

Parkway West High School WPO Minutes – February 13, 9:00 a.m.

Attendees: John McCabe, Lisa Tarter, Carrie Bowers, Mary Ellen Franciscus, Melissa Pence, Gretchen Bertz, Kim Hoenecke, Jamie Gumpel, Malini Chatterji, Stephanie Lancia, Tamara Welliver

Principal's Coffee

- 80+ clubs at West with a wide range of interests and are generally run by students
 - Club requirements
 - A sponsor who is an adult to supervise; some may have more extensive involvement (i.e., FBLA, Speech & Debate)
 - At least 10 student members
 - Travel – buses may be used, including charter buses for longer distances
 - Clubs often have boosters to fundraise for the clubs
- Ac Lab – Is it accomplishing what it was intended?
 - Averaging 60-90 students who aren't signed up for an Ac Lab, but that includes absences
 - Clubs may meet once per month during Ac Lab
 - It serves as an intervention/study hall period
 - Administration is looking at whether the first 23 minutes are fully needed; trying to limit time away from Ac Lab for other activities/events so students can fully take advantage of time in Ac Lab
- Study Hall
 - Study hall is no longer available; partially because embedded as Ac Lab
 - A study hall was non-credit bearing; move to other credit bearing alternatives like cadet teaching or student aide
 - As an alternative to minimize course work, seniors may be able to choose late arrival or early release
- College Athletics
 - How do you know if your child is a candidate for college athletics?
 - Sometimes it's parents that think or know their child has the talent
 - Case by case
 - Club sports and high school teams offer a platform for a student to show their talent
 - Parents and students are responsible for managing the college athletic recruitment process
 - Students who are interested in playing at the college level should attend university summer camps to get to know the coaches
 - Games played in the gym and on the stadium field are recorded using Huddle so students may be able to request tapes of their games

- Non-School/MSHSAA Sports – How does attendance work for student participating in these sports programs?
 - Absences are excused for certain situations
 - School does not want to see an impact on academic performance
- Vaping, Drugs, and Dealing
 - Concerns raised whether there are disciplinary actions taken for such activities
 - School does not action when it has evidence of any such activities, but limited in want action can be taken if not proven
 - Concern raised about these activities occurring between school day and sports practices in the locker rooms and bathrooms
- Parking Lot
 - Addressing the parking situation with the bond that was passes is part of the plan
 - Resolving parking is a long-term issue since the school was not build with the current driver/car capacity

General Meeting

President's Report

- I. Approval of November 14, 2023 meeting minutes – Jamie motioned to approve; seconded by Carrie
- II. Executive Board & Recruitment
 - a. Need board and committee members for next school year
 - b. Jamie has agreed to chair Trivia Night next year

Treasurer's Report

- I. General
 - a. Accounts reconciled through February 4, 2024
 - b. Approximately \$158,000 in account
- II. Budget
 - a. Income
 - i. \$5,115 for Keep West Best (\$1,500 donation plus \$1,000 match)
 - ii. Sports Passes - \$18,000
 - iii. Spirit Wear - \$21,000 in gross sales against \$14,000 in inventory
 - iv. Trivia Night raised \$7,400 before expenses
 - b. Expenses – upcoming expenses for staff appreciation, scholarships, fees, senior letter expenses, and trivia night
 - c. Class Totals
 - i. Seniors - \$18,683
 - ii. Juniors - \$10,095
 - iii. Sophomores - \$1,643
 - iv. Freshman - \$2,174

Committee Updates

- I. Spirit Wear – has made a profit and has inventory to start next year
- II. Adopt-A-Staff – the second round of gifts were distributed yesterday
- III. Keep West Best – Will be doing more social media posts
- IV. Class Updates
 - a. Seniors - none
 - b. Juniors – continuing \$25 for '25; feedback has been that more communication is needed
 - c. Sophomores – Working on fundraising ideas, but plan to start a check drive.
 - d. Freshman – none
- V. Trivia Night – Additional funds raised through auction
- VI. Prom – Reviewing proposals for decoration; next meeting is scheduled for April 1
- VII. Welcome to West – Dana has been emailing new families to welcome them to West
- VIII. Day of Service – still doing Special Olympics; need ideas for other service organizations
- IX. Wish List
 - a. Open to teachers and staff members to request items that may or may not be covered by the Parkway budget
 - b. Applications will go out later this month
- X. Scholarships – Applications are due March 31; winners will be picked by the scholarship committee
- XI. School Beautification – Planning on March 9, which is the same day that Spring sports have their planned clean-up day

Next Meeting – March 12 at 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.