

December 12, 2017

Swanson PTA Meeting – Swanson Library

Maybe cancel the January meeting

February meeting – school board members

Madelon Brennan – introductory statement

End-of-year giving – Amazon, grocery cards – leads to spring grants for the faculty

Laura Partridge – thanked the PTA for stocking the teachers' lounge with snacks. Interim grades will be posted this week – check ParentVue; paper copies will be dated by the time they arrive. Science Fair was set for January 25th.

Renee Harber was unable to attend this meeting

Guest Speakers:

Julie Cantor:

IB program at W-L; going into its 50th year (not in Arlington that long; 20 years at W-L)

College-level courses in junior and senior years. English, world languages, social studies, math and science and the arts. Higher-level and standard courses. IB requires at least three higher-level. Try not to overwhelm. Core – three-part program that pulls it all together

The Core:

- Creativity-action-service – CAS. Pass/fail; CAS requirements are either met or not met (no number or letter score)

Extended Essay (EE) A-E

TOK and EE grades of A-E contribute to 3 additional points toward the IB diploma score

Theory of Knowledge (TOK) A-E

Diploma courses:

No application required – anyone at W-L can participate

Must meet minimum course prerequisites and received teacher recommendation

Mix IB and AP = WL offers 60+ advanced courses

If a student transfers in as an IB student, they have to stay with it; if they drop, they go back to their home school

What is special about IB assessment? (need to get the packet)

Pre-IB transfer admissions – required by the IB

Strong grades in all subjects

Review end-of-year grades for 6th and 7th

Application deadline: January 19, 2018 (4:00 p.m.)

11/6/2017 – application period begins

1/19/2018 – due date

#1 IB school in Virginia – Washington Post challenge index

Students in the program shared their experiences

Yorktown AP Scholars Program

Established to recognize the students who wanted to push themselves

Prerequisites: 7th grade – final grades of B or higher in core classes

8th grade – B or higher 1st and 2nd quarter in core classes and world language

Students will have an opportunity to reapply at a later date (end of 9th grade year)

Arlington Tech/Career Center

Jess Baker

Student-centered; project-based learning technical education classes integrated into academics

All students are on the advanced studies diploma track; early college courses through dual enrollment; all students will earn a general education certificate from NVCC; options to take AP tests

Experience – students discover knowledge and collaboratively solve problems in contextualized project settings, work-based learning, internships, capstone experience

Partner with NASA, Virginia Tech

Virginia graduate profile (venn diagram)

Open house January 6th

January 9th – 2-3