

Attendees: See Microsoft Teams Attendance Report on Page 2

1. Ms. Wittpenn opened the meeting at 3:30 PM with a Check-In Question: What is your favorite memory of Westside HS?

Participants mentioned the following; Skate night, Senior Night, WEGA competitions and field trips, dissections and lab activities, graduation, etc.

2. Hiring Updates:

Our new social worker, Ms. Shandoline Williams, will office in the Student Support Center and will be in charge of leading small groups. She will coordinate groups around discussion topics such as healthy boundaries, healthy relationships, grief, etc.

We have two job vacancies: first we have an opening for an English teacher and we are looking for an excellent candidate. Also, Bridgette King is retiring from Grad Lab at the end of February. We are looking for someone with a true passion for helping kids get back on track to graduation. Looking internally and externally.

3. Testing on campus for Covid-19:

The positivity trend is leveling off. Mask mandates still in place.

We have served a total of about 37 testers, including staff and students, each week for 3 weeks. How can we increase participation? Staff members shared that they find the process to be very quick and efficient. Drawbacks include the assigned day of the week (Thursday) and time of day (Noon) not ideal because it's towards the end of the school week and lunch ends at 12:10. Some staff members have found the sign-up confusing and also they do not want to interrupt their teaching. A suggestion was made to produce a video aimed at students to increase their participation.

4. Student Petition

Ms. Wittpenn has been approached by some students expressing dissatisfaction with the quote by Rudyard Kipling painted on the wall in the Commons. The students indicated they intend to start a student petition to get the quote removed and cited that the author is offensive to many due to his racist/imperialistic writings and personal history. The quote is not considered offensive, "For the strength of the wolf is the pack and the strength of the pack is the wolf," however the author it is attributed to is widely considered to be controversial. Do we take down the quote from the mural? The student petition not formalized yet. Discussion included suggestion to conduct a student feedback survey. Committee recommends that consideration and care for

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how the student body/community feels, is important, especially student voice. Overall consensus of the group is a recommendation to support student voice and give them an opportunity to choose a new quote and replace the old one, thereby avoiding negativity. Give kids choice and show student voice is important.

5. Anything else for greater good?

A question was asked about noticing students skipping 7th period and meeting up/walking the halls. Ms. Wittpenn shared that the administrative team is in the process of establishing clear expectations of where off campus kids must report if staying on campus. She recommended that if teachers notice this, to report names/photos of frequent flyers, as well as date and time, to House Office. Ms. Wittpenn will follow up with Dean Team.

Adjournment at 4:22 PM

Submitted By: Barbara Nassab

Meeting Attendance:		
Full Name	User Action	Timestamp
Nassab, Barbara J	Joined	2/8/2022, 3:27:53 PM
Morris, Abigail L	Joined before	2/8/2022, 3:27:53 PM
Freed, Kaitlin N	Joined before	2/8/2022, 3:27:53 PM
Smith, Quwan A	Joined before	2/8/2022, 3:27:53 PM
Sarah (Guest)	Joined before	2/8/2022, 3:27:53 PM
Schroeder, Jeffery S	Joined	2/8/2022, 3:28:14 PM
Wittpenn, Keri F	Joined	2/8/2022, 3:29:30 PM
Paschall, Gail M	Joined	2/8/2022, 3:30:12 PM
Wolfe, Erin E	Joined	2/8/2022, 3:30:14 PM
Baxter, Jarrod A	Joined	2/8/2022, 3:31:56 PM
Smith, Stevie L	Joined	2/8/2022, 3:40:04 PM
Barry, Bryce L	Joined	2/8/2022, 3:57:54 PM