

**Washington High School PTA  
Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2018**

President Becky Lindwall called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

Trudy Johansen addressed the group about the AP Program.

- <https://aptestservice.com/crcsd/> The week of April 16 is Pre-Registration in the cafeteria and she could use PTA help. May 8-12 and 15-19 is the testing period. Coach Dennis Goettel urged athletic families to be alert to these dates in regard to their athletic schedules for spring sports.
- AP Capstone Update: Met with 7 different sections of Pre-AP Lang and TASL kids about the two year program (Year 1 Seminar and Year 2 Research) and there was lots of interest. We've applied and have been granted the opportunity to participate. There are only 4 schools in Iowa that have it. Kennedy and IC West are closest to us.

Layla Eckhart is a freshman on WHS's Green Team. She spoke to PTA about their upcoming fundraiser, Shoe Drive, administered through funds2orgs.com. Donated, gently-used shoes become inventory for micro-businesses that help under-served people all over the world learn how to market and run a business. Green Team is a student organization dedicated to "green" environmental initiatives. This project is dedicated to raising funds for their Rain Garden to reduce storm water run-off on campus which will generate great exposure and cost-reductions for Wash.

Mr. Phillips came in to talk about the Surveyor and provided copies. He reports they are now printing fewer copies but of higher quality. Has found that students tend to read them at school but don't take them home. He's working on more cost-saving measures like fewer issues and more content online at the website.

**Counseling Update – Mr. Blanchard** See pdf supporting material.

**Principal Report – Mr. Cline** See pdf supporting material.

**Executive Committee Report:**

**Secretary** – Jen Boettger submitted the December 2017 minutes for approval. Kate Hogg made a motion to approve, seconded by Leah Ferring. 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**

**Membership – Kate Hogg**

**Volunteer Coordinator – Kate Hogg**

Expo will need a committee next year.

**Grounds – Gina Kleman/Sashi Solomon**

No report.

**Hospitality – Charu Chawla/Julia Weston**

The cookie boxes from December were very well received. Thanks to all who participated.

**Reflections – Teresa Wake**

No report.

**Display Cases – Julia Weston/Becky Lindwall**

No report.

**Legislative – Denny Goettel**

Dennis attended the school board meeting in December. First public hearing on proposal of elementary school changes. 74M spent in upgrading the high schools. This committee was formed 2 years ago to study the whole situation. Some well-meaning people have studied this. The proposal is to reduce 21 elementary schools to 13. This will create 600-student elementary schools, making 100-student classes with 4 sections of 25. Dennis urged that we need to get over the emotional part and being set in our ways. We need to be open minded about what will provide our kids a better educational product. If you are interested in this topic, he encourages you attend the next meeting January 22<sup>nd</sup> for the vote.

State and local money is supporting the schools. Only 8% of funds come from Federal.

**Post Prom – Kara Heying/Dina Dusek**

Letter coming out in January for support.

**College Connection – Brooke DeWolf**

No report.

**Warrior Closet – Lesley Fleming**

No report.

**Warrior Pantry – Jenny Woods**

Student senate donated their food from their food drive to the Pantry. Liberty Gifts at Lindale came and delivered food donations they collected over the holidays as well.

**Social Media/Website – Jen Boettger**

Thank you to Brooke DeWolf for agreeing to monitor and post on Twitter for @crwashpta. Jen has set up a Hootsuite account for PTA which would make posting to all of the PTA social media platforms pretty simple. See Jen if you are interested in volunteering for this position in 2018-19.

**Old/New Business:** None

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Jen Boettger, PTA Secretary