

**The Westfield High School PTSA Meeting  
January 16, 2003**

The January meeting of the Westfield High School PTSA was held on Thursday, January 16, 2003 in the Lecture Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

In attendance were:

Trish Manghelli	Lynn Terhar	Destiny Burns
Bev Basoglu	Sue Kiely	Laurie O'Bryan
Lori Knickerbocker	Carol Jasper	Dana Cimino
Vickie Francis	Claire Girard	Susan Vaccarino
Penny Douskalis	Mark Richardson	
Becky Williams	Birgit Retson	

Dean Tisdadt of FCPS Facilities was introduced. He talked about the proposed School Bus Parking lot and refueling station. The Bus parking facility had been planned for a long time, when the land was purchased in 1997. It will have 150 Buses and refueling station. The facility will also have an office that will house 50 to 75 employees of the Western Transportation Office. Mr. Tisdadt gave the background of the School Buses Parking problem. There are over 1500 buses in Fairfax Country and very little space to put them. With this new facility, it should give better service to this area such as cut down on late buses. Sonny Sarna talked about the site and showed a plan of the proposed site, how the buses will park so that there is less visibility, what the landscaping and fence will look like. The fence will be chain link with barbed wire on the sides and back, the front will be metal, same or similar to the police station. There was a long discussion on the different tree and scrubs that will be placed in front because the landscaping has to meet Fairfax Country standards. He talked about the lighting, how bright, what kind, how they will be on dimmers after a certain time and the lights would be on poles that would shine down. Mr. Sarna told the PTSA that he would keep us informed of any changes.

Jane Dryfuss talked about the No Child Left Behind Act. She gave a broad overview of the NCLB.

There are five performance goals for States.

1. By 2013-2014, all students will reach high standards at a minimum attaining proficiency or better in reading, mathematics and language arts.
2. All Limited English Proficient (LEP) students will become proficient in English and reach high academic standards at a minimum attaining proficiency or better in reading language arts and mathematics
3. By 2005-2006 all students will be taught by highly qualified teachers
4. All students will be educated in safe/drug free schools
5. All students will graduate from high school.

At the February PTSA meeting Ms. Dryfuss will speak again with a more details.

The December 2002 minutes were approved as written.

The Treasurer's Report (Destiny Burns):

ANGP \$6,110.12  
PTSA \$15,975.14  
5K Run \$9,420.13

Funds from last year's 5K Run were distributed for various scholarships.

The Committee Reports

Susan Vaccarino (landscape) The stakes will be removed from the trees. Clean up has been set for April 26<sup>th</sup> with the rain date on the 27<sup>th</sup>. The land across the street has a lot of trees. In February or March they would be dug up and moved to the school grounds. Jim Hendricks will be working on this project.

Legislative (Lu Ann McNabb) Two SOL Bills failed.

Academic (Sue Kiely) At the end of the quarter, there will be an afternoon event for the Honor Roll students - 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> period in the cafeteria. The Honor Roll cases should be in place by the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, on the wall outside of the office.

BITS (Trish Manghelli) There are 88 students attending at this time. The BITS program is now open to all of the feeder schools. The group talked about different ideas to get students motivated, to do better, what would make the students feel better, try harder, what kind of rewards to give at the end of year. Also, talked about a pizza party.

Special Education (Trish Manghelli) Would like to see what kind of response the program would get to start a parent group that would meet once a month for ideas, etc.

Volunteer (Claire Girard) Would like to update the volunteer forms. She would like to try to get outside help, like the senior citizens, with stuffing envelopes and help in general.

Reflections (Laurie O'Bryan) In Cluster 8, WHS's Jeniffer Lee won Outstanding Interpretation Award for musical competition and will be competing at the District Level. Awards of Excellence were given to Dianne Van Leunen for Visual Arts and Kali Gehring for Literature.

FCCPTA Budget (Sue Kiely) On January 27<sup>th</sup>, School Board will hold their public hearings on the budget and the 28<sup>th</sup> if needed. Also Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> is a work session. April 7<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors meet to review the budget (possible second round of cuts). On May 12<sup>th</sup> School Board will hold the second round of public hearings.

FCCPTA (Lynn Terhar) January 27<sup>th</sup> is Virginia PTA day in Richmond. On January 28<sup>th</sup> there is a general membership meeting on the budget, at Luther Jackson Middle School at 7:30 PM in the Lecture Hall. Two resolutions were passed: 1<sup>st</sup> making January 2003 National Mentoring Month. The 2<sup>nd</sup> resolution is to raise cigarette tax by 60 cents a pack

to use the revenue raised by this tax for state programs that would advance health, education and welfare of Virginia children and families. 90% will be going for public education.

President's report (Birgit Retson) 5K Race is set for May10th. There are 3 vacancies on the PTSA Board. They will be put in the newsletter and posted on the Web. The February meeting will focus on SOL and No Child Left Behind Act. Birgit invited delegates Hugo and Reeves, Senators Cuccinelli and O'Brien to the Feb. meeting. March PTSA meeting will feature Kathy Smith, School Board Member. She also talked about over crowding and what is going to happen until the 24 room addition is built. The projected enrollment for the 03/04 school year is 2919.

Principal's Report (Dale Rumberger) WHS has 2721 enrolled at this time. Dec.26<sup>th</sup> issue of Newsweek and TIME featured WHS worldwide. Groundbreaking for the addition will be January 2004 and it will be ready by Sept. 2005. ( if the bond referendum is passed) The school will still have trailers during the 04/05 school year. 12 students have been expelled so far this school year, 11 were for drugs.

On Dec.19<sup>th</sup> WHS had a lock down. 8 drug dogs from the Canine Drug Search Unit came to the school for a training exercise. The dogs sniffed all the lockers. Possible infractions were reported to the parents.

A new safety and security plan has been in the works for over 2 months. WHS would be the center where people would come if there was a need for Smallpox vaccinations or any type of crisis. The school would close for 5 days. 250 volunteers from the community would be needed to help Public Officials. In February, Dale will let the student body know about the plan.

The next meeting of the WHS PTSA is schedule for February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2003

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:52PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Bev Basoglu, WHS PTSA Recording Secretary

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

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