

**Washington High School PTA
Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2017**

President Becky Lindwall called the meeting to order at 9:04 A.M.

Principal Report – Mr. Cline See addendum pdf. SIP = School Improvement Plan, PLC = Professional Learning Communities

Counseling Update – Name See addendum pdf.

Executive Committee Report:

Secretary – Jen Boettger submitted the September 2017 minutes for approval. Dina Dusek made a motion to approve, seconded by Jane Hutchins. Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer – Katherine Brokaw submitted Treasurer’s report.

Committee Reports:

Audit/Bylaws Committee – Ann Freeman

No report.

ONE*FUND – Kate Hogg

Donations are still trickling in. But continue to remind folks, we need more funds to make our goal. We are even getting contributions from teachers. Placed a request in their mailboxes and it worked. Becky added we can all be ambassadors for ONE*FUND and encouraged all to do that as much as you are comfortable.

Membership – Kate Hogg

We are ahead of last year in memberships – thank you for being a member and supporting the PTA!

Volunteer Coordinator – Kate Hogg

If you are involved in an activity, please remember to submit your yellow volunteer cards filled out and turned in. Kate mentioned a trial electronic scanning for volunteers that other schools have implemented and she is looking into it, but not likely for this year.

Grounds – Gina Kleman/Sashi Solomon

Thank you to the people who helped with the gardening over the summer. Ms. Derrick and her student team have come up with a plan and hope to have a fall clean up day on November 1. Reminded that we are dividing things up to manageable zones. Also want to put in a slow drip irrigation system. Also going to do some raking, twigs and trimming. The help they need for that will be rakes, wheelbarrows, shovels, and granola bars. Usually it is the whole day but it is broken down into shifts. Kate will help with the sign up genius.

Hospitality – Charu Chawla/Julia Weston

Parent/Teacher Conferences Dinners are coming up 10/16 and 10/24. Can use a couple more chili volunteers for this Monday’s dinner.

Reflections – Teresa Wake

“Within Reach” is this year’s theme and the due date will be in January. More to come.

Display Cases – Julia Weston/Becky Lindwall

Julia and Becky cleaned academic cases out before school started, but need to work on the athletic and arts cases and hope that WAC and PPA will take over their cases from here on out.

Legislative – Denny Goettel

There are three levels of influence, local, state and federal. Denny will watch state when they begin meeting after the first of the year. Will be passing along city school board agendas so we know if there is something pertinent or of interest to WHS. He would like to see district PTAs get more involved in school board election season in helping candidates get exposure to our families. Hogg suggested since elections are not for two more years, we could establish a culture of a forum in the meantime. Denny had great ideas of creating WHS identity in our feeder schools. This way we sell our school to future warriors.

Post Prom – Kara Heying/Dina Dusek

Dina reported april 29th. Committee is off and running. Letter coming on in a month ann parmely to request funding.

Encouraged parents of underslassemn to contribute in a pay it forward. Anyone want s to get in volced thisyoeor or next! Let Dina know.

College Connection – Brooke DeWolf

College Connection will be on Dec 20 with back up on Dec 21. Recent WHS Grads return from college and set up tables where they can network with current students. Lunch is provided and served by PTA and volunteers. Larry Simons is taking reservations from students. There will be a sign up genius to help out or donate food items.

Warrior Closet – Lesley Fleming

No report?

Warrior Pantry – Jenny Woods

Jenny reported there are 61 kids on the list, which is scary and awesome. Special thanks to Tanya Schniederman and I-Jag who helped with the most recent round of boxes. More kids came and received their own boxes and helped to customize their own boxes and had great conversations with Jenny. Warrior Pantry is the last Thursday of the month. 2-6pm

Social Media/Website – Jen Boettger

Looking for help with Tweeting for PTA. Brooke DeWolf volunteered.

New Business:

Julie Cain addressed the PTA about Tier 1. Many things happen in this building to help our students be successful, and the Tier 1 committee is designed to determine effectiveness of these various initiatives that usually revolve around attendance, behavior, and academics. If we have a good Tier 1 System, we improve the success rate of our students. PRIDE program (Preparation, Responsibility, Integrity, Dedication, Etiquette) is one of their initiatives. Example: Tracking attendance issues. They are finding tardiness is a huge problem and are looking for ways to incentivize and educate all on how we can get kids to WANT to get to class on time. Looking for parent and student reps to join them 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 3:15 in room 229 and try to keep to just 30 minutes. Jane Hutchins volunteered. Email recommendations to jcain@cr.k12.ia.us

Next month we are doing one of two evening meetings in addition to our normal daytime monthly meetings. This is to accommodate those families who are unavailable to attend day meetings. The first meeting will be Monday night, November 13 and will consist of a State of the School message from Mr. Cline highlighting his first 100(ish) days and how those days might inform his original plans for WHS. The second evening meeting is slated for Tuesday, January 9.

Meeting adjourned at 10:38 A.M.

Jen Boettger, PTA Secretary