

**Minutes from School Without Walls High School
Home-School Association Executive Board Meeting**

March 8, 2016

1. **Melanie Gisler** called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. In attendance were executive board members Melanie Gisler, Michael Cervino, Carol Piwowarski, Jennifer Boulanger, Sue Bloom, Musarat Bozai, David Brewer, Ed Crowder, Richard Trogisch and Sylvia Isaac. Absent: Jason Bulluck/Taneka Parascandolo, David Kammerer, and Melody Webb. Also in attendance were: Carleton Ackerman, Kip Smith, Margaret Scully, Ashanthi Kridena, and Dori Gillman.
2. **Minutes.** Minutes from January 12, 2016 were approved provisionally. Members were asked to send any corrections to Jennifer Boulanger.
3. **DCSAA Legislation.** Kip Smith, Margaret Scully, and David Brewer provided background to the board about legislation that would restructure school athletics in the city. After a lively discussion about the needs of Walls athletics it was decided to bring the issue to a general membership meeting.
4. **Administration Update.** Mr. Trogisch reported that:
 - International Night has been moved to March 22.
 - The exchange students from the Atrium School in Amersfoort, The Netherlands will visit SWWHS March 19 through March 25.
 - The school budget has been approved. SWWHS has its own budget and we did not loose anything in the new budget.
5. **Meeting with John Davis.** Melanie Gisler reported on a meeting with John Davis. The letter he sent August 2014 still stands. No students will attend classes at Francis Stevens; we will continue to share a principal with Francis Stevens, and as Rich noted, SWWHS has its own budget. David Brewer suggested that we invite John Davis to a general membership meeting.
6. **Treasurer's Report.** Carol Piwowarski reported that through the end of February, the HSA has incurred \$36,316 in expenses and total income is \$50,236.

Funding Requests. Carol presented the following funding requests totaling \$1,293:

- \$293 for t-shirts for the Robotics Team
- \$500 for DC Classic Lacrosse Tournament fees (girls and boys)
- \$500 for website and system updates by Matt Rosenberg

All three requests were approved unanimously.

- 7. Kennedy Center.** Melanie Gisler presented the written policy for the Kennedy Center Partnership:
- The administration will consult the Home and School Association Board about having the HSA fund any program beyond the budgeted \$15,000 included in the Kennedy Center partnership. The HSA agrees to continue to pay the annual \$750 partnership fee and include it annually in the HSA annual budget.
 - The SWW HS position of teacher liaison with the Kennedy Center will be advertised and reopened for SY 2016-2017. The administrative team and the faculty personnel will determine who will serve as the liaison with the Kennedy Center.
 - The faculty liaison and the principal will communicate with the Kennedy Center and monitor the partnership budget and programs during the school year and attend partnership meetings.
 - Kennedy Center programs and resources will be publicized and made available to the entire faculty.
- 8. Fundraising.** Michael Cervino reported that the school auction will be April 23. Parents Ashanthi Kridena and Dori Gillman are soliciting donations. Michael urged board members to buy their auction tickets. Discussion was on the need for direct appeal through the list serve.
- 9. GW MOU.** David Brewer reported that the letter from GW was received January 13 and he volunteered to draft the response letter. David suggested inviting Mr. Katz to the April Board meeting to address the MOU and thoughts on what the partnership would look like in 10 years.
- 10. Sports Booster's Update.** Sue Bloom reported that the Sports Banquet will be June 5 in the City View Room at GW.
- 11. Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.