



WESTFIELD HIGH SCHOOL PTSA

Board Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2004

Attendees

Dana Cimino	Tracy Fleming	Nancy Kruchko
Jennifer Campbell	Vitoria Guvansen	Cindy Alls
Edie Walker	Laurie Horstmann	Penny Douskalis
Meg Crossett	Claire Girard	Bill Douskalis
Lorraine Arora	Pam Jones	Caroline Kerns
Bob Martin	Yasmine Franco	Jessica Ferrell
Catherine Fenn	Juan Franco	Mark Richardson
Rieishm Karcher	Shirley Riegsecker	Destiny Burns
Tami Troscianecki	LuAnn McNabb	

The PTSA business meeting was called to order by President Dana Cimino at 6:53pm.

The October PTSA meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's Report- Edie Walker

The tax-exempt forms have arrived. The final budget approval tally was 209 votes, 200 For, 3 Against, and 6 Abstained. The current balance is \$31,240.06. Membership dues going out to Council, State and National amount to \$4,372.50. Net income from the student directories was \$5,852.31. Last month the PTSA received \$500 in bank fees from BBT for transactions, during a heavy fund raising month. The PTSA is actively shopping for another bank to use.

President's Report- Dana Cimino

Thankyou's were given to Laurie O'Bryan for her work on the Student Directory. Extra directories are for sale in the main office. Thank you's went to Mona Miller for the landscaping, Claire Girard and Heather Grayson for their work in getting volunteers for the health screening and sorting forms, and Penny Douskalis for her work with the ACE committee and reception. Mike Campbell was in Richmond with the WHS Chamber Singers at the Virginia Music Educators Convention. He had informed Dana earlier that the Touching Bases conferences went well.

SGA- Jessica Ferrell, President

Approximately 1,500 students attended the Homecoming Dance. They sold out of the preprinted tickets and one couple had to be turned away since admission to the dance was by advance ticket sales only. Last week a congress meeting was held in which the students review what was successful during homecoming week. Things that were liked were the powder puff game, decorations, and the banner contest. David Ashton and Jenna Bortz were the dance king and queen. The next SGA event is a hypnotist on Monday, 11/29 at 7pm. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door. The winter pep rally is on hold due the FCPS rule book. The food drive ends on Friday, 11/18. Try- outs for the Westfield Idol will be coming up for the January karaoke show.

The SGA is working with their faculty sponsor, Ms. Underwood, to find out ways to increase attendance at the Volunteer Tea.

There was discussion about the Taking Back Sunday band and the county regulations that prohibit groups sponsored by businesses doing anything for students during the school day. In the process of reviewing this rulebook, it was discovered that the school is only allowed to have 1 pep rally per school year. The SGA has spoken to

Kathy Smith, School Board Chairperson, for clarification. The SGA will be going to speak directly before the school board.

Library Presentation- Robyn Ramsey

Information was provided on remote access to the FCPS library databases via the WHS home page. Students do not need a password to sign on to the computer system at school. The CQ researcher is also available in Spanish. Scholarly journal can also be accessed via the school website. The school catalog is on line with a link to the Fairfax County library. The number to use to access it would be the same as your county library card. Students only need their student ID number to use the school library. Parents can also sign out materials. Mike Mandigo or Carl Roach can assist students with any computer issues that arise.

Special Guest-Sully District Supervisor Mike Frey

Supervisor Frey presented issues related to the Sully Area Plan Review/Residential development in the WHS boundary. APR 04-111-6DS proposes building approximately 290 single-family attached units and 670 garden –style multifamily units in the area bounded by Wall Road, Route 28, EDS Drive and Centreville Road. APR –4-111-5DS proposes up to 450 multi-family units in the area bounded by Frying Pan Road, Frying Pan Branch Stream Valley Park and Route 28. The Sully District Area Plans Review Task Force is currently reviewing nominations to amend the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan and will be voting on December 7th. Final staff recommendations will be made by February and the public hearing will be held some time in April- June, for implementation in the spring of 2006. There are currently 16 applications being reviewed.

