



**Westfield High School PTSA
Board Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2004**

Attendees

**Dana Cimino
Jennifer Campbell
Marty Bouveron
Annette Doroski
Nancy Bennett
Holli Wolter
Yasmine France
Lori Knickerbocker**

**Mike Campbell
Edie Walker
Nancy Tortorella
Susan Tindall
Linda Nicklyn
Mary Wolf
Nancy Hutchison
Penny Douskalis
William Miller**

**Destiny Burns
Jane Dreyfuss
Karen Freiberg
Laurie O'Bryan
Darlene Thomas
Cindy Alls
LuAnn McNabb
Mona Miller
Carol Jesper**

The PTSA business meeting was called to order by President Dana Cimino at 7:15pm. There were 26 members present.

The June PTSA meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted with one correction. The August PTSA meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report- Edie Walker

There were 158 budget approval voting slips returned from the Back To School packages. Of those, 154 voted for the budget, 2 against, and 2 abstained. The Bull Dog BBQ brought in over \$4,000, (Parking Raffle \$167.00, Chipotle \$165.00, Live Auction \$790.00, Silent Auction \$2972.00). Approximately 850 school directories have been ordered to date. A report will be sent to audit.

President's Report- Dana Cimino

Thank you's were given to Cindy Alls, the Hospitality Committee and everyone who made a lot of salads for the teacher's luncheon. Thanks also were given to those who helped with the Back-to-School packets, and Caroline Hurd and all of the other who helped with the Bull Dog Barbeque.

Funding requests submitted by Anna Lentz, from the Foreign Language Department and Jessica Dumbroski, from the English Department were reviewed. Discussion continued, motions were made and passed for the PTSA to fund \$80 for dry erase boards and markers for the Foreign Language Department, as well as

to fund a portion of an English class trip to see Macbeth. All were in favor. None were opposed.

The PTSA will be ordering a slotted display cased for use in the Main Office for Special Ed materials as well other PTSA and school related activity materials.

Dana is looking to find someone to help translate part of the PTSA newsletter into Spanish and Korean.

Principals' Report – Mike Campbell

The school opening went smoothly, with a current total of 3,111 students and 926 freshmen. The county has been fulfilling requests for various items, including the need to convert a storage room into a locker area to accommodate the additional students.

The Special Ed Liaison is looking to pursue Honors classes for Seniors as opposed to just AP classes.

WHS lost three teachers this week, due to promotions in the county. Departures include: Christine Sciabica, who goes on to be AP at Stone Middle, Kristin Pointkowski, who will be an AP at Madison, and Seung Lee, formerly an ESOL teacher. WHS will also be adding staff due to increased enrollment. The school had their 1st expulsion this school year due to drugs.

No Child Left Behind and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) was discussed in relation to Westfield High School. Specific information about WHS's AYP and SOL results can be found on the state website:

<http://www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/src/index.shtml>.

Jane Dreyfuss with FCPS introduced Michael Molloy, Director of Government Relations, FCPS who spoke to the PTSA about No Child Left Behind: Year Two.

WHS did not make AYP for the 2nd year in a row. No Child Left Behind is more inclusive and doesn't allow for exemptions. WHS had a lower participation rate since a lot of seniors didn't need the SOL credit and didn't take the test. WHS Special Ed population is one of the largest in the county, with 450 students. Over the past 3 years, 50 new Special Ed teachers were hired

Legislative- LuAnn McNabb

There was an Annual Plan Review Task force or APR Task Force which reviews applications from individual citizens or developers to amend the various area plans which have been adopted in Sully District. Two applications will directly impact the enrollment at WHS because both parcels of land are in the Westfields business park within the high school's boundaries. These applications will be reviewed on

Tuesday, 10/16 at 7pm. APR 04-111-8DS is located in the northeast quadrant of Stonecroft Blvd. and Westfield Blvd across from the Sully District Police Station. TST Westfields LLC would like to amend the comprehensive plan designation from office, conference center/hotel and industrial use to include residential and retail, including approximately 350 multi-family units. APR-04-111-9DS is located at the corner of Conference Center Dr. and Parkstone Dr. The St. Joe Company of Orlando, FL proposes to provide an option, to what is now an office/conference center/hotel/industrial designation for multifamily residential uses at a density of 30-40 dwelling units per acre. There are 19 acres in this site. The addition of more residential development this close to the high school would directly impact Westfield High School, which is already over 600 students over capacity.

