

**PTSA General Meeting  
September 17, 2013; WHS Media Center  
Meeting Notes**



**Attendees**

- Kathy Cherrie
- Nina Jones
- Bennie Green
- LeShon Kimle-Brown
- Tonia Outerbridge
- Stephanie Mattock Maynor
- Anne Inman
- Sala Abdulkrarimoe
- Isilada Correa
- Ada Contrias
- Veralee Liban
- Angela Elliott
- Arturo Henrique
- Godfrey Maynor

**PTSA Administrative**

- PTSA President Kathy Cherrie introduced herself.
- Kathy made a motion to approve the meeting agenda motion was accepted by the all in attendance.
- Mr. Green (Principal) nominated Nina Jones for VP 2 this the motion accepted by all in attendance.
- Isilada Correa PTSA Delegate introduced herself.
- Kathy Cherrie introduced Ada Contrias as last year's treasurer.
- Kathy mentioned that we need a treasurer, secretary, and membership chair and described the position duties.
- Nina Jones presented the web site and square up market used to pay memberships, donations, and sponsor post prom via an online market.
- Question does the Square Market accept Pay Pal as a form of payment.
  - Follow up: Nina talked to Square Market technical support, they do not support Pay Pal and as a form of payment. It has to be a physical card. Square has a competing product called Square wallet so Nina doubts they will ever support Pay Pal and tech support person told Nina there are no future plans to support Pay Pal.
- Question: Can we obtain software to edit forms on the web site.
  - Follow up: Nina found Adobe Form Central (Cloud app) monthly at 14.99/month first month is .99 allows us to include 5 forms on their cloud and 500 users.
  - Adobe Acrobat XI Pro is used to build the forms cost 199.00
- Nina Jones demonstrated the square up reader that can be used to accept credit card payments.
- Arturo Henrique PTSA 1<sup>st</sup> VP introduced himself.
- Arturo discussed the mini grants and what we funded last year which included
  - Electric Car that was entered in a competition - \$100
  - ESOL event - \$75

- Math Team lead Ms. Alvarez - \$100
- Mini grant process described as follows:
  - Applicant will write a paragraph.
  - Board will vote.
  - Must be a member to be awarded a grant.
- Arturo plans to put a letter in teacher's mailbox describing mini grant program.
- Mini grant program funded by PTSA fundraising activities.
- Nina described Post Prom.
- AAA suggested as a possible Post Prom sponsor.

## SCHOOL UPDATE: Principal Green

- Gave his bio highlights worked at Wheaton HS from 1981 – July 15, 2002 then went to Rockville HS for 5 years. Followed by 6 years at BCC HS and now he is has returned to Wheaton as the Acting Principal.
- Observed that the staff feels the urgency of working with kids.
- Described the lock down drill that occurred this morning. Believes practice is very important and the timing was attributed to what happened earlier this week at the Navy Yard in downtown DC.
- Construction:
  - Concerned about the impact on sports and the stress it causes to everyone.
  - Football home games will be a Blair
  - Talked to Site Supervisor of Oak Construction to determine when construction will start, confirmed that **Homecoming** will be at Wheaton
  - Wednesday October 30<sup>th</sup> 10 am ground breaking.
  - Invited State Senator District 19 Roger Manno, Superintendent Star, Councilwoman District 4 Nancy Navarro, Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett, US Senator Cardin, SGA Students.
  - Groundbreaking will occur on the baseball field.
  - Does not know when construction will begin.
  - Has a meeting with Montgomery School Construction department on Monday to discuss status of the project.
  - Wants to create a web site on that will provide construction status.
- Get students to focus on Goals
  - Short term – week
  - Mid-term – month/semester
  - Long term – 1 yr beyond HS (5 -6 years)
- Wants teachers to engage the students not lecture students.
  - Prevents boredom and behavior problems and allows kids to live up to their potential
  - No worksheets as a mode of operations
- Working with Dick Licky of MCPS Media to develop a promotional video for Wheaton.
- Showed everyone the student handbook and calendar
- Has an Open Door Policy
- Attempting to get after school buses for the 4 corners students M-Th. Jenny Franklin of DCC has provided some funding. More info provided later.

Question: Engagement in AP classes as well?

Mr. Green responded: engagement at all levels even AP classes.

**Next meeting**

- Next meeting October 15<sup>th</sup> 7 pm in the Media Center guest speaker is Stephanie Powell Resource Counselor 9<sup>th</sup> Grade A-N.