Downingtown High School West Campus
Home & School Association Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2018 - 7pm – Library

Review of Minutes from last meeting – Katherine Archibald

Motion to approve the minutes – 1st – Karen; 2nd - Sharon

Treasurer – Approve the provisional budget – Karen – Cara applied for the licenses for Purse Bingo - $250

Updates:

School Store – Pia reached out to the teacher in charge with questions on the final details.

Purse Bingo – Set-up options were discussed; Licenses – working with the county; raffles; 50/50 the maximum amount without tax issues; Food; Vendors, Lisa is out scouting beautiful handbags!

Chik Fil A Night – It was steady. Sharon was there to talk to community members. Need to check to see if the sales include the drive thru. Katherine will reach out to the representative for the figure.

Instagram – The account is up and there are no pictures. DWest Post Prom – Karen put links in it – kids take pictures of themselves of being a star at west. The account is new and not as active. Need to get more kids to follow. Link is DWest19shiningstars – the contest is focused on the seniors. The information was sent to the TV Studio to announce in the mornings. Hoping the word gets out and encourage the seniors to spread the word. Pia will place the information and prizes on the home and school web site.

Home and School speaker for November – Mr. Borkowski – information on colleges, NAVIANCE, looking for topics and questions from parents.

School District/Board meeting highlights – Pia

Approved new Uwchlan Hills Elementary School $27 million; Stem expansion – 13 million; Pave over the band practice field for Stem; Approval was granted by township to raise the lights in area so it will be lit up and less bother to residents $700,000 - Think Pads for Staff

$38,000 – I pads for the Middle Schools

$70,000 – Computers for the High Schools

More project Lead the Way stuff

Woodshop items for the new classroom

State level on Keystone test – delay and how it affects our students. Approved at House and Senate level but not signed off by the Governor.

Vaping – still an issue – word from the students.

Student section at away games – behavior and conduct is appalling.

Citadel Heart Award – Nominate a teacher – link on the home and school page

Schoology – Parents asking what the policy is in regard to posting information for the students.
Matt Bellac, PhD – Lecture on supporting Teens and reducing their stress at Marsh Creek at 6pm on November 14, 2018. Doors open at 6pm. Sponsored by Communities that Care.

Communities that Care – Plant the Promise - Pledging to be drug and alcohol free. School bought 400 tulip bulbs. Dr. Bell looking for students to help plant them week of October 23, 2018. The red tulips will bloom in spring to remind the students the pledge they made in the fall.

Pays Survey – Information is tallied. Will not be available to the community after it is presented to the School Board, maybe later in January.

Suicide Prevention – working with 9th graders QPR – Questions, Persuade and Refer

District focusing on mental health awareness.

**Fundraising Ideas:**

Allison researched possible fundraisers. Movie Night – rent out movie theater. All you can eat Popcorn, soda

Possible movies Captain Marvel It Chapter 2. Revenue is around $700 to $1,000.

Script – Gift Cards purchased by the community. School receives profit

Parent Casino night – silent auctions, gambling table, no kids – fun night for parents

Concerns about liability. Pia will check with Kurt Barker.

**Presentation from Fran Miller’s Insurance Agency, Fran is a graduate of Downingtown High School and fluent on insurance and policies.**

Slide Presentation:

Teens have more accidents due to less experience.

No such thing as too much practice. There are requirements on hours. Don’t push your child if they aren’t ready.

Road Ready App to log the hours

6 points or more – License is suspended for 90 days if going over 26mph over the speed limit. Insurance companies can revoke the policy or not write a future policy.

Teach your child to communicate everything to an officer if pulled over for the safety of everyone.

Consequences if kids do things they are not supposed to do and could get their licenses suspended – lie to insurance companies and insurance fraud.

Kids need to be aware of impaired drivers and recognize to not drive. Stress to the kids to encourage other student drivers if they are drinking to not drive and to call law enforcement if the student tries to drive.

Distractions are an issue with young drivers. Cell phones, music, food, etc.

Policy holder is the one who gets the demerit if a student driver creates a claim. The charges are placed on the policy holder.

Insurance companies will back charge if a minor is added to a parent policy and they had their license for a while assuming they were driving.

If you have any questions, concerns or more information, reach out to Fran at 610-269-4500.