Anyone may attend the Task Force meeting on October 26 as an observer, but may not speak. Anyone may, however, send a letter to Supervisor Michael Frey prior to the October 26th date. His email address is Michael.Frey@fairfaxcounty.gov or you can write his assistant, Meaghan.Kiefer@fairfaxcounty.gov. The mailing address is Supervisor Michael Frey, Sully District, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly, VA 20151.

Individuals may also sign up to speak at the Planning Commission public hearings by visiting the website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning or calling 703-324-2865 after hearings have been scheduled. Individuals may also sign up to speak at the Board of Supervisor public hearing after they are scheduled by calling the clerk of the Board at 703-324-3151.

Gerry Connolly and Frank Wolf are trying to address the Gang problem in Northern Virginia.

At the state level, there is a question of an upcoming transportation bond. There is a \$700 million surplus and question of funneling it towards transportation. If a bond is called in, then it could negatively impact education. Viriting received a lower rating for college affordability.

At the national level, there are upcoming elections for President and Congress.

Teachers will receive a tax credit for school supplies for up to \$250/yearly.

Technology- Mary Wolf

There is a long list of technology needs at school. Assessment includes 10 DVD's and VCR's, 30 computers that need 256K, and a server. The approximate cost is \$3,500. Ten new Dell laptops were ordered today and will be available in the library or through guidance for students to sign out if they don't have a computer at home. Parents sign a contract for the loan to take place. About 100-200 kids will go through computer training.

Program Planning- Nancy Bennett

There will be another Teen Species workshop on Saturday, November 13th. Topics will most likely include Risky Sexual Behavior, Internet Safety, with one segment for kids and the other for adults, Adolescents and Sleep, Parenting the Older Teen, Nutrition, Motivating Teens, and Mental Illness.

There also is Gang Awareness training at the police station on 9/30, and at Liberty Middle School on 11/10, at 7:30pm. On 10/14, there will be a Drug Awareness program at WHS on 10/14. The PTSA meeting will begin earlier at 6:30pm.

Directory- Laurie O'Bryan

The directories will be ready in mid October. About 862 directories have been orders so far.

Webmaster

The school website needs updating. Please send any information to Phyllis Manning at Phymanning@aol.com.

BITS – Carol Jespers

There are approximately 18 tutoring volunteers this year. There will be information given out at the Back-to School nights. On 9/25, at 9am there will be a meeting in the school library. Email reminders will be sent to volunteers.

Minority Achievement- Mark Richardson

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, September 21st.

Corresponding Secretary- Lori Knickerbocker

There were 250 additional subscribers added to the Keep in Touch list to total 1,551 subscribers. Two days notice is needed to put out a notice out on Keep In Touch.

Landscape- Mona Miller

Clean up of the grounds continue. There were a few additional volunteers including an 8th grader doing some community service hours. Upcoming clean-up dates are 10/5 and 10/9.

Other Announcements-

FCCPTA has a calendar survey for parent input through October 1st. The website can be reached at <http://www.FCCPTA.org>.

Upcoming Dates:

9/20- Back to School Night for 9th & 10th Grades

9/21 Minority Student Achievement Committee Meeting

9/25 Beautification Day- 8am- Noon

9/27 – Back to School Night for 11th & 12th Grades

10/9- Beautification Day- 8am-Noon

10/13 Minority Parent Coffee

10/14 PTSA Meeting @ 6:30pm, followed by the Drug Awareness Seminar

10/19 Special Ed Parent Meeting

10/20 Freshman Parent Night