Westfield High School
General Membership PTSA Meeting
November 17, 2005

Attendees

Jennifer Campbell	Pamela Jones	Meg Lawless Crossett
Alana Heng	Celeste R. Peterson	Carol Jasper
Brian Hebeng	Katie Ragole	LuAnn McNabb
Ramesh Annamreddy	Pete Torres	Mary Torres
Cindy Alls	Jasmine Franco	Claire Girard
Jodi Border	Michael Campbell	Karen Freiberg
Dana Cimino	Lori Knickerbocker	Carolyn D. Coffin

The business meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. The PTSA meeting minutes were approved with one correction to the spelling of Jodi Border's name.

Treasurer's Report – Edie Walker
For 2004-2005, the PTSA gave over $8,000 in awards to students and approximately $94,000 for general programs. The current balance for ANGP is $7,944.98. Of that amount, $5,000 is in a CD. The PTSA account has $33,420.23. Of that amount, $20,000 was put into 4 separate CD's since most of the expenses come in the spring. The 5K Run account has $8,143.01, but all the bills from the event are not in yet.

SGA
Over 2,500 tickets were sold for the homecoming dance. There is an upcoming canned food drive competition. There will also be an anti smoking pledge during lunches. In December, a winter pep rally will be held. Upcoming events also include I-Flirts in February, Westfield Idol, and Toys For Tots.

ACE- Jodi Border
The Academic Letter Ceremony was held this week. Three- year recipients included 55 students. There were 70 seniors, 105 juniors, and 182 sophomores. The event was held in the auditorium and café. The Honor Roll Breakfast will be held on Tuesday, November 20, for approximately 1,642 students.

Principal's Report – Mike Campbell
Thank you's were given for the Teacher's Luncheon that was provided today. There were approximately 411 students at the Academic Ceremony this week. The Honor Roll criteria includes maintaining a 3.0 with no D's or F's. There were 1,641 students at the

event. Touching Bases, the teacher conferences, received positive feedback, for the most part. The Ethics Seminar for sophomores will be held at the Westfield Marriot on Monday.

There is the question of whether the new school addition will be done in August of 2006. It will most likely be completed by January 2007.

The school has secured an AP test site. The Fairfax County Police Academy will be trading space with WHS during test dates. They will use the WHS wrestling room and we will use their gym facility for testing in May 2006.

The SOL testing will be done on line.

WHS lost a few teachers this year. Claudia Fetters retired. Cindy Szwajkowski was promoted within the county. Roddie DeMoss will be transferring to Raleigh, NC, Danielle Pechin, Social Studies, is moving to England. Chris McKinney, Counselor, retired recently.
The fall sports teams have done well. The Girls Volleyball wining the Regional Title.

Legislative
The issue was brought up that the Social Studies Department needs to come up with a policy regarding political candidates, keeping records, and how much press they can give in the school newspaper. The current policy is that the school will not contact political parties to advertise, but it has an open policy.

President's Report – Dana Cimino
Thank you's went to Laurie Horstmann for the 5K run, Brenda Meikle for the school directories, Cindy Alls and Nancy Hutchison for the teacher's luncheon, and Jodi Border for the ACE ceremony.
The newsletter deadline is this week.

Committee Reports
ANGP – Pam Jones
The theme this year is Sunrise at the Beach. The T-Shirt contest winner was chosen out of 40 designs. Stephen Mudre, 12, was the winner for the T-shirt design. Ninth grader, Jon Brockett's design was chosen to use for publicity. They were each awarded $50 and $25 respectively. The T-shirts will be distributed to students when they purchase their tickets for ANGP.
Families in Crisis- Meg LawlessCrossett
She will be putting something into the PTSA Newsletter and emailing the counselors.

Membership
There are currently 1,544 PTSA members, which is about the same as last year.

There are also 2,045 subscribers to Keep In Touch.

Minority Achievement- Celeste Peterson
The deadline for the newsletter is December 9th. Articles can be sent to Celeste via email at Celeste_r_Peterson@raytheon.com. There will be a Christmas potluck supper on 12/21. There was discussion about the Latin dance team not being allowed to dance at the last school pep rally due to the lack of time. The STEP team needs a faculty sponsor.

Parent Programs – Edie Walker
The next parent education program will be held on Saturday, January 21st. There will be a session on drug paraphernalia, depression and mental health, and teen finances.

Special Education – Karen Freiberg
A parent meeting was held in December with the George Mason Disability Resource Center.
A parent meeting will be held on 12/5 addressing ADD/ADHD with a video and speaker. It will be held during the National Inclusive Schools week and the theme is "Bridging the Gap". All teachers, students, and parents are invited to the meeting. The video, about 20 minutes long, was created in conjunction with CHADD, Fairfax County Board of Education, pediatricians, -parents, social workers, and clinicians. A copy will be donated to the WHS library and another copy if available for parents to borrow.
Special Ed teachers will also be recognized and appreciated for all of their efforts during National Inclusive Schools Week. Karen and Dana will be meeting with Holly Messinger and Mrs. Jones about the possibility creating the opportunity for rising 9th grade SpecEd students to come to WHS for a few hours to shadow high school students in the spring.
The Advisory Committee for Students with Disabilities is looking for schools/programs that have been successful to share their information and program achievements with other schools. Westfield High School's name was given.
Karen is working with the administration to share the content of students IEPs with teachers within the first couple weeks of the school year.
Karen is also working on information to put on a SpecEd link on the PTSA website.

Volunteer Coordinator – Claire Girard
Discussed the issue and difficulty in getting volunteers this year. The next volunteer event is the Ethics Seminar.

Web Site- Alana Heng
Information on the 5K Run has been uploaded. There was question about setting up PayPal services for the ANGP and possibly PTSA memberships on the school web site.

New Business

Edie Walker spoke to the Career Center about the possibility of developing internships for students. Parents who have possible positions available at their worksite should contact Donna Leone or Diane Villars at school.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm. The next meeting is December 15th.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Campbell
Recording Secretary

Announcements

Saturday Mornings – BITS

December 5	**Special Ed Parent Meeting**
December 5th-9th	**National Inclusive Schools Week**
December 13	**MSA Committee Meeting**
December 15	**PTSA Meeting**
December 23-January 2	**Winter Break**
January 4	**ANGP Meeting**
January 10	**MSA Committee Meeting**
January 16	**MLK Birthday – No School**
January 19	**PTSA Meeting**
January 21	**Teen Species Parent Program**
January 27-30	**End of 2nd Quarter Break**