

**Wellesley High School
PTSO General Meeting - Draft
Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2020**

Executive Board Attendees: Stacy Braatz, Connie Burton, Beth Cook, Andra Jensen, Mason Smith, Kelty White and Jamie Chisum.

Welcome - Andra Jensen

It was noted that more than 10 non-executive board members were in attendance at the meeting. Today's session on course selection will be videoed and included in an upcoming PTSO blast along with the handouts and videos from previous course selection meetings.

Upcoming PTSO Meetings:

March 17 7pm: *If Only* Movie - parent and student event

March 27 9am : PTSO/Principal Coffee - Drugs & Alcohol Panel

May 13 - PTSO Annual Meeting - volunteer thank and vote slate for 2020/21

School Resource Officer- Jamie Chisum

Jamie introduced the new school resource officer, Matt Wahl

Course Selection

Overview - Jamie

Jamie discussed some things to consider when selecting courses and levels for the upcoming year:

- Should be a family decision based on what will work best for the student and the family
- Consider college pressure vs. what is good/doable for the student
- Let the student be a part of the process and the decisions, try to combine interests, fun and challenges
- When deciding course levels, consider what other commitments does your child have and how does he or she want to spend his/her free time i.e. sports, dance, job, homework etc.

Social Studies - Mike Reidy

Mike had a handout which listed the year long required courses along with the semester long electives. There is a 2½ year requirement and U.S. history is a required course. The electives do not have prerequisites, and students may decide which level they would like to take within the class. Mike discussed the differences between the levels.

English - John Finneran

John had a handout which listed the year long required courses along with electives. Four years of English are required. Some electives are offered senior year which count toward the graduation requirement and the student's GPA. Within each elective class, students may choose the level with honors having an increased amount and scope of readings. There are also electives which do not fulfill the four year requirement.

Evolutions - Tom Hennes

Evolutions is a community-based/project-based learning program which includes English, art, science and social studies. It does not count for the U.S. history requirement. It is honors level and counts for 24 credits. Three other courses may be taken along with it - math, foreign language and electives.

Tim Eagan Classical and Modern Language

After WMS, students typically enter Spanish 2. Years 1 and 2 are given an honors designation. Honors and ACP are offered for Year 3 and next year will be offered within the same class. Every language course has a proficiency target. When taking a higher level course, the proficient target is higher. Students can now get a Seal of Biliteracy which recognizes graduates who are proficient in another language in addition to English (they receive a seal on their high school diploma).

Respectfully submitted,

Mason Smith
Secretary