

**Washington High School PTA  
Meeting Minutes  
May 9, 2017**

President Jane Hutchins called the meeting to order at 10:09 AM

The meeting began with a presentation from Assoc. Principal Valerie Nyberg reporting for Dr. Grant.

**Executive Committee Report:**

**Secretary** – Jen Boettger submitted the April minutes for approval. Moved by Kate Hogg and seconded by Becky Lindwall to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

**Treasurer** – Lijun Chadima submitted Treasurer’s report.

**Counseling Report:** See addendum 1 from Mr. Blanchard

**Principal Report:** See attachment 1 from Dr. Grant

**Committee Reports:**

**Volunteer Coordinator:** **Kate Hogg** reported that volunteer thank yous were sent. She is working on state recognition. She also reported that Jane’s Volunteer of the Year display is done. She is working to get the yellow volunteer card filled out ahead of the year and will have them at the final orchestra concert and Frankfurter.

**Hospitality:** **Charu Chawla** reported one major event left; Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. Asking for main dish salads/cookies this year. We are anticipating serving 60 people.

**Reflections:** **Teresa Wake** reported we did not have anyone place nationally. The student work is usually available to pick up at the state convention, but she didn’t go to convention in April, it was during the Playtime Poppy run. She will work on getting pieces returned to students.

**Old Business:** Open to ideas on how to approach Display and Legislative chairs/committees. UPDATE: Dennis Goettel has agreed to be Legislative Chair for 2017-2018. Thank you Denny!

**New Business:** The 2017-2018 slate of officers was presented. President, Becky Lindwall. Vice President, Dennis McDermott. Treasurer, Kate Brokaw. Secretary, Jen Boettger. Moved by Leah Ferring and seconded by Dina Dusek to approve the slate. Motion carried.

Becky is reaching out to Mr. Cline about meeting times for the 2017-2018 school year.

Denny Goettel spoke about the great things we have always had and currently have going at Wash. His biggest concern for the future of Wash is open enrollment. He commented that we need to work toward middle schools becoming pure feeder schools instead of open enrolling.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

**Jen Boettger**  
**PTA Secretary**

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**Addendum 1 - Counseling Update**

If anyone is counting days for seniors, we are at 12. Encourage your students to finish the year in a way that sets a tone for the next phase of their education.

We hope to have schedules in the hands of next year’s tenth through twelfth graders before school is dismissed for the year but it may not be possible. At some point, you will see your students’ schedules on Power School by clicking on the “class registration” icon in the upper right of your screen and changing the “term” to 2017-2018 school year. We will send out an email and phone message when schedules are available on PowerSchool.

We are using a different procedure for teacher choice this year. Instead of the requests that we used to use, students can make requests after they see their schedules by contacting their counselor. Requests will be handled on an individual basis.

The counselors are available on a varied schedule from June 6 through June 30 and again from August 3 on. Call 558-2142 to set up an appointment for discussing any concerns you have regarding the year just finished or the one to come. We encourage you and your students to avoid standing in line and missing valuable class time in the fall.

Applications are due by noon Thursday (5-11-17) for the National Council on Youth Leadership. There are no exceptions to the deadline.

Summer school letters have been sent to those students that need to remediate a required course. Summer school has been reduced to APEX courses done on the computer. There is a \$25 fee to take a summer school course this year. Only tenth and eleventh grade students are allowed to register for summer school.

Students interested in summer Driver's Ed. needs to register through Kirkwood as soon as possible. The website is: [www.kirkwood.edu/de](http://www.kirkwood.edu/de). The cost is \$400.

AP Exams continue through this Friday, May 12. Be sure that your student is focused on the location each time. Test results are not available until the middle of the summer.

There is one more ACT testing opportunity for this school year; June 10. The regular registration deadline has passed but one can still sign up through May 19 if they are willing to pay the late fee (\$27.50). The ACT is available here at Washington High School on September 9. That registration deadline will be August 4, 2017, for the September 9 test.

Our final count for transcripts sent for this class is 362 transcripts sent to 34 different states. The numbers seem lower this year, but it appears that more students are choosing ISU, UNI and Iowa, and they no longer require a transcript until after graduation.

So far, we have 42 students signed up for one of the Kirkwood Academies, which are being held at the Kirkwood Linn County Regional Center on Boysen Road. These classes are a great opportunity for our students, but they do require at least a two period time block to take the classes.

With the FAFSA deadline moved up to October 1 of each year, The College Planning Center will no longer be hosting financial aid presentations in the fall. Instead, they are planning on spring presentations. We are having our Financial Aid presentation tonight, at 5:30, in the cafeteria