School Family Council
Meeting Minutes
Western High School #407 Feb 3rd, 2020

Next meeting Monday, March 2nd @ 5 pm

02.03.20 – Meeting Minutes Summary and Updates

1. TUTORING
   a. UMBC Tutoring - As of Jan 24th, we will have four tutors from Sherman Scholars coming to tutors students during lunch periods.
      i. Tutors will work in the library and be supervised by an SEL coordinator
      ii. Tutors will work with 3 students each.
         1. Two tutors will work with students 3rd – 5th period on Wednesdays
         2. Two tutors will work with students 3rd - 5th periods on Fridays
      iii. Orientation week will be this week (Feb 3rd) with tutoring beginning the following week.
      iv. The tutors will also be observing classes of Ms. O’Malley, and Ms. Rennenkampf
   v.
   b. JHU Tutoring – no update

2. TRAFFIC CONCERNS - Delegate Tony Bridges and traffic concerns update – 1.23 - Delegate Dalya Attar responded to my email requesting her support of HB0001 (school funding bill) and followed-up with our traffic concerns. She will reach out to the Dept. of Transportation to see the progress of our request

3. ATTENDANCE – Ms. Alexander to send out a weekly email summarizing attendance
   a. The attendance committee takes care of students’ who miss a certain amount of days
   b. Ms. White will mail out an Infinite Campus one-pager for parents to get attendance notifications

4. NEW BUSINESS
   a. Building Our Nation’s Daughters (BOND) - From: Dayjah Allen
dayjah.allen@mdbond.org – G. Heid to contact about program feasibility at WHS.
   b. Teacher’s Democracy Project – SCHOOL ACTION TEAMS
      i. TDP is offering some tools and supports for folks who want to kickstart, reboot or invigorate a PTO, PTA, school family council or other organized parent teacher body. If you’re interested in knowing more, check out our attached flyer, contact Tyrone at 443-904-6547 or Rebecca at rebecca@tdpbaltimore.org. We are also offering an info session on February 10, 6-8pm. We will have food and childcare but do let us know if you’re coming. Space is limited.
      ii. EVENT Parent and District Discussion: Activating School Family Councils
          Thursday, February 27 6-8pm  Impact Hub 10 E. North Ave.  This event is for parents, teachers and community who want to get more engaged in their SFC’s. Demetria Singleton from City Schools will share what an SFC is, a panel of parents will talk about their work at their schools followed by discussion and Q&A with attendees. Dinner and childcare provided
          Please RSVP so we can order enough food Email if you need childcare rebecca@tdpbaltimore.org

5. PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
   a. Feb 13th – 5:00 - Budget Forum 6:00 – 7:30 Parent Teacher Conferences
   b. Report Cards home Wednesday, Feb 5th
c. Attendance – 10th and 11th grades low (below 91%)
   i. Identifying students who are cutting – how do we do it?
   ii. SEL – Phone a friend who is absent

d. Western HS Foundation update – the fund is growing

Next Steps:
- 175th Anniversary – make a partner event to happen in the spring to connect more partners to the school
- Consider committee meetings for next year – shorter meetings (23 minutes?) phone meetings – something to get more people to the table
- Advocate for the BUILT Act by contacting your local legislators to release funding during this current session – more information to be released soon
- Each committee set a performance goal for their specific work
- Review SPP SMART Goals #4 and #5