



**Westfield High School PTSA
Board Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2004
Attendees**

Dana Cimino	Mike Campbell	Grace Duke
Jennifer Campbell	Edie Walker	Mark Richardson
Laurie O'Bryan	Sarah Garrison	Karen Freiberg
Cindy Alls	Jessica Ferrell	Brigit Retson
Lori Knickerbocker	Mona Miller	Carol Jasper
Yasmine Franco	Karen Duncan	
Jennifer Lang	Christina Mincey	Heather Grayson
Helen Bowden	Regina O'Shayghnesy	
Beverly Salera	Bonnie Hobbs	Stephanie Redman
Courtney Rooney	Susan Cowns	Blythe Merritt

The PTSA business meeting was called to order by President Dana Cimino at 6:15pm.

The September PTSA meeting minutes were review and accepted with a correction of the spelling of Carol Jasper's last name.

Treasurer's Report- Edie Walker

The current balance is \$31,746.62. There are 1,535 new PTSA members, with an additional 5 joining the PTSA today. The PTSA will owe \$4,200 in dues. We're still in the process of getting new tax exempt forms and are using the old forms until the new tax form is received from the state. We just received our "PTSA in Good Standing".

Special Presentation- Birgit Retson

Birgit presented the PTSA with gift of a Bulldog statue, with heartfelt gratitude for all that everyone has done for the kids. It will be on display in the main office and used for PTSA activities.

Minority Achievement- Mark Richardson

The parent coffee this week was well attended, with approximately 40 attendees, including staff. About half of the parents attending were Spanish speaking. There were lots of questions about the BITS program, communicating with the school, and parents were able to meet the parent liaison. Mark will be strategizing with Mr. Campbell about ways to be more helpful to parents. The Chantilly Minority

Achievement annual principal's reception is coming up on 10/18, 6:30 in Sully Station. There will also be a 20th year celebration during the 1st weekend in November. Mark has been asked by the pyramid to sell 3 tickets for the event, at \$50 each.

BITS- Carol Jasper

Carol answered many questions about the tutoring program at the Minority Achievement Parent Coffee. There were 21 tutors available over the 3-day holiday weekend. She is beginning to keep statistics about the program's progress and success, as well as having students complete a needs assessment.

SGA- Jessica Ferrell, President & Sarah Garrison, Vice President

The students updated the PTSA on student activities. They made \$1,500 on the drop in dance that was held after the football game.

Freshmen elections were held this past week as well as the Homecoming Court members (which were 4 seniors, and 2 students from each of the grade levels). There will be a fashion show on 10/22, for which more guys are needed. Spirit Week will be held during Homecoming Week, 10/25-10/29, starting out with the Powder puff game, from 6-8pm on Monday. There will be a pep rally on 10/29 and the parade will converge at 4 o'clock on the same date. More convertibles are needed for the parade. Email Diane Underwood, if you have one available. The theme for Homecoming is, "Rolling Out the Red Carpet". Elementary Schools have been invited to walk in the parade, as they hope to have the whole community involved.

The SGA is looking for all kinds of help with the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, October 30th. Beginning at 7am until 1pm, they will need help decorating the school, from the lobby to the cafeteria. Tickets are \$15/person only by presale until 10/19. Students not enrolled at Westfield will need to pick up a form in the office and have their school principal and parent sign it. The seven school administrators will be chaperoning the event, so parent volunteers are still needed to help during the event that night. The dance will be held from 8:30pm-11:45pm.

Membership- Grace Duke

She has received PTSA memberships for 1,543 people, including 76 staff members and people from 771 different families. She is getting the labels ready to mail the newsletter to those that requested a hard copy.

President's Report- Dana Cimino

Thanks were given to Heather Grayson and Claire Girard rounding up volunteers who took the task of alphabetizing and organizing the school packets for two weeks. A thank you was also given to Mona Miller for doing the landscaping at school.

Principal's Report- Mike Campbell

There are grants available through the Bill Gates Foundation for making large schools seem small. There are 120 \$600,000 grants available, for which WHS is applying. This is the same theme that is already in practice at WHS through the freshman teaming approach. The Freshman Academy, can be accommodated in the new addition.

Current student enrollment is 3,124. There have been a total of 2 expulsions since school opening. Both are drug related.

Work is still being done on the Senior Honors classes.

November 11th is the date for Touching Bases (teacher conferences). Some teachers have appointments scheduled, while others are having drop in appointments that morning.

On Saturday, October 16th, WHS will appear on Channel 4 for It's Academic. The WHS team won.

Special Education- Karen Frieberg

There is an upcoming parent meeting on 10/19. She is looking into areas for improvement, including employment transition and into in-service trainings.

Directories- Laurie O'Bryan

There were 1,300 copies sent to the printers, at a cost of \$1,989. Sales brought in approximately \$700. Forty-one people opted out of the directory completely. Parents that signed the Westfield Coalition letter totaled 1,517. There will be 150 directories available in the front office for sale.

Drug Awareness Presentation by Leslie Churn, Substance Abuse Counselor and School Resource Specialist & Michele Turead, ATOD Specialist with Safe and Drug Free Youth

Ms. Churn stated that anyone can make a referral to her regarding a student. It is safe, confidential and non-judgemental. She is at WHS on Mondays-Wednesdays, from 8am-3pm. She can be reached at 703-961-5474.

Ms. Churn also gives free Parent Education Seminars every other Monday at Westfield High School library for the entire Cluster VIII parent community beginning on October 25th at 6:30pm.

The PTSA meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Announcements

October 23-31 Red Ribbon Week

October 25-30 Homecoming Week

October 28 Sundaes on Thursday! Westfield Day (fundraiser) at Hershey's next to the new Target on Route 50

October 28 Cluster 8 meeting at **Oakton High-**
meet Dr. Jack Dale, FCPS Superintendent

November 1 Teacher Workday- No School

November 2 Election Day- VOTE!

November 3 Health Screening

November 3 Academic Letter Ceremony, 7pm

November 11 Touching Bases – Parent Conferences- **3 Hour School Delay**

November 13 Teen Species Continues- 9am-1pm

November 18 PTSA Meeting, 7pm in the Library

November 19-21 Virginia PTA Convention

November 22 Ethics Seminar