

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by Kate Ampleman

Attendees:

Kate Ampleman
Gretchen Clark
Rob Clark
Lisa Fetty
Katie Myers
Denise Villena-Hall
Curtis Mulvenon

1. Spring Dance – April 13

a. Finalize decorations

- Kate bought – glow items: 52 lanyards, 92 bracelets, a 300 pkg of bracelets that hook together, and 50 necklaces
- We are selling each glow item for \$0.50
- Other decorations - Kate also bought 12 large gold stars, 12 mini stars, Gold star garland, and balloons
- Rob built the selfie screen – it has been verified that it will fit in the location in the cafeteria where we proposed to set it up.
- Kate and Gretchen will be at West at 4:15 pm to begin coordinating set up and decorating. The rest of those helping to decorate will be there at 4:30 pm.
- Lisa & Scott Fetty will be there to help set up and Lisa will bring money to make change for ticket sales at the door and for concessions. They will not be there during or after the dance.

b. Volunteer needs

- Selling tickets at Westridge on W, Th & Fri from 11:45 am to 1:30 pm during all 3 lunch shifts is covered. Gretchen will be there all 3 days. W – 2 parents, Th – 3 parents, Fri – 3 parents.
- We still need more student helpers: at least 1 each for set up and clean up, and as many more as we can get for the time during the dance. Curtis will tell students.
- 2 Westridge administrators will be coming to the dance.
- Dana Harrison – Westridge Resource Officer will be there.

c. Dismissal plans

- The dance will have 2 parental pick up locations instead of the only one last time.
- The 2 pick up locations are: 1) in the circle drive in front of the cafeteria & 2) on the west side of the building under the overhang at the door near the orchestra room.
- Procedure: At the end of the dance kids and their parents will text each other to coordinate which pick up location pick up will occur.
- We will need at least one parent on the west side location. Curtis will be located farther down the sidewalk towards the main parking lot to help direct parents and to keep an eye out for kids walking home.
- For kids who walk home, Curtis will take pictures of each individual or groups leaving so there is documentation of who was not picked up and said that they were walking home.
- We are no longer responsible for students who walk home as soon as they leave school grounds.

d. Miscellaneous

- The mascot will be there for about 30 minutes at the beginning of the dance to “rev up the crowd”. Curtis offered to pay the mascot and she said that she didn't want to be paid. Curtis suggested that we give her a \$25 Quick Trip gift card as “payment” for her time. We all agreed. Kate will get the gift card.
- We will need ice for water bottles that we will be giving away to each kid. The custodians will be there while we are setting up, so we need to get with one of them to open the concession stand so that we can get the ice from the ice machine for the coolers. Kate will bring her big blue tub and a medium sized cooler. Rob and Gretchen will bring a large cooler.

- Kate has said that she will be bringing some extra candy to sell and some water to give away.

2. Banquet – May 7th at 6 pm

a. Senior Gifts

- Kate has purchased the instruments to attach to each collage frame. She has bought \$100 (change as per Kate - \$150, not \$100) worth (minimum purchase amount required) of the instruments. This is more than we need for this year, but we will need them for the next few years, so she went ahead and got them. We already have enough of the frames for each of the graduating students for this year. Next year we will need to buy more frames.
- Katie Myers has offered to help put the frames together.
- Curtis will give Kate the group picture that will go into each of the frames.
- Lisa has offered to help wrap up the gifts.
- Kate will send out a “Gift Memo” to ask for help with the gifts, etc.

b. Sherridan's ice cream

- Kate has contacted Sherridan's. She is waiting to hear back from one of the owner's (the wife) for confirmation that all is set.
- They asked for the number of attendees. Lisa said that the number last year was 250.
- When Kate gets called back, she will provide this number now and will give the exact number a few days before the event after the RSVPs come in.
- Kate will get 2 cakes from Costco. With music symbols on them, if she can. Last year's cakes had this on them.
- Kate will send out a Signup Genius for help: 3 to set up, 3 to clean up (& 3 to serve?) & 4 to wash the Music Department's table cloths. They come in 4 tubs, so will need one volunteer for each tub. They will need to be washed and returned quickly because other banquets will be happening soon after ours.

3. Senior Scholarship

a. Reviewers

- We will need 10 reviewers. They will need to be Freshman & Sophomore parents. Those parents are less likely to be able to figure out who the seniors are.
- Curtis will send out an e-mail requesting the reviewers.
- The deadline for the applications is next week.
- Kate will get the applications. She will number them and then disperse a copy of all applications to each parent.
- Denise Villena-Hall, Gretchen Clark & Rob Clark offered to be 3 of the 10 reviewers. 7 more will be needed. Someone thought they remembered that Marja offered to review at the last meeting. So, we may only need 6 more reviewers.

b. Score Sheet Discussion

- Kate has received lots of opinions on changing the criteria of the scoring sheet.
- Curtis said that the best change to the entire process has been to make the 4 scholarships equal in monetary amount; not ranking them and having an “overall winner” with a larger prize.
- There was a discussion on possibly changing the weighting percentages from the current 30% for the activities completed and 70% for the essay to a 40/60 split instead.
- Curtis gave the history of how & why the scoring sheet has the current 30/70 split. It was done because giving the activities section too large a weight penalized deserving kids who may not have the financial capability to be able to do many of the possible activities. Giving the activities portion a lower weight helped to even the playing field. The group agreed with this assessment and decided to leave the weighting the same at 30/70.

4. Student Officer's Report

No student officer was in attendance.

5. Treasurer's Report

- Current account balance - \$8,423.72
- Curtis said that he will be requiring \$450 to pay the 4 adjudicators for the placement auditions for next year's orchestras. This will be the first week of May.
- Kate gave Lisa receipts for the senior gifts. She will be giving her receipts for the dance after the dance is over.

6. Director's Report

- Solo/Ensemble was at Olathe South – 9 students went
- Collin Fetty received a 1
- There were more 3's given out to our students than 1's. The judging was very tough.
- The students should already have their score/comment sheets.
- 1st Block will be going to Large Group on Thursday this week at Olathe NW. They will play at 12:45 pm. Anyone is welcome to watch the performances.
- Curtis spoke to the clinician who was at the SM pre-state concert on April 2nd. He told Curtis that this was the best SMW orchestra that he has heard in 23 years!
- April 25th is the WAOF. With 3rd block so large, he doesn't want to combine them with 2nd block as he has always done, but he will have to. There is just not enough floor space in the gym to have 3 full HS orchestras. It will be a 90 person orchestra. They will be doing a musical adaptation of the Tell Tale Heart. He is very excited about this piece.
- All the orchestras have been working on 3 pieces and he will pick the best 2 to perform that night.
- 1st block will be performing Lord of the Rings with the full symphony.
- 3rd block has been working on a zydeco piece.
- Lisa will call Peachwave to coordinate for donation to West after WAOF (as we have done in past years).
- We will not be having another meeting before the Banquet on May 7th. The last meeting is May 14th.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.