

**WJHS PTO  
General Board Meeting  
May 1st, 2014**

**\*\*\*For Approval at September 11, 2014 General Board Meeting\*\*\***

Chris Leutz called the meeting to order at 9:45am.

Approval of Minutes

**There was a motion to approve the minutes of the WJHS/HMS Joint PTO General Board Meeting February meeting. The Motion was Seconded and the Minutes Approved.**

Principal's Report

Dave Palzet started by congratulating the Latin Quiz Team who participated in Certamen, a state wide Latin tournament. The WJHS team made up of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders won the tournament and the school is proudly flying the banner in their honor.

The Principal noted that FAN has a fabulous speaker slated for Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Carol Dweck, who wrote "Mindset", will speak at ETHS on that Friday at 7pm.

Next, Dave spoke about ongoing learning over the summer for incoming 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The goal is to encourage a deeper learning in core subject areas. This coming summer, the list of books for students to choose from will be larger list and the central theme is transitions (7<sup>th</sup> grade). Incoming 8<sup>th</sup> graders will again have a "Memoir" themed assigned. For 2014, a math component will be added as well leveraging Kahn Academy; an online educational tool.

Dave reminded everyone about the Student/Faculty basket ball game planned for this Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3pm.

Dave concluded thanking everyone on the Board for their help this year. He kindly had a gift for each of the Exec board members, as a token of his gratitude.

Committee Reports

**FAN Update**

Upcoming FAN programs were highlighted including Ms. Dweck and Temple Grandin who will be featured on May 21<sup>st</sup>. See the FAN site for details.

**Pass 39 Report**

Nancy Hoying spoke about Autism Resource Night is scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. It will be held at the MEC and a panel gathered to field questions on district related matters concerning the growing need for resources, with increased propensity of Autistic students in Wilmette.

President's Report

Chris Leutz provided her report with a focus on several “thank yous” to all who have kindly volunteered their time and talent this year:

- Chris thanked Terri Lorenz for hosting.
- She thanked Rhona DiCamillo for her efforts at Co-President
- Chris called out those who are “graduating” this year with their youngest moving onto high school.
- The board as a whole was recognized.
- Rhona then thanked Chris for her notable contribution and job well done over 2013-14.

### New Business

#### **New Trier Parent Association**

Kelly Dondanville was present to provide the WJHS board members an overview of the opportunities to serve on the New Trier Parent Association. She outlined that it is a four year commitment and that is graduating class has it owns board. Kelly mentioned some examples of positions and noted many are not big time commitments, rather a great way to get to know the Principal, other parents and stay in touch with your student’s campus life.

#### **Student Magazine**

Anny Malueg noted that the student magazine titled, “Student Inc” is about to be published. It is made up entirely of material authored by students.

#### **New Executive Board for 2014-15**

Rhona DiCamillo presented the proposed slate for the Exec and General WJHS boards next year.

**There was a motion to approve the proposed WJHS Executive PTO Board for 2014-15. The Motion was seconded and the new board was approved.**

#### **Youth Connection**

The upcoming fundraiser is scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup> at 27 Live. Tickets are available online.

The committee is looking for new board members, as many key players are stepping down. The structure of the board is likely to evolve.

### Old Business

#### **Tour of New Trier East**

Linda Yonke, New Trier Superintendent, will be holding a WJHS specific tour of the campus, outlining proposed improvements on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Encourage all to attend.

#### **Graduation Party**

Julie Johnson asked people to please sign up to volunteer on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

**School Supplies**

Rhona mentioned that school supplies for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are available for sale for the first time ever. Please order your today.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45am.