

School Governance Council Meeting 11/20/2024

Attendance:

Dr. Stasaitis

Doug Cheatham

Jessica Gaddis

Isa Alves

Peggy Terhune

Daniel Cocchiola

Joarsis Hernandez-Tapia

Jazmin Alves

Hanalei Cocchiola

Melissa Labbe

Doug Donato

Mr. Cheatham – Welcomed everyone!

Dr. Stasaitis – *Drowsy Chaperone* will take place this weekend
November 22nd -24th !!!!

WAMS lottery is up to 1000 applicants to date. The lottery will close on
December 13, 2024. Tonight, November 20, 2024, WAMS will host the last
Open House.

Seniors attended a field trip at the Mattatuck

Physical Ed class went on a hike

Planning the grade 8 NYC trip

Clara in the Land of Sweets show - Dec 3rd 6pm @ Palace Theater

Great Debate field trip – Debate & Government club

Planning for Harry Potter - WFSB commercials

Mrs. Terhune - November 2024

WAMS/Palace

- We have WAMS in the building and on stage for seven days this week (11/18-11/24) for *The Drowsy Chaperone*. Three performances will take place this Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
- In a couple of weeks, the dance production *Clara in the Land of the Sweets* will grace the stage on December 2nd & 3rd.
- Our Chief Production Officer, Dave Flowers, has been involved in production meetings for all shows.
- The Band & Orchestra's *Winterfest* follows on December 9th & 10th.
- WAMS held their first recycling day on November 14th. The Nation Honor Society sorts and counts all the containers that we collect throughout the month. Palace volunteers drive the sorted containers to the recycling facility to redeem the deposits, and then give the proceeds back to WAMS NHS to be used for their charitable work.
- The next recycling date will be December 11th.

Ms. Gaddis - Shakesperience

WAMS

- High school: we are doing a production of *Merry Wives of Windsor*. Scott's Shakespeare class will have their auditions Thursday
- Middle School: performs *A Christmas Carol* December 12th and 13th
- After-school: 2-3 pm Mondays and Fridays January 13th –April 25th

At Shakesperience

- Saturday classes have their performances that first weekend in December
- A Holiday Spectacular brings together our 25 years of holidays shows, kicking off with *A Christmas Carol* dramatic reading by Doug Slicher on December 8th. The following weekend *The Gift of Peace* and *Dia de los Reyes*.

- *Dia de los Reyes* has one WAMS student (Annabella Parra) in the cast and two WAMS hopefuls (Inaaya Wilson and Karola De Freitas) and alumni Mikayla Labbe in *Gift of Peace*.
- Inaaya and Karola are also in *The Gift of Peace*.
- Available to take: performance flyers, sponsorship ad forms.
- Tickets can be purchased online or at the door.
- We are looking to raffle baskets: kid (we already have a basketball hoop), night out (tickets, restaurants, etc.), Family Fun

Will also work on how science, math and theater intertwine

Doug Donato - Waterbury Symphony Orchestra –

Waterbury Symphony Orchestra continues to work with WAMS on the mentorship program. Waterbury Symphony Orchestra obtained a grant to support their “Creating Musical Readers” program and will expand their education work in all Waterbury public elementary and middle schools.

Upcoming event:



Past event: Taylor Swift

WSO Kicks off new Edmond Town Hall Series on Sat Nov 2nd, Candle Quartet Concert: Music of Taylor Swift.

In partnership with Edmond Town Hall, the Waterbury Symphony is thrilled to announce its *Candle Quartet Concert: Music of Taylor Swift* on Saturday, November 2nd, 7pm at the Edmond Town Hall in Newtown, CT. The new concert is launched as part of WSO's 86th season, 'Centuries of Sound: Messiah to Swift' and is also the first of three concerts being produced by WSO in its brand new *EDMOND TOWN HALL SERIES* this year.



Miss Cocchiola – Encourage everyone to attend *Drowsy Chaperone* at the Palace. Great show lined up for the weekend and the students had a great time.

Attended an Open House for a private school. Pleased to know that we have everything that they have to offer and more here at WAMS. Suggested offering tickets to the next show!!!! Buy 1 get one free!!!! Raffle off tickets at the Open House tonight, etc.

Mr. Cocchiola – Continue efforts to continue to increase the numbers at our shows.

Dr. Stasaitis – Looking ahead for the next show – planning a field trip for Maloney & Rotella to attend the performance.

Miss Cocchiola – Excited about class trip which will include: Statue of Liberty Central Park, Museum of Modern Art, Rockefeller, Metropolitan Museum of Art and more.

Miss Alves – Class trip to Washington D.C. great experience with Nations Classroom at previous middle school. New York City offers more and it is a lot closer.

Miss Hernandez-Tapia – Participated in the Hispanic Heritage Month celebration. She composed and read a poem. Homecoming Dance – fun night. Currently applying to colleges – accepted to SCSU and Sacred Heart University.

Dr. Stasaitis - College & Career Coordinator – Mrs. Katz is doing great job, along with the Counseling Department. Mrs. Katz has visitors weekly presenting to our students: opportunities, colleges and trades.

Mrs. Labbe – PTSO will be hosting the Vendor Fair and Quarter Auction on December 7 @10 am. Free event to attend. Key Club members have volunteered to help with this event. Many activities - Santa will be here, elves, craft activities, etc. Two grandparents are running this event!!

PTSO will also have their annual free Gingerbread House event on November 25, 2024 @6:00pm

Halloween Dances were great! Roller Magic fundraiser raised \$800! These are lofty goals for fundraising. This will help offset middle school cost such as Holiday Hill and so much more!

Mrs. Alves – Completed Poetry Series for the month of October and Altered Book Art in November. The Book Club will meet on December 5, 2024. The budget for next year - still pending approval.

Mr. Cocchiola – Hall of Fame program – meeting today at the Palace and next week with WAMS staff. This event could honor former students, teachers, and community members. The event could be a fundraiser with an award ceremony.

Dr. Stasaitis – Hall of Fame more information to come.

Next meeting Wednesday, December 18th 2024 @9:00 am