



Wheeler High School PTSA General Meeting
Date: January 20, 2022 at 6:00 PM
Location: Virtual Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Call to Order – Sarah Kirwan

- 6:05, quorum established and meeting called to order
- Sarah Kirwan introduced herself, and welcomed the rest of the PTSA Board

Secretary’s Report – Maggie Vath

- Previous meeting 9/23/2021 minutes are on Wheeler PTSA website
 - Minutes approved and will be filed for audit

Treasurer’s Report – Kate Mattox

- Began with \$14,327, receipts of \$7,355, expenses so far of \$8,900, balance deficit of \$1,545, and total ending balance of \$12,827
- Currently there are 405 members, \$7,100 dues and additional donations have been received
 - Total of \$1,500 returned to GA PTA
 - Biggest expenditure was campus beautification of \$5,300 which included purchase of picnic tables, umbrellas, trash cans for outside areas; donation and matching grant of \$8,500 used toward this; about \$2,100 left to spend before end of this school year
 - Also funded staff appreciation events and spring grants

New Business – Kate Mattox/Sarah Kirwan

- Election of the nominating committee for those that will run for the Executive Comm 2022-2023 school year
 - Maggie read the bi-laws regarding the nominating committee. The following people were nominated during the call and these nominations were approved by the participants:
 - Theresa Pearson – Temporary chair
 - Michelle Simmons
 - Elizabeth Brady
 - Renee Fraley
 - Stacy Bushy
 - Colley Peach (alternate)
- PTSA and ABC Foundation will be discussing grant applications and funding of those approved
- Additional beautification events being planned for the Spring
- Cookie exchange went well; Valentine’s Day treat is also being planned
- Reflections Chair shared that the literature entry from Wheeler student will be entered for

state wide competition for Reflections

- Student grant of \$3,000 approved for the Fencing Team for equipment to get started
- Planning to help with providing prom dresses
- Newsletter is available on the website and can be subscribed via email; you can contribute news and announcements to be included in the newsletter

Academic Booster Club Foundation Update – Rebecca Goodloe, Co-President

- Three events coming up
 - “PSAT scores are out and now what” event
 - Mock tests dates set for spring
 - Prep classes starting in January
- This past fall \$4,300 given to teachers; spring applications are being reviewed
- Academic Letter breakfast held in fall (4.0 or higher both semesters)– 490 students for celebration
 - Graduating seniors who got an academic letter all 4 years will get a graduation cord
- Merit scholarships will go to 6 graduating seniors – more information coming in March
- Looking for volunteers to help; reach out if interested

Adjournment

- 6:33 PTSA meeting is adjourned

Town Hall with the Principal following meeting

- Received \$11,627 grant from East Cobb Rotary Club for AVID program
 - AVID - Advancement via Individual Determination generally first time college students, organization, time management, leadership skills.
- New Clubs/Teams
 - Dance Club added this semester with about 35 students
 - Fencing Club added
 - Boys Volleyball Club starting
 - Future Farmers of America added
 - Rifle Team in place and competing
- Prom will be taking place April 23, 2022
 - Location not yet announced; junior students will be active in the planning
- New Tennis courts planned to complete by January/February 2023 by the softball field
 - Old tennis courts will be turned into additional parking
- Renovations of the Magnet building will start in February as part of SPLOST V, slated to complete in 2023
- Robotics Center is nearly completed; ribbon cutting will be planned
- Scholarships being planned – senior yard sign sales will be used to fund the scholarships
 - One is from alumni to honor of 2 students that passed away – current plan is for \$10K/per year for 4 years
 - Another for \$1-2K scholarship
- Alumni Association planning in process
 - Head custodian being inducted in Wheeler Hall of Fame this weekend

- Enrollment – 2,280 students, seeing influx of students from Brazil, South America, more English learner students
- No teacher retirements are planned so far this year
- Media Center being used for E-Sports Team with new gaming system; additional Chess boards also available
- Beautification activity
 - Magnet Courtyard – trees were taken down that were causing structural damage
 - Expanding the footprint of the garden in the greenhouse area; Wheeler student Eagle Scout project

- Q&A with the participants
 - New football scorecard has been put in place
 - New women’s tennis coach Ms. Aguilon and community coach in place
 - Performing Arts Center and Gymnasium has had leak/roofing issues since it was built. County hired a company to research the drainage. Architect, contractors and administration has a plan to repair by August 2022
 - North Cobb Business Association will be offering internships to Wheeler seniors
 - Trying to have more pathways and more pathway completers
 - Intro to Digital Tech and AP Computer Science being combined – so the pathway can be completed in two classes instead of three
 - Entrepreneurship pathway added – first class being taught this year
 - List of all classes is kept on the website and updated
 - East Valley school supposed to be ready August 2023
 - Any concerns/ideas to improve the traffic flow, etc. can be sent for consideration
 - Softball and tennis will be fenced off apart from East Valley school
 - Night custodian and Paraprofessional for special needs positions are open
 - Graduation is 5/25 at Kennesaw State