Downingtown High School West Campus
Home & School Association Meeting Minutes
November 29, 2018 - 7pm – Library

Review of Minutes from last meeting – Katherine Archibald

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

Treasurer – Received check from Chick Fil A Night - $459; Parent donation - $45; Discussed combining teacher breakfast & staff luncheon into one line item; Bingo License approved; Discussed possibly increasing the number of senior scholarships depending on income; If the goal for Purse Bingo is reached, will explore how the home and school can financially support the other grade levels. Goal is to accrue a reserve.

Updates:

School Store – Store is almost ready to open. Home and school will have spirit wear for sale; Aramark will partner up with the school store where students/staff purchase the 16 oz. mug from the school store and they can get a refill at the 12 oz. price; Looking into more options for inventory.

Purse Bingo – Committee members went to another bag bingo to see behind the scenes & set-up; Eight bags purchased so far; Process of creating the “Save The Date”; Have the license will advertise after the holidays; Limited seating of 250; Post Prom funds used to help secure license, will be reimbursed; Volunteers needed through sign-up genius; Spoke with East rep to discuss food, raffle & other avenues to make money; Start at 7pm – doors open at 6pm; Goal is if this event is successful would like to have two next year – one to help post prom.

Post Prom – Next meeting is December 10, 2018 at 7pm in the West Library; Mr. Barker approve for the raffling of two parking spaces for graduation to generate funds; Post Prom will offer Graduation signs (yard banners) for seniors. This was a successful fundraiser for East; Banners cost around $18 each and sell for $40. The information will be included in the senior spring packet; will raffle one off at the Purse Bingo.

Home and School speaker for January – Dr. Brigette Erwin, Founder and Director of the Anxiety and OCD Clinic. Dr. Erwin will have presentation on anxiety and OCD.

School District/Board meeting highlights – Pia

East is creating a Unified Bocci club for after school for anyone that have a disability, intellectual and non-intellectual in which funding is through Special Olympics; Math Progression program is to not have students rush to achieve Algebra 1 too quickly in hopes to achieve higher math levels; District is voting on the calendar holidays; In 2019-2020 the Monday after Thanksgiving will no longer be a day off; The Supporting Teens in Reducing Stress (and ours) seminar with Matt Bellace, PhD was well attended, sponsored by Communities that Care

Home and School future events – Home and School would like to host another Parent 2 Parent information night for the incoming freshman and possibly the current freshman; There will be a panel of junior and senior students who will answer questions from parents & students – concerns on how to juggle sports, music with academics; Honors & A/P courses; strategies on navigating school curriculum, etc.; Was very successful a few years ago and filled the auditorium; Invite the band director to discuss different options with band.

Principal Report – Kurt Barker

There will be a presentation on anxiety & OCD, January 10, 2019 in the library hosted by the DWHSA

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

District focusing on mental health awareness.
Keystone – Biology Exams – January 8 & 9, 2019

Mid-Terms: January 11, 14, 15 & 17

Early Dismissal – January 16, 2019

No School – January 21, 2019

Citadel Heart of Learning Award – Accepting nominees until December 31, 2018

Weight room – Open to all students who have a desire to weight train; After school for 45 minutes supervised

School Performance Report Card – The report has a new look with multi-color dashboards; Score won’t be published; The attendance data for East and West is not accurate as the numbers fluctuate each year due to the different group of kids; Reinforce to the educational leaders this is just a number and that they are moving kids way beyond than expected resulting in extraordinary growth data; Received a letter from a former West student from a few years back that he was well prepared for his college journey at West Chester University.

Michael Borkowski – DWHS Guidance Department presented a tutorial on Naviance. A link will be placed on the home and school web site.