

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

September 8, 2015

- 1. Melanie Gisler** called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. In attendance were executive board members Melanie Gisler, Michael Cervino, Carol Piwowarski, Musarat Bozai, David Brewer, Clayton Ackerman (filling in for Ms. Parascondola), David Kammerer, Richard Trogisch, and Melody Webb. Absent: Sue Bloom and Tara Gill. Also in attendance were Sylvia Isaac, Simone Anderson, and Tracey Weisler.
- 2. Stress Management Group.** Dr. Sherry Molock, Director of Clinical Psychology Training at GWU presented about a teen stress management group that is being started at the GWU Psychology Department. They have been talking with SWW counselors, school psychologist, and school social worker to set up a stress reduction group. It will start at the end of October and will focus on mindfulness training to help students with stress reduction.
- 3. Administration Update.** Mr. Trogisch reported that the new school rankings have come out and once again, SWW has done very well in the rankings. Mr. Trogisch distributed the revised DCPS FY 16 school budget for the high school. The original budget last spring was a combined budget for SWWHS and Francis-Stevens. Mr. Trogisch raised concerns about the proposed HSA/LSAT letter to Mr. Davis. Discussion centered around parents' stated views that the High School needs a single dedicated principal (not a shared position with Francis-Stevens) and Mr. Trogisch's view on the advantages of a shared principal.
- 4. Treasurer's Report.** Carol Piwowarski reported that to date, the HSA has incurred \$10,500 in expenses (\$1,842 for student planners, \$2,804 for piano keyboards, \$1,119 for faculty appreciation lunch, and \$605 for fundraising mailing). Total income to date is \$15,292.
- 5. Fundraising.** David Brewer reported that the Booster Club has received agreement from the nearby Potbelly for a fundraising relationship. The Booster Club will receive 20% on every purchase after 4:30 pm on October 7.
- 6. GWU Memorandum of Understanding.** Melanie and David Brewer met with Mr. Trogisch and representatives of GWU to begin discussing the MOU and the possibility of greater access to athletic and other facilities. The GWU library is once again available to Walls high school students. Another meeting is scheduled later in September.

7. **Events.** The school picnic will take place September 27 and Deb Eichenbaum is chairing. Melody Webb is coordinating Ward parties.

8. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.