

**Wellesley High School
PTSO General Meeting
Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2018**

Executive Board Attendees: Colette Aufranc, Stacy Braatz, Connie Burton, Andra Jensen, Catherine Mirick, Mason Smith and Dr. Chisum.

It was noted that more than 10 non-executive board members were in attendance at the meeting.

Welcome

Catherine introduced the PTSO Executive Board.

Business

Communication: Parents are encouraged to sign up for the PTSO blasts either through the website (WHSPTSO.org) or by sending an email request to whsptsopres@gmail.com.

Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the May 23, 2018 minutes. The motion was approved.

Budget: A draft budget was available for review. It will be voted on at our next meeting.

Advance the Excellence

Advance the Excellence is the PTSO dues drive this year. So far, 150 families have contributed. Dues may be paid by check or by PayPal on the PTSO website. A suggestion was made to send out periodic updates on the status of participation.

Directory

This year WHS will use MySchoolAnywhere, which is an online directory. It has been used at WMS. We will not be printing a directory this year. This saves paper and approximately \$2,000.

School Council

School Council is made up of students, parents, teachers, Dr. Chisum, and a community liaison. It meets monthly and review bylaws, makes recommendations for the handbook and develops the school's improvement plan. There are two parent positions open. This is a two-year term and voting will take place at Back to School night. Interested parents should submit a 250 word blurb to Andra or Connie via email.

Back to School Night – Thursday, October 4 at 6:45

Parking will be tight as always. Please try to walk or carpool. There will be a shuttle from WMS.

Calendar

The PTSO calendar is available on the website: WHSPTSO.org . We highlighted the following meetings:

October 11 - 7:00-8:30 pm WHS Library

Dr. Elizabeth Booma, MD, Director of the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Consult Liaison Service at Newton Wellesley Hospital and her colleagues from NWH's [The Resilience Project](#) will present "Raising Resilient Teens".

November 15 - 7:00-8:30 pm Shelburne Community Center, Roxbury

The WHS PSTO meeting will hold a combined meeting with the WMS PTO in Boston.

March 13 - 7:00-8:30 pm WHS Library

There will not be a PTSO meeting in March. Instead, WPS with a grant from Wellesley Hills Junior Women's Club, will be hosting a talk for K-12 parents with Lisa Lamour who will discuss the opportunities and challenges of raising strong and confident girls.

April 10 - 7:00-8:30 pm location TBA

Lynn Lyons will provide important and practical information about anxiety and depression in children. Students 13 and over and parents are invited to attend.

Friday AM Monthly Coffees

Dt. Chisum and Dana Plunkett, Director of Guidance will alternate hosting these coffees. Some of the topics covered may include choosing classes, levels of classes, and meeting department heads etc.

WEF

Victoria Ostler announced that WEF is selling raffle tickets for Hamilton tickets for a performance on October 6.

School Committee

Linda Chow provided an update on the School Committee. One of the goals this year is to improve communication and outreach to the community. It will be holding office hours at Town Hall – dates and times are available on the School Committee's website. Priorities this year include: 1) Facilities – HHU, Track and Field Phase 2 and WMS piping 2) Developing a strategic plan for the next 6 years and 3) Negotiating teacher and superintendent contracts.

Rice Street Singers Performance

Dr. Chisum Updates

A second School Resource Officer has been hired for the WPS district and Evan Rosenberg is now at WHS full time.

Dr. Chisum and Officer Evan Rosenberg gave an update on the gun found near Hunnewell field. The police are confident that it is not related to WPS and a press release is expected to be issued today (9/12) with additional information.

Dr. Chisum introduced the WHS Leadership Team:

Greg Beaupre - New Department Head of WHS Special Education

Dana Plunkett - Head of Guidance

Lynne Novogroski - Assistant Principal for the Bradford House and in charge of student activities

Marc Bender - Assistant Principal for Perrin House and leading the Challenge Success effort

Drew Kelton - Assistant Principal for Phillips House and in charge of on-line learning

Respectfully submitted,

Mason Smith