

# **Westfield High School PTSA Meeting**

## **April 25, 2002**

The April meeting of the Westfield High School PTSA was held on Thursday, April 25, 2002 in the Lecture Hall at the school. President Lynn Terhar called this general membership meeting to order at 7:09pm. In attendance were:

Dana Cimino	Lori Knickerbocker	Destiny Burns
Bev Basoglu	Penny Douskalis	Becky Williams
Birgit Retson	Kathy Rutkowski	Salma Ashmawi
Lynn Terhar	Vicky Francis	Joe O'Bryan
LuAnn McNabb	Dale Rumberger	Sue Kiely
Debbie Gregory	Al Schenck	

Minutes from the March 21, 2002 meeting were approved as written.

### Treasurer's Report (Penny D.):

Balance is \$5,272.63. The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved as submitted.

### President's Report (Lynn T.):

- Lynn is now the Fairfax District PTSA Director, and has been nominated for "Lady Fairfax".
- Five students were recognized in the State PTA Essay Contest
- The Board of Supervisors is proposing cutting part-time clinic aides and substitutes. This is a serious health and safety concern. Mr. Rumberger said he is very concerned about this, and will not assign someone "out of hide" to perform this function.
- The Supervisor's budget for schools was \$11.5M (plus \$5.7M in debt service), still well below budget requirements. Proposed cuts include \$500K for the clinic staff, \$300K for field maintenance, and \$300K for enterprise schools
- PTSA Fundraising letter will go out this week.
- May 16<sup>th</sup> is the next WHS PTSA General Membership meeting. Our new School Board representative, Kathy Smith, will be present.
- The School Board votes on the final school budget on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Graduation is June 13<sup>th</sup>, Prom is June 7<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Domenech will be present at WHS's first graduation, invitations will also be extended to our legislators.
- The final 2001-02 WHS PTSA meeting is June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- PAWS Booklets will be updated
- Bulldog BBQ '02: this coming year starts the real BBQ tradition – a core committee will be forming to work on this activity
- Lynn said that the \$5800 we are receiving from Giant Receipts would be used toward student planners.

### Committee Reports:

- Budget (Sue K.): Report on Town Meeting in early April for parent input to the budget. Sue, Lynn, and Birgit spoke at the Board of Supervisor's hearings. Gary Reese voted to adjourn the General Assembly rather than vote on Sales Tax Referendum legislation.
- Legislative (LuAnn M.): Jay O'Brien and Mike Fry visited Stone Middle School recently on a tour led by LuAnn.
- Minority Achievement – 42 people attended the Minority Parent's Coffee and there was a good 2-way exchange of information and ideas. A report was given about awards for the Minority Achievement Banquet.
- Newsletter (Becky W.): Two articles in hand for the next edition. "PTSA update" (rather than full newsletter) will go out with the membership letter.
- May 6-10 is Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week, and a luncheon will be held for the WHS staff on May 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Nominating Committee: Following is the committee's proposed slate of officers for the 2002-03 WHS PTSA Board:
  - President: Birgit Retson
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Penny Douskalis
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Sue Kiely
  - Treasurer: Destiny Burns
  - Corresponding Secretary: Vicky Francis
  - Recording Secretary: Bev Basoglu

### Principal's Report (Dale R.):

- Tim Thomas has been appointed Sub School Principal to replace Gretchen Portwood
- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation was very successful
- Enrollment projection for next year increased to 2775, so trailers will now be necessary
- Staffing for the 2002-03 school year in underway
- Enrollment in AP/Honors is going up and genders are equally represented
- Discussed foreign exchange and instructional programs
- Recent teacher in-service was successful and resulted in a lot of good feedback on successes/failures
- FCPS is planning to study WHS as a pilot school for HS late start. Considering 9:00am start and 3:40pm dismissal. Mr. Rumberger and staff are exploring pros and cons for athletics and other practices, clubs, co-op, and academy students.
- T-Shirts are needed to support appropriate dress in school

- 2003 graduation – an application has been submitted to use the Patriot Center. June 17<sup>th</sup> unless community agreement that Saturday afternoon is acceptable.
- Summer Assignment – each grade level will be asked to read at least one book related to materials to be covered in the upcoming year. There will be no Suggested Summer Reading List.

The next WHS PTSA meeting is scheduled for May 16th at 7pm. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Destiny Burns, WHS PTSA Recording Secretary

Approved as written \_\_\_\_\_ Date:

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