

# MINUTES

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

Nov. 16, 2021 / 6:41 pm | *WAHS - Upper Cafeteria* | *Margaret Patterson*

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### Attendance

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Present: Penny Bantz, Erica Kegarise, Lizbeth Nunez, Margaret Patterson, Susie Runge, Angela Salazar

Guest Members: Janet Godek, Tonya Majersky

Absent: Tolulope Dada, Jessica Garza, Dalila Sanchez, Susie Shire

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### Welcome – Margaret Patterson

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Welcomed to the first in-person PTSO board meeting since March 2020. I'm co-secretary and once again, president; I also work on the website and membership.

We lost two board members recently; we do not plan to replace those positions this calendar year, but we do need to fill those positions – and more – for next year. We have activities planned for the balance of this calendar year for which we need support. Thank you to everyone who has expressed interest.

We need support for the following activities for the balance of this year: Scholarships, Hospitality, Teacher Appreciation. and Grad Night at Six Flags

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### Approval of Minutes

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Motion to approve the Oct. 12, 2021, minutes was made by Penny Bantz and seconded by Susie Runge. Minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

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### Student Activities – Erica Kegarise

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**PTSO supports the Student Activities Office.**

**Student Council** has organized Flamingo Bingo on Nov. 17, 2021.

**Thank you** to PTSO for helping sponsor the Turkey Trot 5K race on Saturday, Nov. 13. Proceeds from the race went to both the East Aurora and West Aurora foundations.

**November and December activities:** Breakfast with Santa - pictures with Santa, crafts, gift box upon departure; Fall Play; Jazz Coffeehouse on Nov. 22; senior photos – last chance – is Dec. 2; underclassmen retakes on Nov. 19; hot chocolate Fridays (Dec. 3, 10, 17); hot cider Tuesday morning (Nov. 23). Watch for the modified bell schedule for the last week prior to the holidays: no final week this year. Have set Dec. 21 and 22 for remediation (for catch-up and help along). Semester ends Dec. 22; teachers don't have to have grades in until the first week of school in January. Report cards won't be released until mid-January.

**Student Activity Advisory Council:** I've been working with this group of kids to give them some leadership opportunities and get them to be influencers. (e.g., Roll On Tour, trying to highlight different athletic

activities). Am also using the council to poll students about upcoming events (prom, a winter dance). We're making progress; will keep you advised.

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### **Treasurer / SCRIP Report – Lizbeth Nunez**

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Month of November the main expenses were \$100 donation to Turkey Trot 5K and for insurance. There should be more memberships by the next meeting.

**Checking Account:** Current balance is \$3,064. We're always looking for more ways to bring in money.

**SCRIP:** We showed a November increase in orders so our profit was likewise higher than previous months. We are anticipating more holiday sales.

Tamara Scott is working to get new signatories with the bank; when that's complete, I will take over the treasurer account while Tamara will continue to oversee SCRIP.

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### **SCAC (Superintendent's Community Advisory Committee) – Penny Bantz**

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Nothing to report. Next SCAC meeting is Nov. 29, 2021.

If there is ever anything that PTSO would like to hear or see more about, please bring it to my attention and I will take it to Dr. Craig and Anna Gonzalez and see if there is someone who can give us more information.

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### **Committee Reports**

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- **Student Representative (Angela Salazar).** Tomorrow is Bingo Night – hope to see you all there. We are accepting donations for the food pantry. We also have a Winter Dance Meeting tomorrow to see if there's interest for this event.
- **Fundraising: Grad Signs (Margaret Patterson).** Completed an inventory of signs and stakes. We have 244 signs and at least that many stakes. (Should be sufficient for sales this spring.) Sales will start in earnest after the spring senior meeting. Those sales are facilitated by the Activities Department.
- **Fundraising: Grad Night @ Six Flags. (Erica Kegarise).** In the past, we've used grad night for our post-prom experience. This year, however, the dates didn't line up: prom is Saturday, May 7, while the Six Flags grad nights are May 14 and May 21. So we're looking at using the Six Flags event as a separate event that PTSO could help with and use as a fundraiser. (We could extend beyond the senior class.) We are looking at the May 14 date. We're looking for people to work with Tamara Scott, who has overseen the event in the past.
- **Fundraising:** possibility: **Food Truck Fest** in the spring, particularly if backed up to another event.
- **Graduation:** May 22, 2022 – the 153<sup>rd</sup>
- **Hospitality:** Will there be a graduation rehearsal (for budgeting purposes) Don't know at this time. Erica said she welcomes ideas for teacher appreciation (we have 250 teachers; 400 total staff).
- **Members & Volunteers.** Membership stands at 78 parents and 7 staff (some crossover between parents and staff). Total 85 members. \$770 total dollars.

### **Next Meeting**

**Jan. 18, 2022 / 6:30 p.m.** (*Specific format – zoom or in-person – TBD*)

Meeting was concluded at 7:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by Margaret Patterson