



**Westfield High School PTSA
Board Meeting Minutes
April 20,2006**

Attendees

**Claire Girard
Edie Walker
Pam Jones
Dana Cimino**

**Karen Freiberg
Jennifer Campbell
Lori Knickerbocker
Mike Campbell**

**Jodi Border
Carol Jasper
Mona Miller
Evelyn Smith**

The PTSA meeting was called to order by President Dana Cimino at 7:14pm. There were 12 members present. The April meeting minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report – Edie Walker

The current balance in the PTSA accounts is \$21,391.16. Due to the time of the year, budgeted monies are now being spent until the end of the school year.

Principal's Report – Mike Campbell

The school addition is progressing. Mike will look into the PTSA having a tour at our May or June PTSA meeting. Mike requested that his Principal's Fund be used to cover a Special Ed student's severe dental needs.

The faculty is looking at new Professional Learning Committees (PLC) to assist with testing issues and students needing remedial time during the school day. The staff will be voting on the issue. If approved, it would be implemented in the fall, since a new bell schedule would be needed to add a 25minute block between the 1st and 2nd classes. This time will be taken from the passing time between classes. Centreville, Madison, and Marshall have implemented the PLC.

There have been AP Testing transportation issues, since the testing will take place at the Police Academy and 47 buses are needed. The issue has been since worked out. SOL and AP testing information will be available on the website. The testing will be done on line. If there are students who don't do well, they can retest 4 days later (score of 375-399). The art department won 2 gold and 2 silver awards for the National Scholastic Award Program.

Two faculty members, Amy Colbourne and Becky Rice offered to help with the Bull Dog BBQ. The event will be held on August 29th.

Hiring for the Music Department Director will be completed by the mid May. The band received numerous awards on their trip to Chicago.

BITS- Carol Jasper

There are currently 45 students with tutors. The program is dwindling due to the end of the year. She is revising the paperwork for next year. BITS will be extended through the end of June next year to help with finals. The end of year banquet is May 20th in the library.

Minority Achievement – Mark Richardson – Presentation

There are 6 ethnic groups represented: White, Black, Hispanic, American Indian, Asian, and Multiracial.

The achievement gap is slowing closing, but more work is needed...

Special Ed- Karen Freiberg

An additional \$100-150 was requested for the Special Ed dance in the spring. There is an increase in the special ed population at school. There already is a line item amount of \$200. A parent meeting was held at the end of March, where there were lots of questions and answers. A 20 minute video that was shown may be viewed at the next PTSA meeting. There was discussion of using the video for the faculty and staff meeting in August. On April 6th the pilot project shared with Christina Schmidt, Special Ed teacher, brought rising freshmen to buddy up with WHS students to tour the building. There were about 20 students total from Rachel Carson and Stone Middle School. They would like to do the same next year.

Minority Achievement

A scholarship will be established in memory of the former leader, Shirley O. Nelson, who passed away this year. \$200 has been given annually in support of the Chantilly Minority Achievement program. The scholarship line item is \$4,250.

There will also be a Laura McBride scholarship, which will be annual. The amount of funds donated will be tabled until the next meeting when it is better known what funds are outstanding.

New Business

Lori Knickerbocker is currently looking into what Centreville high needed to do to get funding and approval for an electric signs. She will also check with the Rec Center regarding their sign.

There was a request from Mountain View for a donation for their graduation breakfast. Money was given last year.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Campbell
WHS PTSA Recording Secretary

Announcements

May 1-5 and 8-12th AP Exams

May 18 Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

May 18 PTSA Meeting –Election

May 20 BITS Banquet

May 29 Memorial Day Holiday

May/June SOL Tests

June 1 Newsletter Articles Due

June 8 & 9th, 12 & 13th Senior Final Exams

June 13-16 Underclass Final Exams

June 14 Senior Awards

June 19 Graduation /No School

June 23 Last day of School

August 29th Bull Dog BBQ

October 7th 5K Run

October 14 Homecoming