Guest Speaker: Kelly Byrne, Supervisor of K-12 Math & Data Analysis
Kelly Byrne took the time to go over the Student Performance Profile (SPP) and explained all the West numbers, why they went up, why they went down, factors that impacted numbers, growth, etc. If you wish to see West’s numbers, click on this link or copy and paste the link in your browser: http://www.dasd.org/Page/4361
You may also go to the ‘West Pride’ tab on the West web site.
   o This url is for accessing the Pennsylvania State School Performance Profiles: http://paschoolperformance.org/
Guest Speaker: Jen McGovern, heads the Post Prom Committee
   o Jen gave us many statistics from the MADD (Mothers’ Against Drunk Driving) website: http://www.madd.org/underage-drinking/powertalk-21/talk-early-talk-often-info.html
   o Did you know: (From the Madd website above)
     o *One in 6 teens binge drinks, yet only 1 in 100 parents believe his or her teen binge drinks.
     o *Car crashes are the leading cause of death for teens, and about a quarter of those crashes involve an underage drinking driver.
   o Why is this being brought up? Well, you, as parents, can have a huge impact on your teen’s life and help to create a memorable Post Prom. The goal of the post prom is to give our seniors and their dates a safe, fun place to party after the prom. Any parent of a student at West can be a part of this great event, even if your student is not yet a senior. The Post Prom needs your help. There can be no Post Prom without the parents. If the parents help, the kids will come!!
   o Sign up to help: Contact Jen McGovern: jamdtwnldr@yahoo.com
Most Committees have Chairs but still need helpers.
• Principal Updates:
  o District created a new Chemistry course for students who did not do well on the Bio Keystone.
  o Biology teachers worked very hard to streamline content, use consistent language, use Keystone test-like questions for reviews and tests, work on incorporating written answers to make sure concepts are understood, etc.
  o Algebra teachers are also working to create a similar format as the Biology course.
  o West saw an increase of student requests for AP Courses.
  o AP Capstone Program was approved by School Board. This is a diploma program that will be offered at both West and East.
  o Look at the District calendar for the ‘waves’ of testing dates.

• Treasurer:
  o Around $4,000 in H&S Budget
  o Received a donation from the DAEA – the Downingtown Teachers’ Union, Thank you!
  o Waiting on the checks from FlowerPower Fundraiser
  o Waiting on check from Catalyst SAT Boot Camp
  o Pia to call/email SPS Graphics for any monies raised.

• New Business:
  o Looking to host another Catalyst SAT Boot Camp on 27/28 February, 2016
  o Looking to host a Parent to Parent night for incoming 8th grade parents. H&S will have parents, students, and hopefully teachers available to talk about going to West. It will be an open Q&A about classes from a student’s perspective, parent’s perspective, the ins and outs, what works, what needs tweaked, the West school culture, etc. It has been a great night in the past.

• School Board updates:
Two new board members: One, David Kring was sworn in at the November School Board meeting. Ted Rauth, will be sworn in at the January, 2016 School Board meeting.

School Board putting out to bid replacing the turf at both DiSerafino and Kottmeyer Stadiums

West running track/High Jump area: going out to bid for resurfacing

- Upcoming Meetings:
  - Curriculum Meeting: 12/1/15 1:30pm
  - Committee of the Whole School Board meeting: 12/2/15 6:30pm
  - School Board Meeting: 12/9/15 7:00 PM
  - West Home & School Meeting/Parent to Parent night: 1/14/16 (H&S meeting will be a short, quick one so we can focus on the Parent to Parent night)
  - Post Prom Decorating nights: November dates: 23, 30 December dates: 7, 14, 21 times are from 5 to 8, but come and go as needed. We meet in the Café at West.