



**Westfield High School PTSA  
Board Meeting Minutes  
January 18, 2006**

**Attendees**

<b>Karen Freiberg</b>	<b>Edie Walker</b>	<b>Jodi Border</b>
<b>Jennifer Campbell</b>	<b>Dana Cimino</b>	<b>Nancy Hutchison</b>
<b>Meg Crosset</b>	<b>Laurie Horstmann</b>	<b>Pam Jones</b>
<b>Nancy Bennett</b>	<b>Tracy Porter-Carnahan</b>	
<b>Madiha Amjed</b>	<b>Alex Vann</b>	<b>Liz Zelman</b>
<b>Shawn Barnes</b>	<b>Colleen Barnes</b>	<b>Pam Graner</b>
<b>LuAnn McNabb</b>	<b>Mike Campbell</b>	

**The PTSA meeting came to order at 7:10pm. There were 19 members present. The minutes from the November 17, 2005 meeting were reviewed and accepted with two corrections.**

**Treasurer's Report**

PTSA Balance as of 12/31/05 was \$1,856.15. The money market was \$1,044.95. The report is not reflective of activities within the past two weeks. The Bankroll brought in \$6,400, which was \$900 over what was anticipated. A \$5,000 CD was cashed to pay bills and there is \$15,000 remaining in CD's. The 5K Run brought in \$9,079.23, leaving approximately \$8,000 for scholarships.

**SGA- Liz Zelman**

Penny Wars between the classes are coming up. The class with the most points will get 70% of the money raised. There was a Pep Rally today. It was split into two groups, due to the number of students. In the spring, they hope to have the next Pep Rally outside. The Mr. Westfield contest will be held in early February. There is a school dance on February 10<sup>th</sup>. The theme is, "The 80's". February 14<sup>th</sup> is Pink and Red Day. "I-Flirts" is also coming up. The SGA will also be going to McNair for TATU (Teens Against Tobacco Use).

**Principal's Report- Mike Campbell**

WHS History teacher Walt Addie received the Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award from the Herndon Chamber of Commerce. Joe Paterno, Penn State football coach, came to visit his class this week.

There are numerous teachers who have gone out on disability, left due to promotion, relocation, etc. A new Latin teacher was hired.

Charles Chaffin is the acting Band Director until the end of the year, due to the recent death of Laura McBride. Others are filling in as his assistant. The Band Director position will be posted in April.

Currently there are 3,179 students at WHS. The projected number for next year is 3,287. There will be approximately 805 freshman students. Progress is being made on the school addition. They hope to move into the new space during Winter Break of next year. Westfield placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the county in terms of number of fall athletes with a 3.5 grade point average.

Mike shared the Laura McBride memorial book. Proceeds for the sale will go to a scholarship in her name.

In March, Mike will be recruiting staff in West Virginia.

There was a meeting yesterday to address Honors classes for juniors. The county stated that the Honors program was watering down the regular program. Only Westfield, South County, and West Potomac currently have Honors classes for juniors. WHS is large enough to fill AP, Honors, and regular classes, so it presents a different scenario to the county. The county needs to address minority participation in the higher level classes.

Mike thanked the PTSA for his gift to Carrabbas.

### **President's Report – Dana Cimino**

Dana expressed condolences to the family of Laura McBride. Thank you to Meg Crossett for ordering flowers. A thank you was received from Laura's mother.

Congratulations to Mike Campbell for his principal's award this past month!!

### **Special Education – Karen Freiburg**

The ADHD meeting was cancelled due to weather and rescheduled for the spring. National Inclusive Schools Week was acknowledged with notes to all teachers about valuing differences and diversity. SpecEd teachers and Administrators were given a bottle of Bath and Body soap with a gift tag thanking them for "pumping up inclusion at Westfield". Mrs. Dillard's Theater 1 students presented a workshop based on Max Lucado's book, "You Are Special," where they acknowledged people's differences. They are looking into doing something similar for next year and hope for a larger audience.

Karen is compiling information regarding the Best Buddy program that has been implemented at WHS. More information will follow.

She is also awaiting the decision regarding inviting rising 9<sup>th</sup> grade SpecEd students to visit WHS in the spring and spend time with a buddy to become familiar with the school.

### **Web site**

Check it out. There have been numerous updates.

### **Reflections**

The Reflection results were sent today for the council level of judging. Megha Trivedi, an 11 grader, won outstanding interpretation (1<sup>st</sup>) in the Photography category. Her entry has moved on to the District level. Those results will be in after 2 weeks. She won both literature and photography categories for WHS.

### **Parent Programs- Nancy Bennett**

Teen Species is taking place on this coming Saturday. There are 135 attendees registered thus far. Online registration has really been a plus. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> time that the program has included something for the teens. They will receive a certificate for community service for their attendance. Discussion ensued about addition programs at WHS. Ray Clements and Dave Jagels are in the process of contacting Chris Skinner to present hopefully before the prom.

Safe and Drug Free is paying for the parent program on Saturday and additional food is being donated by Northrup- Grumman and Chick-Fil-A.

### **Newsletter**

The deadline is February 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Hospitality – Nancy Hutchison**

On February 13<sup>th</sup>, the conference room in the main office will be set up for teachers with various goodies. There is no other space to do this in the school.

### **BITS- Tutoring**

The numbers of tutors has risen to about 40 and there are about 50 students from elementary, middle and high school.

### **ANGP- Pam Jones**

There was another T-Shirt hand out this week. So far 225 tickets have been sold. There are 695 seniors. The mulch sale is 3/18.

### **ACE Jodi Border**

The Honor Roll reception is February 15<sup>th</sup> from 8-9:45 with donuts and juice. Help is needed with set up and serving. Chocolate sprinkled and glazed donuts went the fastest.

### **5K Run- Laurie Horstmann**

They will be giving \$8,000 in scholarships this coming spring. The event is very well run and is fun, but a goal is to involve more students. A motion was made to disperse the scholarship monies as follows: \$1,000 Rotary, \$1,800 Music, \$1,800 Athletic, \$1,000 Theater, and \$2,400 PTSA. The motion passed with no one opposed.

**Unfinished Business**

The By-Laws were approved and received on 12/22/05.

More information is needed about E-Commerce and PayPal to potentially be used on the ANGP web site. Dana will obtain the information and send it out for questions and vote via email.

There is going to be a Heroes Essay Contest this year. The committee was asking the PTSA for \$300 to use for prizes and a reception. Mike Campbell offered the PTSA budgeted money that he won't be using for that purpose.

**New Business**

The next PTSA meeting is 2/16. Kathy Smith from the School Board will be presenting. After the March 16<sup>th</sup> PTSA meeting, the program Saturday Night in the Suburbs will take place.

There being no further PTSA business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Campbell  
Recording Secretary

**Announcements**

Saturday Mornings – BITS Tutoring	
January 27-30	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter /Winter Break
February 16	PTSA Meeting – with Kathy Smith, FCPS School Board
February 17	Newsletter Deadline
February 20	President's Day Holiday
March 15	MSA Parent Coffees
March 16	PTSA Meeting – Saturday Night in the Suburbs
March 18	Mulch Day
April 7	Student Holiday
April 10-14	Spring Break