

WHS Parent Faculty Association (PFA) Meeting
November 16, 2020
Zoom at 7:00 PM

- *Welcome/Introductions/Quick update from Co-Presidents (Mai Harrison & Abbie DiMatteo)*

- *Principal Update (Principal Dennis Mahoney):
Very appreciative of the PFA. Quarter 1 is done. Go directly to teachers for grade questions (student do it first). We are fully prepared to stay open for rest of the school year and make modifications as needed. Good news is kids aren't spreading in the building. Need to continue doing what we are. No school spread at the high school. We are looking at ways to tweak our schedule. We don't know yet what is possible. We are letting kids come in early. Tweaking things behind the scenes. Aspen is an issue with changing scheduling, so need to look into that too. We are going to ramp up conversations on what we can do in Sem2 (Q3, and Q4). Sports are wrapping up nicely. Lots of undefeated teams. We have had a very nice fall. Girls soccer, cross county, field hockey and boys soccer (undefeated). Talk about indoor sports, no decision yet. Trying to get as many sports as possible. We will do pictures. We will have class pics. Week after Thanksgiving. Mascot – closed the feedback on what makes Winchester special/About 160 responses. Sean McDowell (parent) helped. We will have a slideshow with the 5-7 words that kept coming up and have people suggest name/animal/whatever of the mascot. Juniors have to take MCAS in January. Maybe stop school for 5 days to accommodate. Sophomores in spring. Freshmen don't have to take it.*

- *Approval of minutes from February & October meeting (Yogita Miharia)*

- *Direct Appeal (Ann Mikula and Lori Sirignano)
We surpassed the goal!\$25315.66. They are sending out thank you notes to donors*

- *Treasurer's Report Update and 2020-21 Budget (Kate Carpini)
Kate Carpini - Great numbers. Not much is happening. Teachers outlay the money and we reimburse. Venmo needs to link with someone's cell phone, 5013C link issue.*

- *Approval Grants (Ruth Gagne & Adrienne Spignesi):

We went through all approvals for second round. Everyone has approved it including school committee and board. \$11000 as of now, goal is \$15000*

Committee Reports: * We have all the committees represented but there may not be updates

- *Newsletter (Tara Salvietti & Laura Colella)
No updates. Send pics of clubs/sports/kids. Spirit fair reminder*

- *Technology/Website (Lauren L'Esperance)
Can upload videos now to website. Send photo of self to her of the board*

- *Social (Kerry Curran, Bettina Parks, Deb DePeter, Becky Tellefsen, Danielle Adams)*
No updates
- *Gifts (Kristen Geddes)*
No updates
- *Class of 2021 (Senior Parent Advisors Cindy Luthern, Bettina Parks, Kerry Curran & Leigh Hurd)*
Senior splash. No updates
- *Class of 2022 (Junior Parent Advisors Caroline Kinsbourne, Naro Khandjiah & Mai Harrison)*
Focusing on spirit fair
- *Class of 2023 (Sophomore Parent Advisors Gina Altara, Deb DePeter, Tricia Syed, & Maria O'Connor)*
Focusing on spirit fair
- *Class of 2024 (Welcome & Vote one more Freshmen Parent Advisors Pam Balfanz!)*
(Danielle Adams, Michelle Blumsack, & Leigh Hurd)

Talked about somethings to bring the class together. So that's the agenda.

Community Updates

- *School Committee*
Next meeting tomorrow 6pm
- *Parent to Parent*
- *WFEE update*
Not much update since last PFA. Some announcements coming up soon on grants they are working on.
- *Winchester Coalition update*
- *SpedPAC update*
- *Other business*

Michelle Bergstrom - Return to school committee met last and see what it would look like when they return full time.

Future Meetings: Monday, January 11th at 7pm.