WFA PTSA meeting minutes 10/24/13

Parents thanked staff present for their efforts at keeping attendance above 90%. We would appreciate it if you could pass this on to the entire faculty.

School-Based Planning Team: 3 Parents approved:

                Jeff Sciortino

                Fred Tanksley

                Adho Magee (I did not have a good email address or other contact information for this person and they were not at the meeting.)

* Concerns were raised that foreign language and ramp up  teachers don’t get any help when they have a large number of students with IEPs.  Parents are trying to figure out the best way to advocate.  Is this something to go to the superintendent about?
* Another parent raised concern about students not being allowed to take their notebooks home and therefore not being able to study for tests.  The group counseled the parent to talk with the teacher and follow up with Dr. Matthew if not satisfied.  Suggestions included making a copy of the pertinent notes to take home.
* A question was raised about the shirts that were ordered at the welcome/orientation event.  Are they coming?
* Suggestion to be sure WFA PTSA is enrolled on the French Toast website for uniforms.  If selected, the PTSA would get a cut of any purchases at that website.

Fund Raising Plan

                We are going to try and raise money for purchase of a large, roll-fed laminator! At this point we need a price from whomever the district uses for such equipment.

                We are also going to explore donations for carpets for the elementary classrooms. Fred Tanksley is taking the lead on this and will report back at the next meeting.

Fund Raising Events

                PTSA will participate in a Barnes and Noble Bookfair with a date TBD but this year. I need to let Jane Cherin know we want to do this.

IB presentation: Amy did a great job with this and explaining how IB, Common Core, and EngageNY materials currently coordinate and what needs to be done in the future.

SWPBS: Megan also did a great job with her presentation. We had a good discussion about whether SWPBS is rewarding students for doing what they should be anyway. I think parent questions on this point were answered.

* The SW PBS team will make up special PAWS tickets for attending PTSA meetings.

Next Meeting: My schedule said 11/21, but that is a Thursday. We missed having you at the meeting so changing to another day needs to happen. How about 11/19 and Tuesdays thereafter?

Attendance: 7 parents, 2 students, 4 staff