Questions or concerns can be sent via email to Mr. Frey at Sully@fairfaxcounty.gov. One of the properties is split between Sully and Hunter Mill. Their email is Huntermill@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Legislative- LuAnn McNabb

Discussion ensued regarding overcrowding at WHS, projected student population growth, school boundaries, and the impact of residential development. A motion was made and passed to present the following resolution: The Westfield High School PTSA requests the Sully District Task Force retain the staff's adopted plan in applications APR 04-111-5DS and APR 4-111-6DS and if the Task Force chooses to recommend the adoption of the nomination, that the School Board redistrict all new developments into South Lakes High School, or other underutilized high schools, that the county suggests that developers proffer land for a new high school or create an independent task force to review residential development in Sully District and its impact on Westfield, Chantilly, and Centreville High Schools. It is important to write to the Task Force via Mike Frey's office before the December 7th meeting regarding any questions or concerns.

Committee Reports – Dana Cimino

Dana thanked Cindy Alls for the workday treats for teachers and the custodian's lunch. A funding request was reviewed for the 5th Annual Greco Roman Project between WHS and Deer Park Elementary. A motion was made and passed to provide up to \$150 to pay for bussing students.

Parent Programs-Nancy Bennett (via email)

The Teen Species went well with over 70 attendees. The committee spent \$600 PTSA funds on speakers, Stone paid for their mail out, Advanced Mailing Services printed and folded 5,500 brochures for free. Coalition funds paid \$292 for supplies and janitors, and Northrup-Grumman provided the breakfast, folders, pens, and pads of paper. Positive feedback was received. Thank you to Lori Knickerbocker for putting announcements out via Keep in Touch.

BITS- Carol Jasper(via email)

The tutoring sessions are going well. Middle School and Elementary Schools are waiting for the program to open to them. Requests have been made for more tutors from the Foreign Language Department. Email communication is working well between the parents and tutors. Thank you to all of our tutors who come on a continual basis.

Volunteer Coordinator- Claire Girard

The school still needs help in sorting and alphabetizing the Federal Survey Forms. They are also looking for about 10 more volunteers for the Ethics Seminar at the Westfield Marriot on Monday, November 22nd.

Technology- Mary Wolf (via email report)

The 10 laptops are now in the library and ready for checkout. Guidance is identifying students who do not have a PC or Internet at home. These students will be invited to join the program. The parent needs to sign a permission form accepting responsibility for the laptop and there is mandatory student training. Students who wish to join can contact their guidance counselor.

Training starts this week. At least 8 students will be trained. Training will be ongoing, as needed. One of the eight students is a student who will be out sick for two weeks and will not have access to a PC. The program can be used for these situations on an as needed basis, but the parent must sign the form and the student or parent must be trained. An article will be put on the website and the next newsletter about the program.

Academic Boosters- Penny Douskalis

ACE – Academic Celebration of Excellence or the Academic Boosters came about as a way to prevent academics from getting lost

in the shuffle of sports, music, drama, etc. There was a discussion of funding and of ACE having a \$5,000 line item in the PTSA budget

in 2002, which has since been reduced. On Tuesday, November 23rd, there will be a donut and juice reception from 8:15-8:45 in the cafeteria for honor roll students. Another one will be held on February 22nd, and the 3rd one for the year, held in April, will have ice cream. Due to the number of students, such as 1,600 this marking period, and the rising cost of bumper stickers, the budget line item amount will need to be re-evaluated.

National Assessment of Education Project – Bill Douskalis

Bill attended this math conference that was a project of the US Dept. of Education and sets natural stands for 12th grade math. There were 31 panelists involved. The results will be published at the Department of Education website.

Principals Report – Mike Campbell

He had returned from the choral performance in Richmond. There were 3 expulsions this year, compared to 15 at the same time last year.

There were 1,692 honor roll students.

There were mistakes on the school's Adjusted Yearly Plan. We made AYP in all areas except for participation in Special Education. One student didn't take the exam out of 10,000 SOL tests.

Touching Bases teacher conferences was a huge success.

The next ½ class day (early release) will be January 12th. A speaker will be taking about learning needs and styles.

Mr. Campbell briefed the group about the Taking Back Sunday concert issue and the county regulations prohibiting the concert. Meeting adjourned at 9:27pm.

Announcements

December 13th (Monday) PTSA Meeting- At Dana's House 7pm

December 23-31 Winter Break

January 12 - EARLY RELEASE FOR STUDENTS

January 17 MLK Birthday- NO SCHOOL

January 18 (Tuesday) PTSA Meeting, 7pm

January 20 Inauguration Day/No School

January 22 Minority Parent Curriculum Fair

January 28 End of 2nd Quarter

January 31 Teacher Inservice/NO SCHOOL

February 1 Teacher Workday/ NO SCHOOL

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Campbell, Recording Secretary

Approved as written:

Date:

Approved as amended: Jennifer Campbell Date: 1/18/05