



**Westfield High School PTSA
Board Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2006**

Attendees

Dana Cimino	Edie Walker	Jodi Border
Jennifer Campbell	Dana Cimino	Nancy Hutchison
Mark Richardson	Michele Plymyer	Pam Jones
LuAnn McNabb	Tracy Porter-Carnahan	Claire Girard
Karoline Hurd	Eric Fullinwider	Jacqueln Davis-Moran
Mike Campbell	Kathy Smith	Jessica Sutton
Brandon Jefferson	Lori Knickerbocker	

The PTSA meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm. There were 20 members present. The meeting minutes from January 18, 2006 were accepted with one correction.

Treasurer's Report-Edie Walker

PTSA monies in checking, money market, and CD amount to \$21,486.53. ANGP monies in all accounts amount to \$13,170.45. Mike Brown deposited \$11,640 from mulch sales, which isn't reflected in this amount. The 5K Run account has \$7,980.44

SGA- Jessica Sutton

The mulch will be delivered on 3/18. SGA is requiring SGA students to work 4 hours with the mulch fund-raiser. The SGA is collecting names of adult volunteers to invite to their Volunteer Tea in the spring. The SGA has had a couple events- a dance this past Friday and the Mr. Westfield contest. Thank you to the parents who sold ANGP tickets at school. If any parent wants to help with the Senior Prom, contact Joshua Masley at Joshua.Masley@fcps.edu or senior Kate McDonald.

Special Guest- Kathy Smith, Fairfax County School Board

Kathy went over the budget process and discussed the proposed budget for FY 2007. The budget goes before the Board of Supervisors for final approval. School Board events can be viewed on line by going to www.fcps.edu/schoolbd.htm or by going on line and registering for the Keep In Touch program where you can receive weekly School Board updates.

ESL, Special Ed populations are going up in the county. One half of the schools have all day Kindergarten. A report is coming out in July about recommendations regarding Foreign Language. SLEEP update- Phase II of the county study is underway. At present it would cost the county an estimated \$44 million to change start times for high schools.

Transportation is a large issue, as well as size of high schools. In April, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will announce the amount of money that it will give the School Board, after they have reviewed their proposed and advertised budget.

Principal's Report – Mike Campbell

WHS has received numerous accolades. The good weather has helped with progress of the new addition. Sarah Price, a student, won the Black History Essay Contest. Reflections awards ceremony was held on Tuesday. Science Fair judges report the quality of projects has improved. Ester Lin was a National Merit Finalist. Jin Shin was a finalist in the Korean version of American Idol. The Honor Roll Reception was for 1,485 students this quarter, with a 3.2 average. Out of the senior class of 705 students, all but 40 have a 2.0 or better

The Drama Department won in the District for their 1-act play. Chorus, band, Model UN debate, forensics, and orchestra also won awards. The Art Department won 34 Scholastic Art Awards. Wrestling is going to Regionals, after having won the District. The school has been selected by NEAP for testing. Eleventh grade will review the sample SOL English tests.

Dance guidelines and policies have been sent from the county, which were developed by a group of peers. At the recent dance, students needed ID's to enter, and for those who did not have theirs, the student name could be looked up on the SASI, which was set up by the entry.

There have been about 22-23 expulsions this year, which is down from previous years. There have an increase in referrals to the ADS counselor, increase in hours for the counselor in the Summit Program, and a Target 9 Grant, which has led to more in school suspensions.

President's Report- Dana Cimino

Thanks was given to Hospitality for their Valentine snacks for faculty, Jodi Border for delivery of 125 dozen donuts and juice for the Honor Roll Reception, and Lynn Swartz for her work with the Reflections program.

New Business

A funding request was made by Susan Pike and Eric Fullinwider, ESOL teachers. They asked the PTSA for \$390 to fund a field trip to the Air and Space Museum and Imax tickets for their students. Buses charge \$30/hr, plus \$1.41 per mile. A motion was made to pay the funds of \$390 for the ESOL field trip to the Air and Space Museum. The motion passed with no one opposed.

Nominating Committee

Meg Crossett, Lori Knickerbocker, and Nancy Hutchison agreed to be on the nominating committee for the upcoming 2006-2007 PTSA Board. A motion was made and passed.

Minority Student Achievement – Mark Richardson

There will be a newsletter in the upcoming issue of the Watchdog. There is a potluck dinner on 3/15. The next meeting is Tuesday, February 21st at 7pm.

ANGP – Pam Jones

The deadline for mulch orders is March 11th. There is also a link on the PTSA website for mulch and a new flier going out in the Watchdog. Phantom Ball letters have been sent. Three hundred five tickets have been sold so far.

Legislative – LuAnn McNabb

There are several bills on the floor that affect education. One bill was passed in the house and Senate to allow buses to travel at 55mph instead of 45. There is a bill to expand Physical education from K-12th grades. There is a bill regarding Family Life Education, stressing that abstinence should be taught.

Parent Program- Edie Walker

Approximately 182 parents and teens attended the program Teen Species. Saturday Night in the Suburbs is scheduled for 3/16.

Bulldog BBQ- Karoline Hurd

The BBQ needs someone to head up the committee next year. A notice will go out in Keep in Touch.

BITS-

Carol Jasper sent in a written report. The numbers are still increasing. They have started a Book Club for the elementary and middle school students. The goal of the project is to increase comprehension and reading skills. Once the student is finished with a book, they write a brief summary, review with the tutor, and select a prize from the prize box. The end of year banquet will be in May.

Special Ed

Karen Frieburg sent in a report. Plans are moving along for the transition program for rising SpecEd freshmen. Christina Schmidt is coordinating this program. It is tentatively scheduled to take place in May.

Karen has made numerous attempts to contact the recipient of the SpecEd scholarship to no avail. He has been asked to contact her to work out arrangements for the scholarship funds, but he hasn't done so. She is uncertain about how to proceed, since it would appear that he is not in need of the funds any longer.

The AD/HD parent meeting will tentatively take place in March.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Campbell
Recording Secretary

Announcements

Saturday Mornings

BITS tutoring

March 3

3rd Quarter Interims

March 15

MSA Parent Coffee

March 16

PTSA Meeting- 6pm

Saturday Night in the Suburbs parent program at 7pm

March 18

Mulch Day

April 6

3rd Quarter Ends

April 7

Student Holiday

April 10-14

Spring Break

May 5

Prom