

**Washington High School PTA  
Meeting Minutes  
March 8, 2016**

President Melissa Kiliper-Ernst called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

**Program: The Academy of Science and Languages (TASL)**

WHS Instructional Design Specialists, Jessica Johnson and Bill Lammers, presented the new TASL program that will be implemented at WHS in the upcoming school year. Participants will be admitted through a rigorous application process. The program will target current 7<sup>th</sup> grade students with Iowa Assessment scores above 70% with a goal of mirroring the WHS demographic. Enrollment will be limited to 100 students. They will maintain a 5 year active cohort. The program will include science, Spanish or French, mentors, outside experiences and a faculty advisor.

**Executive Committee Report:**

**Secretary** – Dina Dusek asked for approval of the February minutes. Kate Hogg motioned to approve, seconded by Teresa Wake. Minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurer** – Melissa Kiliper Ernst submitted the Treasurer’s Report on behalf of Lijun Chadima.

**Counseling Update – Dean Blanchard**

-Mr. Duer will conduct an ACT prep for both the April and June ACT test dates. Students may sign up through the counseling office.

-For sophomores, the Youth Leadership for Five information should be available April 1.

-For juniors, the National Council on Youth Leadership information has not come out.

-For next year, the FAFSA will be due on Oct. 1, 2016 and will be based on 2015 taxes.

**Principal’s Report**

-Mr. Johnson reported that registration is on hold due to the unknown budget number for next year.

-Teacher requests will likely be made the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of April.

-Class sizes for next year should be in the mid-20s.

-Most kids will need to take a 7:45 am class next year.

**Committee Reports:**

**Audit Committee– no report**

**Membership/Blue Chip – Kate Hogg** - Blue Chip has met the budget goal.

**Volunteer Coordinator - Leah Ferring** – please submit your volunteer hours to [whsvolunteer@yahoo.com](mailto:whsvolunteer@yahoo.com). Please complete the yellow volunteer card if you have not done so. They are available in the PTA box in the main office.

We have nominated Heidi Becker as WHS Volunteer of the Year. Thank you to Heidi for all her efforts at WHS.

**College Connection**– no report

**Cookie Sales – Melissa Kiliper Ernst** - The next cookie sale will be held in April.

**Grounds – no report**

**Hospitality – no report**

**Legislative– Lori Klopfenstein**

-Saturday Forums are scheduled the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at 10AM at Mercy.

-Please contact your legislators regarding school funding issues.

**Reflections – no report**

**Display Cases–no report**

**Post Prom – Jan Bradley** – there's a post prom cookie sale tomorrow.

**Warrior Closet – Jane Hutchins** – The Warrior Closet is located in Room 111. There is now overflow space and dressing rooms in room 101C.

-A big thank you to PepsiCo for making a large donation of food items.

-We will work to get prom dresses donated for the closet.

-An email will be sent to teachers so they may identify kids in need of a care package of food over spring break. We will provide them a package through Warrior Closet.

**New Business:**

Tiffany O'Donnell presented the Young Leader's Track of the Iowa Women Lead Change event on April 26. This program is targeted for high school women in 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. The 12-4 event includes keynote speaker, Alice Brooks, a STEM panel discussion, breakout discussions and a career and college fair. STEM teachers were asked to invite 5 students to participate. IWLC is looking for sponsorship of WHS women attendees.

-The IJAG teacher has purchased 22 tickets for those students

-A motion was made by Dina Dusek to approve sponsorship of 10 attendees at \$15 per person. Seconded by Lori Klopfenstein. Motion was approved.

**Old Business:**

Trudy Johannsen is in need of AP Registration help April 18-21 from 1:20 – 2:15. A signup was distributed.

**Meeting adjourned to tour the Warrior Closet at 10:30 AM**

**The next PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 9:00 am in room 128.**

**Dina Dusek**

**PTA Secretary**