

MINUTES

West Aurora High School Parent-Teacher-Student Organization - PTSO

Date | time Aug 2, 2021 / 6:36 pm | *Zoom Meeting called to order by* Pamela Childress

Attendance

Present: Penny Bantz, Pamela Childress, Erica Kegarise, Liz Nunez, Margaret Patterson, Susie Runge, Dalila Sanchez

Absent: Tolulope Dada, Jen Hannon, Jessica Garza, Angela Salazar, Susie Shire

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve May 12, 2021, minutes was made by Erica Kegarise and seconded by Susie Runge. Minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Executive Board & Committee Chairs - 2021-22 School Year

Erica Kegarise begins her eighth year as Assistant Principal & Student Activities Director, and her 14th year in the West Aurora school district.

The new executive board was introduced: President Pam Childress, Vice President Jen Hannon, Co-Secretary Jess Garza and Margaret Patterson, and Treasurer Liz Nunez.

Committee chairs were introduced: co-membership & volunteers Dalila Sanchez and Margaret Patterson; SCAC (superintendent's advisory council) representative Penny Bantz, homecoming parade Susie Shire, grad signs Susie Runge, and student co-representatives Tolulope Dada & Angela Sanchez.

There are at least two committees without chairs: SCRIP and hospitality. The board will work to find new members to get involved, starting with the Back to School Bash on Aug. 17.

Student Activities Report

Erica Kegarise talked about upcoming fall events. She worked with a student activity council this summer whose recommendations included the bash event and fireworks, as well as the homecoming theme.

Back to School Bash – Tuesday, Aug. 17 – 5 pm to 8:15

This is a reconnect event for the entire family; it replaces the open house

Families can tour the campus; student schedules will be available. Students can learn about sports, organizations and activities, while parents can get involved with parent organizations. Food Trucks will be set up outside the high school for dinner, and the evening will end with fireworks.

PTSO agreed to set up a table at the expo portion (5-7:30 pm). Pamela Childress, Margaret Patterson, and Dalila Sanchez volunteered. Set-up begins at 4:45 pm. Specific location TBD by Erica Kegarise.

Dalila offered to put together a takeaway piece for the bash.

Enter With Pride –Monday, Aug. 16 – freshman orientation event for the 946 incoming class of 2025

First Day (staff) – Friday, Aug. 13 – district kick-off

First Day (students) – Wednesday, Aug. 18

Homecoming – week of Sept. 20 – theme “Around the World” –

Monday, Sept. 20 – outdoor Hawaiian Luau, 5:30-8 pm; \$20/ticket; includes outdoor entertainment

Tuesday, Sept. 21 – multicultural festival **No fall food truck fest this year^^

Wednesday, Sept. 22 – Best of West (Mr. Handsome competition)

Thursday, Sept. 23 – Homecoming Parade (3-4 pm)

** Erica received the parade permit Aug. 2 from the city of Aurora **

Thursday evening - Powder Puff football game; PTSO to work concessions

Friday, Sept. 24 – Outdoor pep assembly in the football stadium

Friday evening – Homecoming football game, 7 p.m., West vs. Oswego East

Saturday evening, Sept. 25 – Homecoming Dance at WAHS, 7-10 pm

Committee Reports

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- Membership / Volunteers – Margaret Patterson reported five families have joined PTSO via RevTrak. (total of eight people: family memberships count as two). RevTrek information will be updated, as will paper membership forms, in time for Back to School Bash as well as for staff membership solicitation. Proposed that the first 100 members receive a red WAHS bag (we have 100 left from a past PTSO promotion). Plan to roll out membership promotion at Bash.
- Treasurer update – Liz Nunez reported Tamara Scott has contacted her about transferring the treasurer books. Tamara indicated signatories will need to be updated, an audit performed and a budget developed and approved.
- Miscellaneous – Margaret Patterson last week filed the Illinois state annual report (required for non-profit organizations) as well as the 990-N tax postcard (required for federal tax purposes).

Next Meeting

Sept. 7, 2021 / 6:30 p.m. West Aurora High School (*specific location to be decided*)

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:07 pm by Pamela Childress and seconded by Dalila Sanchez.

Minutes submitted by Margaret Patterson