

WSPA Open Meeting Minutes

May 28, 2019

Respectfully Submitted by Tara McCamey, Secretary

Time: 5:30 pm, Parthenon Grill Murfreesboro

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Call to Order/Welcome- Ashlea Shepard

Minutes -Approve from Executive Committee Reports: Treasurer's report reviewed; update on unknown balance forthcoming

Executive Committee Reports

- **Treasurer's Report**

A treasurer's report was available for review; update on unknown balance forthcoming

Committee Reports

- **Uniform Exchange-**Andrea McKnight is again in charge of this event and is looking for committee helpers. Drop-off dates are yet to be confirmed. Mr. Foulk will provide dates later this week after he speaks with Mr. Bloom.
- **Belles & Buckles Gala-** The Gala is scheduled to take place at The Fountains at The View on January 31, 2020, catered by Five Senses. Last year's event netted \$78,000. A suggestion was made that parents were clearly informed how the proceeds from the Gala are used (faculty/staff bonuses and capital projects).

A suggestion was made by Christina Cohn, a boarding student parent, to include opportunities for boarding parents to purchase experiences in their child(ren)'s honor such as ice cream parties or pizza parties for their dorm through the online auction.

- **Snack Depot -** Update was unavailable at the time of the meeting regarding how May 2019 Snack Depot went. WSPA dues were increased last year to fund events like this out of the dues so that parents were not asked to donate for specific events such as this. Ashlea suggested we look for ways to "beef up" next year's snack depot without wasting food.

Old Business

New Business

Several suggestions were taken from the attendees regarding new initiatives that the WSPA could possibly take on:

- Partner with an online company where boarding parents can send care packages or birthday treats to boarding students. These companies exist, and they also give a portion of profits back to school.
- Create a committee to look into ways to better acquaint day and boarding students. Ashlea moved for this committee to be created; Carmen seconded the motion.
- Mr. Foulk was interested in making the admin. on duty's name and contact number available to day students who may be returning to campus on weekends or weeknights to retrieve materials or belongings.
- Ashlea suggested that WSPA look into providing a coffee/snack bar for students at pre-finals study sessions who may need a pick-me-up snack after the cafeteria was closed.
- We noted that we have had multiple Webb staff members to communicate with for the past four years and acknowledged the value that person brings to our ability to work effectively. It was mentioned that we may contact the student body representatives as well for ideas and input on future projects that benefit the students.
- Mr. Foulk brought up his concerns with the problems that weighty backpacks could be causing students, especially middle schoolers. It was noted that lockers had been available in the past for book/supply storage, but with students' classes being so spread out on campus, they were hardly used and therefore removed. A past plan to build cubbies outside the Administration Building was rejected, due to aesthetics and weatherproofing concerns. Also regarding safety, Mr. Foulk mentioned the hazards posed by students just dropping their bags in front of the Administration Building and Barton Gym doors.

- **Welcome Back Social**—Many ideas for possible changes were discussed about the welcome back social. The Broadheads have asked that their home not be the venue this year. More day students and their families may be able to attend if the event was moved until earlier in the day. Mr. Foulk agreed to look at this year's orientation schedule and advise where it may be scheduled.

- **Upcoming Capital Investments**—The following items were discussed and approved for investment (Ashlea moved, Tara seconded), listed in order of highest to lowest priority:
 - Remove and replace existing designated student parking space signage. Existing poles are weak and signs are inconsistent heights. \$500 is allocated for this project. Christina Cohn agreed to look into the details of this project.
 - \$1,000 was allocated per projects proposed by the Student Body Representatives. Carmen will oversee this.

- \$5,000 was allocated for the updating of common areas of Davis Dorm; another \$5,000 was also allocated for the same in Cooper-Farris. Carmen will follow this project.

- **Tabled Investments Awaiting more information-**

- Look into the cost of installing Pixellot streaming service in the chapel so all parents may see Emerging Voices presentations, etc. \$5,000 was estimated as the cost, however, more investment may need to be made to adapt the sound system to work with Pixellot. Ashlea agreed to look into this investment and details. Note: also need to look into how to broadcast when some students/families do not wish their faces to be used online.
 - The Admissions Office is requesting WSPA give towards the purchase and installation of 2 new light poles on campus. Mr. Iorio may advise.
 - Restrooms in Rand outside the dining hall and faculty restroom in Big Room were suggested for facelifts/updates. This was tabled due to potential code concerns and will be brought for Mr. Iorio for advice.
 - Asphalt repair at Turtle Circle and possible guardrail installation at Turtle Circle as you come out of the cafeteria onto the Webb Rd. These improvements are likely more maintenance-oriented; however, Eddie Johnson offered to look into costs and extent of repair necessary to the road.
- **WSPA 2019-2020 Officer Nomination and Installment**-Next year's officers are President-Denise Ledbetter; Vice President-Kim Sissom; Secretary-Tara McCamey; Treasurer-Lori Schuler; Past President-Ashlea Shepard.

□ **Adjourned:** 8:15 pm