WHS Principal

* Power today – NSTAR had an issue over the weekend in the neighborhood. Switch out transformer
* There are enough seats in the café. Issue is one table cannot fit 20 people - Maybe in future if we continue to grow like this – then schedule will be adjusted

Committee Reports:

Parent to Parent: Cristy Walsh (upcoming event-Why Won’t Anyone Play With Me With Caroline Maguire-1/21/20):

* Next Tues at 7pm at Lincoln auditorium. Social coach for kids making real friendships. Speaking to parents

Coalition for a Safer Community: (upcoming event-Smart Phone Safety with Katie Greer-1/15/20) Mai Harrison & Maura Sullivan

* Some incidents at Middle School that parents are worried about. So, McCall brought to us and asked to bring Katie Greer. We are co-sponsoring the event. For middle school and elementary school parents. Please spread the word

News:

* Recipient of Cummings Grant to Math Department: $1000, designated to Math Dept

Business Matters:

* Treasurer Report: (Kim) Winchester gives back. Raised almost $18000. Transfer cash to Target GCs. Next big expenses grants. Zen garden going well.
* Newsletter: (Anita) Nothing new
* Grants: School Committee Approval – (Ruth) Everything is approved
* Social: Valentine’s coming up. Figuring out a date
* Publicity: (Amy) – Not here
* Direct Appeal: $30,451. (230 families donated (20%). Ideas were brainstormed to get more participation). Maura will get prices for risers
* Gifts: Gift to Mary Alice for baby. Memorial gift to family who lost dad
* Class of 2020: None. Graduating June 7th, proms week before
* Class of 2021: Musical Bingo in 17th April and Fall. Prom booked
* Class of 2022: Mario Kart tournament – all grades. Collaborating with 2023. Feb 28th. $5 admission at 3:30pm
* Class of 2023: Mar 27th Freshman first dance. Maybe a parent social the same night

Open Business