Wootton PTSA Meeting

February 16, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Membership Update

* Membership numbers and treasures report will be available on the PTSA website
* Digital Membership cards will be sent out timeline TBD; Nikki can print specific cards if needed
* Open Positions for next year PTSA will be announced and sent out

Review of Resolution on SRO Program – Brian Rabin and Anand Patwardhan

* SRO program - one officer assigned to each high school right now
* MCCPTA resolution to stop the program and increased investment in counseling program
* Compilation of all information is available on the PTSA website
* Background - WHS needs to discuss the resolution with the community and provide feedback; each school will get 3 votes (the 2 delegates and the PTSA president); We can also propose amendments and present before March 1
* Resolution comments
  + Driven by concerns of racial bias in school arrests
  + Proposes discontinue placing SRO in every campus
  + Work with community to add other safety protocols and counseling
* There has been a lot of discussion already; racial bias is only one consideration; other considerations may need to be considered
* Ms. Bolden's View / and SRO program at WHS
  + Our SRO has been with the school for more than 9 years
  + The SRO has been an integral part of the security and safety of the schools
  + WHS has implemented study circles and restorative justice to address racial bias and conflicts; SRO is included as a part of this program
  + SRO is involved with many preventative activities and relationship building
  + Ms. Bolden's view is that the SRO is a valuable program and resource for our school; there is a space for continued professional development to address racial bias
* Feedback - Send to PTA President (Brian) and Delegates (Anand and George Sellers) (contact information available on the website); If the community is split on the vote, then Brian, Anand and George will split the vote

Return to School Update and preliminary plan (Ms. Bolden, Mr Rohner, Mr Mamana, Mr Pucciarly, Ms. Cocker)

* Ms Bolden reviewed the materials from Board of Ed meeting with details on the return to school plan. Presentation Materials will be available on PTSA and WHS websites.