



Westside High School PTO

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- Keri Wittpenn, Principal •

General PTO Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 14, 2020

In Attendance



Jill Arntz, Sharon Biek, Tina Bouty, Valerie Breunig, Sarah Castro, Suspa Sinha Chowdhury, Leslie Dockins, Leslie Evans, Carrie Frain, Kelly Kiser, Anni Krisanto, Evelyn McConnell, Laura McDuffie, Joy Maguire, Corinn Rich, Michelle Samadany, Lauren Tran, Yvette Urteaga-Resendez, Carla Villa, Toni Wittrock, Keri Wittpenn

Meeting started at 6:30 pm

Welcome		President
	Open Meeting	
Recognize Volunteers		VIPS Coordinator
	Staff Appreciation Parade on September 4—Anni, Leslie, Carla, Yvette, Toni, Mioxoty Drawing for 2 gift cards to PCG	
Approve Budget		Treasurer
	Budget shared Budget approved Leslie nominated Laura seconded 2020-21 Budget posted on website at https://www.westsidehighpto.org/archived-events	
Principal’s Message		Principal
	Overview of community feedback Goal as new leader	
	Breakout rooms with the questions 20 minutes 1. Why did you choose to send your student(s) to Westside? What sets us apart? Good transition from WBMS to WHS Great programs! Great diversity! 2. How do you see parent involvement at our school? What do you like about the structure of involvement and where do you see opportunities for improvement? Parent involvement is weak Communication and motivation are where we need to get hook parents 3. What changes are necessary to provide the best education possible for our students? Rank them in order. What do you want your role to be in making these changes? What practices do we need to preserve to ensure our continued effectiveness with students? Looking for consistency in our new teachers—more admin support AP is very rigorous 4. On a scale of 1-10, 1 being the least and 10 being the most, how safe do you feel our school is? What is the safety reputation of our school as it relates to being a drug and alcohol free campus? Vaping has been an issue Have heard good things about Westside Many parents prefer the uniform Westside is a safe place compared with other high schools	

	<p>5. What is the optimal relationship between students and teachers? Describe what it should look like. Does this type of student/ teacher interaction occur at Westside? Sometimes admin don't respond on time Teachers don't always post grades on time</p> <p>6. How rigorous do you believe your student's classes are? Do you believe these courses will make your student better equipped to succeed in college and beyond? How relevant/ applicable is your student's learning for the "real world?" Give an example. WEGA, Health/science, and AP are excellent</p> <p>7. Give me one piece of advice that you think will help me as I begin the role of principal at Westside? What questions do you wish I had asked because of their significance to you and/or the school? Don't change what is working Importance of extracurricular activities and how they complement the experience at Westside</p>
	<p>Share Time—summarize big ideas What makes Westside different Another live event is forthcoming Promote Flipgrid https://flipgrid.com/bd704463 Close</p>
Business	President
	<p>Encourage Membership October 12th next Together We Can Do...Virtually Anything</p>
New Business	VP Membership
	<p>Upcoming Events Everything is posted on our website https://www.westsidehighpto.org/archived-events by tomorrow morning</p>

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm

Mark Your Calendars	
September 23	Virtual Open House
October 6	Virtual College Night
October 12	Together We Can Do...Virtually Anything
	<p>PTO Speaker Series</p> <div data-bbox="760 1390 1414 1759" style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 10px;">  <p>Together We Can Do...Virtually Anything Westside Community PTO speaker series throughout the school year (2nd Monday of most months)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JOIN US Oct 12th at 6:30 pm CT • Via Zoom (register below or scan QR code) • SPEAKER: Ebony Lumpkin, STUCO leaders • TOPIC: Coping— "What's Happening?"  <p style="text-align: center;">Register at https://www.westsidehighpto.org/blog</p> </div>