

Meeting called to order at 7:02p.m. by Kate Ampleman.

Agenda items:

1. Introduction and explanation of PRESTO
2. Bylaw changes
3. Picnic update
4. Middle school dance fundraiser planning
5. Treasurer's report
6. Director's report
7. Student officer report

1. Introduction and explanation of PRESTO

- 18 parents + Mr. Mulvenon present – introduced themselves to the group
- Mr. Mulvenon gave a PRESTO explanation for freshmen parents. He mentioned the history of the group, monthly meetings, that the purpose of the group is to aid the kids in the program. He mentioned some of the programs and fundraising PRESTO does including: the annual picnic, football homecoming concession sales, end-of-year banquet, scholarships. He also mentioned that we are open to new ideas to help make the group/program better.

2. Bylaw changes

- Existing bylaws are approximately 7 pages and were created a number of years ago. We are in the process of reviewing so they can better reflect the current organization.
- Input is welcome and this subject will be tackled at a future meeting. The existing document can be found at www.prestowest.org

3. Picnic update

- Everything is ready for the picnic that has been rescheduled for Sunday, Aug. 26. (originally scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 19)
- Scott and Mr. Mulvenon will be grilling
- T-shirts orders will be taken
- You can donate to the Crescendo fund while there. (There is no fee to join PRESTO. Instead you can donate to this fund.)

4. Middle school dance fundraiser planning

- Mr. Mulvenon explained the proposed fundraiser as an idea he's borrowing from the SMS orchestra director. PRESTO would host 2 dances for Westridge @ SMW in the evening. We would hire a DJ (approx. \$300) and an SRO (approx.. \$100). Parent volunteers would sell \$10 tickets at Westridge during lunches leading up to the date. PRESTO volunteers would decorate a little and volunteer to chaperone at the event that evening. We would estimate attendance at between 100 and 150 kids. Assuming a ratio of 9 kids to 1 parent, we would need 17 parents.

- Principal is concerned with ensuring safety for the event and Mr. Mulvenon is still in the process of getting approval and choosing a date. Tentatively looking at Sept 21.
- Things to keep in mind if this comes to fruition: a sign in sheet and table; a waiver following the established middle school rules/procedures; permission from parents; must have student id; we would sell snacks and water (snacks could be donated in packs for \$1).
- After date and go-ahead are finalized, a sign-up genius will be set up to include:
 - Parents to sell tickets at Westridge
 - Food donations to sell
 - Students to work at the food table
 - Decorating
 - Chaperones for the evening of the event
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5. Treasurer's Report – Lisa

- Current balance: \$5,925.00
- We met income budget for 2017-18
- A few things we spend money on include: banquet, senior gifts, scholarships, picnic and a small budget for Mr. Mulvenon
- A proposed budget will be discussed and voted on at the next PRESTO meeting

6. Director's report

- All five classes are amazing and off to a good start
- All freshmen are in one class (only 1 less than in 8th grade) and they are following some new procedures and doing a great job of focusing. Freshmen are in one class to help develop as leaders rather than disappearing into a group of upperclassmen.
- 1st hour had a clinician this week (a mentor/friend of Mr. Mulvenon)
- Have a student teacher this year: Isaac Booth from Lincoln and a graduate of SMNW
- SMW orchestra enrollment this year is 137

7. Student officer report – no student present

8. Additional discussion

- Megan Williams offered to explore setting up a “go-fund-me” type page that we can share on social to ask for donations.
- It was suggested that we play at retirement homes for donations.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.