



Westside High School PTO

Sarah Castro, President •
Anni Krisanto, 1st VP Membership • Stephanie Brewster, 2nd VP Fundraising •
Cossette Hurtado, Treasurer • Gypsy Morinelli, Corresponding Secretary •
Leslie Evans, VIPS Coordinator • Laura McDuffie, Parliamentarian •
Dr. Suspa Sinha Chowdhury, Faculty Representative •
Keri Wittpenn, Principal •

PTO Executive Board Meeting Wednesday, February 3, 2021

In Attendance

Meeting started at 5:30 pm

Welcome

President

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Westside family and the faculty/staff who were affected by today's tragedy.

Approve Minutes

Recording Secretary

November minutes were reviewed.
Stephanie motioned to approve
Anni seconded the motion

Budget

Treasurer

Check from Kroger, Josephine's
Paypal - \$4085.16 - membership and sign sales
Staff Appreciation

We have been saving a lot of money. We have money to spend on Friends of Westside. We don't want to overspend, but we are good.

We need to collaborate with Helen and Keri to figure out what they need us to spend our funds on.

Budget consideration - staff appreciation (gift cards or reimbursements?) for teacher appreciation week

Principal's Message

Principal

Principal Wittpenn is on maternity leave

Business

President

1. Website addition
 - Sponsor page
 - List of contributing families/match
 - Gypsy has scheduled a meeting for Friday, February 12 at 4:00 pm. Sarah will set up and send out the Zoom link.
2. Partnership with STUCO
 - Food Drive
 - February 8-12
 - Boxes around building for in-person students to donate and receive community service hours
 - Manned box for virtual students to donate (drive-by) in carpool lane of student parking lot at 4:30 pm
 - Deliver to WHAM on Friday, 2/12 at 5:00 pm

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- Metro Cards with Wraparound services
 - Wil Smith is Westside Wraparound Services Specialist
 - We purchased 30 \$35 HEB gift cards that can be used to fill the students' Q-cards for Metro
 - Friends of Westside account
 - \$750 authorized
3. Committee Activities

Executive Reports

Corresponding Secretary/Parliamentarian

Membership	Membership #'s and recruitment We have around 95 members and we are still asking for people to reach out, especially to faculty members. Last year we had a large # of faculty participating. This year we do not have as many staff members—Dr. Chowdhury wants to bring it up at February faculty meeting	Anni Krisanto
Fundraising	We have nearly broke even on yard sign sales. Update on the spring fundraisers. We are ready to start a campaign, but we need a specific target	Stephanie Brewster
VIPS	Staff Appreciation and upcoming events Staff Appreciation was well received. Need everyone to go through VIPS—they are doing a book drive (include in next newsletter—scan code)	Leslie Evans

New Business

President

Spring Activities—

1. Senior scholarships—can we give more scholarships? Can we invest in scholarships for challenge; Friends of Westside or recognize certain teachers as a special scholarship for hardship this year? We will revisit the amounts and how many at our April meeting
2. Senior activities—no prom; there will be a large senior picnic
3. Staff Appreciation—start thinking of what we want to give the staff for staff appreciation at end of April.
4. Westside Showcase: Sarah and Laura volunteered to send in a quick video discussing their experiences with Westside High School. Jane Miller has requested that it be 90 seconds (Short and sweet) that can be shot on a smart phone. Jane needs this before Monday, February 8

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm

Upcoming Events	
Feb 8 6:30 p	Together We Can Do...Virtually Anything Guest Speaker: Ebony Lumpkin Topic: Family Commitments Register at https://www.westsidehighpto.org/blog
March 15-19	Spring Break - No School
March 29	Chavez-Huerta Day - No School
April 2	Good Friday - No School
April 7 5:30 pm	PTO Executive Board Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84221205059?pwd=R0Q3ekRYOE5zd3RhVWlXS0wrUEx4UT09

Committee Activities		
First Day Packet		Carrie Frain
Welcome & Recruiting		
Staff Appreciation	Staff Highlights - Emails Upcoming Staff Appreciation activities	Yvette Urteaga-Resendez
Homecoming		
PTO Social		
Safety		
Landscaping		
Senior Class Representative		Sharon Biek
Alumni Representative		Michel Hinton