



**WESTFIELD HIGH SCHOOL PTSA
Board Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2005
Attendees**

**Dana Cimino
Jennifer Campbell
Penny Douskalis
Marcia Szott
Claire Girard
Jodi Border**

**Mike Campbell
LuAnn McNabb
Michael Brown
Carol Jasper
Destiny Burns
Mary Wolf**

**Bill Beach
Nancy Hutchison
Edie Walker
Susan Tindall
Karen Freiberg
Lorraine Avone**

The PTSA Business meeting was called to order by President Dana Cimino at 7:07pm. There were 18 members present. The meeting minutes for April 21st were accepted with one correction on page three under Minority Achievement, paragraph 2 should read 'data,' not "date." The minutes were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report – Edie Walker

There are a couple areas that monies have not been spent yet such as under Conventions and Trainings for \$1,000 and Donations for \$100. The total income for the PTSA is \$45,504.48 and is summarized on page 3 of the budget. The balance as of May 12, 2005 is \$18,020.80. Restricted Funds, funds the PTSA has already committed to spend, are in the gray highlighted area. Landscaping will spend their \$1,500. There will be \$2,200 left in PTSA funds to be spent this school year. There will be approximately \$5,800 for start up costs for this coming year.

President's Report – Dana Cimino

The Executive PTSA Board on the slate for nomination, includes Dana Cimino, President, Jodi Border for 2nd Vice President, Edie Walker for Treasurer, Jennifer Campbell for Recording Secretary, and Lori Knickerbocker for Corresponding Secretary. There were no nominations for the available 1st Vice President position, or any other nominations from the floor. The slate was accepted and voted on. Those present voted in the affirmative. No one was opposed.

Thank you to Lori Knickerbocker, who donated \$500 of her Exxon/Mobil volunteer hours to the PTSA.

The Safe Ride Media Alert is in effect from now until the end of June. The info will also go out on Keep in Touch for information on where to call.

There is Leadership Training given by the County Council of PTA's on 5/31 at Luther Jackson Middle School. The PTA meeting starts at 6:30, with the trainings starting at 7pm.

The VAPTA Leadership conference is 7/15 & 7/16 at Longwood College.

Principal's Report – Mike Campbell

There were 538 tests this week. Next year they will be done on line.

The Honor Roll modification needs to be discussed when more time permits. The current options are: Keep it as is; Have a minimum grade point of 3.0; Have a minimum grade point of 3.2, but possess no D/s or F's.

The new addition starts on June 25th. The new lockers are currently being replaced.

Ground breaking will be on July 1st. Summer Theater camp will be the only program allowed in the building this summer. The faculty lounge is now gone due to the need to use it for a teacher/coaches room, while renovations take place.

Central office has ignored requests for the past 2 years for hold off on foreign exchange students at WHS. The issue is over crowding.

There was also a request from the Transportation Department for an earlier dismissal of 5 minutes, since the busses have routinely been late for their middle school pick -ups. It was OK'd for next year, with 1 minute being taken from passing time between classes and lunches.

SOL testing took place for 538 students. Next year, all of it will be done on line.

Geometry will be the difficult one to conduct this way. Test space was an issue during the AP testing. The Gymnastics, wrestling room, and the auditorium were used. There were some problems due to noise distraction. English and Government students appealed due to the bank playing. They will have to take the test over again. They are looking for an off site campus for the testing.

Fiddler on the Roof was nominated for 13 Cappies in the DC area.

Mr. Campbell addressed the issue of the recent teacher dismissal. The school could not notify parents until the next day until the police were involved. A notice did go out on Keep in Touch.

The annual Faculty Bowling Meeting was this past Friday. Approximately 200 teachers were there. The topic for discussion was how to make a big school smaller.

The PTSA took a tour of the Sculpture Garden and the Brick Garden at WHS. There was an Eagle Scout project this past Saturday. A magnolia tree was also purchased and planted.

BITS – Carol Jasper

The banquet will be on 5/21 in the WHS cafeteria. The food at the banquet will be provided by Northrup Grumann. Certificates and done and the invitations were sent out to schools that participated. Carol submitted the calendar for the next school year, asking for more tutoring dates. All of the information will be on line at the end of June. There will be a meeting on June 4th in the library.

Funding Requests – Dana Cimino

Odyssey of the Mind will be going to the World Championship this summer in Colorado. They obtained corporate sponsors but need have the checks written to the PTSA and then reimbursed. A motion was made for the PTSA to approve the Odyssey of the Mind expenses for up to the amount they receive from corporate sponsors. The motion passed with no one opposed.

The PTSA moved to pay \$50 as a donation for the Odyssey of the Mind's World Championship in Colorado. The motion passed with on one opposed.

Committee Reports

Landscaping – Bill Beach, an arborist with the Care of Trees company will be co-chair of the Landscaping committee with Mona Miller. Bill has a freshman at WHS.

Technology- Mary Wolf

Mike Mandigo is requesting funds up to \$27,246.27 for technology needs. A priority list was circulated, itemizing each of the needs. A motion was made to donate \$2,500 for the priority 1 list for Technology needs. The motion passed. No one was opposed.

Reflections – The theme for next year is, "I Wonder Why."

By-Laws- Destiny Burns

Copies of the By-laws were circulated. The template doesn't include a Corresponding Secretary. The amount for a quorum was changed to 15 members.

On page 11 of the By-laws, the Executive Board will need a motion to increase a budget line item up over \$1,000. The proposed By-laws for submission will be ready for review at the next PTSA meeting.

AFTER PROM – Marcia Szott

There will be a meeting tomorrow night, 5/18. ANGP needs approximately 16 more people at the 5am shift for clean-up and more people to collect tickets from 10pm-12 midnight. Ticket sales started last week. PTSA is looking for an after Prom person for next year.

Legislative

The election primaries are June 14th

ACE

Thank you to Penny Douskalis and Jodi Border for the Honor Roll Ice Cream Social. As far as scholarships, there were 31 applicants for the PTSA scholarship. Athletic boosters had 29 and are awarding 14; Band had 8 and are awarding 3; Orchestra had 3.

Bulldog BBQ

The date is scheduled for 8/30; Karoline Hurd is heading it up, while Nancy Hutchison is heading up the Silent Auction. They are looking for volunteers to help.

There being no further business to discuss, the business meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Campbell
Recording Secretary

Announcements

May 18	Sophomore Parents Night
May 21	Minority Parent Curriculum Fair
May 21	BITS Banquet- 1pm
June 9	Underclass Awards
May 30	Memorial Day- No School
May 31	Special Ed Spring Dance
June 1	Art Show
June 3 & 6	No School
June 11	Prom
June 16	PTSA Meeting- @ Dana's Home
June 20	Senior Awards
June 22	Graduation- No School
June 24	Last Day of School

Mark Your Calendars---

August 30 th	Bulldog BBQ
September 6 th	1 st Day of School
October 29 th	5K Run & Homecoming