**BWHS PTSO**

**Meeting Minutes**

**August 15, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 6:31pm

**In attendance:**

Debbie Norberg, Nina Yeskis, Shelia Alzate, Sunita Saini, Elizabeth Foster, Lisa Colangelo, Sian Baumann

**June Minutes approved**

**Sheila Alzate – Principal**

***Chrome Books***

* Each student gets a Chromebook and charger
* Chromebooks are turned in at end of school year for reconditioning
* Students will be appraised of expectations and taught proper use of Chromebooks
* Repercussions for damage accident vs purposeful will be determined and explained
* Digital Experience specialist in Room 307 will run a triage center for repairs
* Gaggle company helps to secure the network from inappropriate use and flags items that need to be investigated. Flagged items may be innocuous but contain targeted terms.
* No downloading to device
* Sessions are planned to help teachers plan lessons etc.
* Chromebooks are not to be used all day in every class period.

***Brain Break***

* A Brain Break of 10 minutes every other day will now occur at the end of 1st and 5th block
* This Break will be a time where students and teachers will disengage from all curriculum work
* Brain Breaks time is expected to be included in the School Board’s Vision 2020 at the September meeting

***Grading Policy***

* School board vision 2020 is changing the grading policy
* Emphasis will be on Students mastering material during the quarter
* Each department will devise their own guidelines

***Assistant Principals***

* Two new Assistant Principals have been assigned
* Both have started work in the past week

**President’s Update – Debbie Norberg**

**Budget Requests**

***Dave Royhab***

* Dave Royhab last year requested a printed copy of the Loudoun County Public Schools Program of Studies
* This was budgeted at $1000 for last year but never processed
* Dave Royhab has requested a printed copy of the Loudoun County Public Schools Program of Studies for January 2020
* PTSO voted an approved $750 for this item for budget year 2019 -2020

***Duane Minick***

* Mr. Minick requested a donation from the PTSO towards a commissioned a song dedicated to Mr. Jonathan Kite
* The song will be to the tune of “Were so glad we had this time together”
* Song will be played at graduation
* PTSO voted an approved $500 toward the commission

**Jonathan Kite Memorial**

* A memorial for Jonathan Kite will be held on October 18, 2019
* Each quarter a student who exemplifies the attributes that Mr. Kite promoted will be honored in his name
* Notes to the family can be left in the Main Office
* Idea of a Kite placed in School in his memory floated
* Faculty scholarship may be renamed in his honor

**Membership Dues**

* Membership dues set at $25 per family and $10 per teacher for the 2019 -2020 year
* The new website will allow direct payment

**New website**

* A new website is being constructed
* Membership payments will be accepted on the new website
* VIC grocery link will be on new site
* Small cost to Wicks to host site

**Back to School Luncheon**

* Back to School Luncheon is set for August 21, 2019 4:30pm – 6:30pm
* Luncheon is catered at Lost Rhino
* This is student run

**Fundraising**

* Harris Tweeter’s VIC fundraising program opened August 1 with 196 links were uploaded
* Kaplan will continue its programs 1st class August 26th, September 4th practice test (practice tests will be on Saturdays this year)
* Revolution prep will offer the Act online prep course
* Last year’s College boot camp fundraiser was a success with Students and Parents
* Is there a conflict with career center if we continue the College Boot Camp?

**Teacher stipend**

* Teacher reimbursement stipends were set at $75 for the 2019-2020 school year

**Laura Noselli- Teacher Request for Funding**

* Asking for Trapezoidal tables for English class
  + Each table seats 6 students
  + Tables can be easily rearranged for small or large group projects
  + Current integrated seat desk units are too small for students to sit in and have very limited writing space
  + $1400 was approved

The 2019-2020 budget is set to break even. Ideas were floated for a project that wood benefit the entire school:

Bookshelves for English Department to hold new books being purchased through County Funds.

Seating with charging stations for student use during or after school.

Flexible seating in library.

**Treasurer’s Update – Lisa Colangelo**

$44000 in checking account

Adjourned at 8:09pm