

Westlake High School  
General PTO Meeting  
May 19, 2017 Minutes

- I. **Call Meeting to Order** - Kristin Paull called the meeting to order at 12:09
- II. **Approval of April, 21, 2017 Meeting minutes** - Diane Taaffe made motion to approve the minutes. Tiffany Hildreth 2nd. Minutes approved as posted on WHS PTO website now final.
- III. **2017-2018 new executive board** - Tiffany Hildreth presented the slate of candidates for the 2017-2018 PTO executive board. Liza Savage Richardson made motion to approve the executive board as presented. Carol Thomson 2nd. The slate was approved unanimously.
- IV. **Budget for 2017-2018** was presented by Tiffany Hildreth and Debra Thompson.
  - A. Specific line item included for College Essay Help Desk
  - B. Balanced budget proposed. Can be adjusted based on actual income realized. Allocations listed as \$55K. If No Hassle and Mums exceed projections, allocations can be increased accordingly.Noted executive board approved TLC patio request because funds were available. Question about cup sponsorship addressed.

Kalpana Alamela motioned to approve budget. 2nd by Liza Savage Richardson.  
Approved unanimously.

- V. **Student Council report** - Berkley Barnett (outgoing co-president) and Matteo Brunel (newly elected 2017-2018 president). Activities winding down at the end of the year. StuCo recently held feminine hygiene drive for Mobile Loaves and Fishes. Starting to think about Homecoming 2017. Homecoming is early, Football game 9/22, Dance 9/23. Planning Casino theme. Checking into games. Parent mentioned the Band has a competition scheduled 9/23 and would be unable to attend Homecoming Dance. Thanks to PTO for donating Power Ade to Pedernales. Steve Ramsey mentioned Prom attendance was up from last year. Prizes were awarded at 11:45 PM

VI. **Counseling Department - Ms. Heidi Sauer.**

Thank you to PTO for gifts during Teacher Appreciation Week.  
AP Exams wrapping up. Used the language lab to give language exams. Retired Scott Gardner volunteered to administer language AP's in lab (except German). Natalie Cannon (dept. head) continuing to work with language teachers to get familiar with the lab.  
Andrea Clifton and Eric Jackelen leaving counseling department for other opportunities. New counselors will be announced over the summer. There will be some shifting of student assignments to balance the load.  
Working on finalizing everything for graduation next Friday.

Following week will be meeting with new enrollments. Counselors will be in the office through June 8. One counselor will be available at school each week over the summer except week of July 4.

Juniors working on college applications over the summer. Apply Texas application will be available July 1. Common App on August 1. Counseling office will have class size, GPA data available the 2nd week of school. Ms. Sauer recommends holding submission until student checks with counselor after school starts. A&M has historically processed applications on rolling basis. Ms. Sauer has confirmed with them that the September 1 availability of data is acceptable. Ms. Sauer sent out link via Naviance to juniors for Your Teen magazine. Some good articles.

AP Exam statistics

4253 tests administered. 1658 students took exams. Average exams per student 2.57.

Freshman 1.3, Sophomore 1.5, Junior 3.34, Senior 3.29

60% of students took one or more exams.

#### **VII. Treasurer's Report** - Presented by Karra Guess for Gayle Yenawine

Karra highlighted the PTO has spent \$101K on projects for the school this year.

Cash account spent down to \$24K close to goal of \$20K.

Strategy so people who donate to the PTO will see their contributions benefit their children.

Concessions earned \$88K. Profitability due to better management of costs. Thanks to Kristin and Kelli! \$44K will go to the PTO next year and \$44K will be distributed to the organizations that volunteered at the games.

Passed surprise health inspection. Ratings of 100 and 99.

#### **VIII. President's report**

Executive Board passed patio for TLC at exec meeting.

T-shirts for Senior service day were paid for by PTO.

Have a great summer! See you in August.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55