

# Project Graduation Meeting Minutes

10/3/2023

WTHS

7PM

President: Dawn DeVito

Vice President: Susan Lopresti

Treasurer: Patti Faustino

Secretary/License Coordinator: Tina Conti

1. Welcome to the 2023/2024 School Year
  - a. Principal Mr. Anderson welcome and brief overview of PG.
  - b. Introduce new Senior Advisor, Candace Mroz.
2. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Patti not in attendance, report omitted.
3. Accomplished Goals
  - a. All meetings are on the district calendar.
  - b. PG website has been added to the parent's page of the district website.  
<https://www.wtps.org/Page/33096>
  - c. In an attempt to get younger grade level parents involved we have started to utilize the TWP Backpack to get information out.
  - d. Due to the fees involved with Venmo, we have moved away from Venmo.
  - e. We replaced Venmo with a site called Zeffy. It allows us to receive the full amount of a donation without fees. There no app at this time but the website is easy to use. We get a check weekly into our bank account.
  - f. We made it a priority to get exact detailed position descriptions available to aid in getting volunteers to commit.
  - g. This summer the by-laws were updated.
4. Year at a glance: handout given
  - a. Highlight of all fundraisers/sponsored events along with timeline to keep us on track.
5. Executive Board Seats / Event Chairs & Co-Chairs filled THANK YOU TO ALL!!
  - a. Secretary License Coordinator: Tina Conti
  - b. PowderPuff Chair and Co: Laura Rohanna & Tiffany Orihel
  - c. Tux Return Chair and Co: Danielle Sharkey & Beth Garder
  - d. Last Dance Chair and Co: Janine Morrison & Jen Palmer
  - e. Bingo Chair and Co: not listed on agenda but is filled by Jodi Wilson & Shannon Trost
6. Boscov's fundraiser
  - a. Thank you for Diane Mroz for setting this up, it is a shopping pass for \$5 that gives you 25% off at Boscov's for one day. There is also a QR code on the back that offers a chance to win \$100 gift card.
  - b. Status as of today: we sold 35 passes. This was no cost to us, complete profit. We have raised \$355, through selling them and additional donations. We try to only put money out on high return fundraisers to allow for maximum benefit.
7. Powder Puff November 21, 2023 @ 4PM
  - a. Laura and Tiffany will be planning the event and reaching out to anyone from the master volunteer list for help.
  - b. They were unable to attend the meeting tonight but will update soon.
  - c. 50/50 at the event, does this depend on time? Right now the event is scheduled for 4pm but we are trying to get this pushed back a little. This start time does pose as an inconvenience for getting volunteers.
8. Dine and Donate Night
  - a. October : Santucci's and What's the Scoop pending confirmation – Thought the idea of dinner and dessert would appeal to many. These places are in the same strip, convenient.

- b. November: Jersey Mike's pending confirmation – Spoke to manager/owner waiting on confirmation. Mr. Anderson may be a guest hoagie maker. Fun for kids to see him
- c. December: Polizzi's confirmed but pending date 12/14. Polizzi's do a lot for the school, they donated all of the pizza for Powder Puff last year.
- d. Also in the process of getting a gift card sale with Texas Roadhouse then a dine and donate the following month.
  - i. Suggestion - dinner roll fundraiser but it is hard to keep them refrigerated at the high school.

Dawn -That is all we have for agenda, please refer to the Year at a Glance. This is a timeline for us to make sure we hit our dates and Keep us on track. We have had a big turn out and a lot of volunteers with experience. The Chairs have access to the master volunteer list, they will be reaching out. Open floor to the public.

#### Questions from Public:

1. How much money per student needs to be raised?
  - a. It is a set fee of \$50,000 that includes everything from busses, DJ, games, food. After graduation, the kids board the busses, last year it was really cool, to see all the busses move out.
2. Do we have a date for the last dance?
  - a. Once graduation is set they will announce that date. It usually is the Friday before graduation.
3. What emphasis of the goal is placed on kids? Should they be helping?
  - a. Mr. Anderson does make announcements about the fund raisers for kids to hear, but ultimately it has been a community effort to get them to \$50k. It is more of a way to go kids you did, we are the driving force.
4. I am looking at the year at a glance and I see "Senior Directed" What exactly is "Senior Directed" and how do we make money on that? Who can volunteer for this just seniors?
  - a. Senior Directed is a play that the seniors put on and direct. We make money by selling concessions at the play.
5. How will we be made aware of what volunteers are needed?
  - a. Social media for the most part but if you are on the master volunteer list, the chairs of the events will reach out via email, call or text. It can also be sent out via the class reminds per Mr. Anderson.
  - b. Each class has a remind that is school run, we will try to get announcements on there as well.
6. Can there be a remind for volunteers?
  - a. We will look into this.
7. If we took these Boscov's Shopping passes, who do we pay for them?
  - a. You can pay us please or return them. \$5 Each.
8. Have I been approved for the fund raiser?
  - a. Yes, you have, we just need to see where it can go in the timeline. Maybe we can look at before or around a holiday, I know that Tastefully Simple usually runs deals near the holiday so I was thinking that you can as well. We will get with you and make this happen.
9. Have you thought about doing a coin drop? Set kids/adults up at lights with buckets and collect coins/donations at the lights, even put a milk jug at the lunch lines in schools for kids to drop in extra change.
  - a. We can definitely explore that idea.
10. How will we hear if we are needed for events?
  - a. Make sure you are signed up on the master list and chairs will reach out.

Announced thank you for coming and have a great night.