



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

Attendees

Sophia Bonadies	Edie Walker	Claire Girard
Jodi Border	Jennifer Campbell	Meg Lawless Crossett
Madhun Nagarhar	Dana Cimino	Mike Campbell
Carol Jasper	Karen Freiberg	Laurie Horstmann
Mona Miller		

The PTSA meeting was called to order by President Dana Cimino at 7:13pm. There were 13 members present. The April PTSA meeting minutes were accepted with a correction of Carol Jasper's last name.

Treasurer's Report – Edie Walker

The current account balance is \$14,950. Funds not committed are \$550.00. Edie received a letter from Mercantile Bank where the accounts and CD's are held. There was a random theft of a laptop that contained case sensitive information for business accounts. We need to be aware of any transactions that we did not initiate.

President's Report – Dana Cimino

Thank you's were given to those involved in the Hero Essay Contest, Sandie Shaughnessy for the After Prom party (300 attended), and to those who helped with the Teacher Luncheon Today. Corner Bakery catered it and the extra food (sandwiches and salad) was taken to the Sully Police Station.

Newsletter articles are due June 1st.

Dana will be sending out a request for nominations for the yearly volunteer award to be announced at the June PTSA meeting.

Funding Requests- Mountain View School, which has 20 former WHS students, is requesting a donation to help with their graduation festivities.

We gave \$100 last year. A motion was made, seconded, and passed, with no one opposed, to donate \$100 to Mountain View.

The Teacher Appreciation lunch went over budget by \$30 today and the Hospitality committee also wants to do something for the cafeteria staff (about 20-25 staff). A motion was made to add \$150 to hospitality. The motion was seconded and passed, with no one opposed.

The Chantilly Minority Achievement has \$262.00 left over from their budget. Mark Richardson will use these funds for the Shirley O. Nelson Scholarship Fund.

The school is establishing the Laura McBride Scholarship Fund. A motion was made to donate \$100 to this scholarship fund. The motion was seconded and passed. Part of the scholarship funds will be used in a perpetual fund for future scholarships. There was further discussion to donate another \$150 when more PTSA funds become available. As of the PTSA meeting only \$550 was available to be spent, and \$8,000-\$9,000 is needed to carry over for the next school year.

Nominating Committee – Meg Lawless Crossett

There were no nominations from the floor. The PTSA is still in need of a PTSA President. The current slate of officers is for 1st VP – Jennifer Campbell, 2nd VP – Jodi Border, Treasurer- Dana Cimino, and Secretary – Edie Walker. A motion was made to accept the slate as is until the vacancy of the President's slot is filled. The motion was passed and seconded.

SGA- Sophia Bonadies

SGA had an officer's meeting yesterday and set the dates up for next year. The Homecoming theme will be a Night in Paris, during the week of October 9th. They will have their Powder Puff game on the Friday night where there is no football game.

The SGA purchased a snow cone machine, which was used today for Spirit Week- Flip Flop day. New events for this year are Gator Ball and The Price Is Right. They will also try to do the pep rallies outdoors next year, due to school size.

Sophia will look into more SGA and student participation in the 5K Run.

Dates for next year: Prom is May 4th at the Marriott. Graduation is 6/18 at 10am.

Principal's Report – Mike Campbell

The Bulldog BBQ is on August 29th. Teachers Amy Coulbourne and Becky Rice will be heading things up. There have been numerous awards: Ginny Muller for Teacher of the Year; Sue Bradshaw for Phi Delta Kappa Teacher of the Year; Gary Bender for Virginia Gazette Award; Joann Morgan (cafeteria) runner- up for Support Employee; Julia Hoffman for Best Practices Website, Sara Hagen for Fulbright Scholar. Also receiving awards were Walt Addie and Sharon Denisar. Officer Rick Call also received recognition for his continued dedication to the school in light of the tragic events at the Sully Police Station.

Guidance Counselor Jennifer Carlson will be taking a new job with the government; Candi Contristan, previously from WHS, will be replacing her.

Steven Panoff was hired as the new Band Director. He is currently the Band Director at Tallwood High School in Virginia Beach.

SOL's start Monday.

The Sully Police Station Shooting was discussed as well as the lock down procedures. Counseling for friends of former student Michael Kennedy was made available, as well as for anyone who wanted it.

Plazma TV's were installed in the library and cafeteria.

The new bell schedule was voted down. There is question of whether a 7 period day will be developed.

There was a car accident in front of school where a 12th grader was injured and taken by helicopter to the hospital. Stonecroft Road from Lee to Willard is owned by Fairfax County.

Special Education- Karen Freiberg

Presentation and viewing of video about AD/HD, "Teens Talk: A Training Program for Middle and High School Teachers." The video was previously shown at the Special Ed parent meeting and will be shown to WHS teachers at the beginning of the school year.

BITS- Carol Jasper

The banquet will be this Saturday. Carol will be recognizing a new tutoring group for the "Most Improved Award". The calendar for the next year is complete and extended through June. The 1st meeting is 9/30. The first BITS session will be 10/14. The information will be on line by mid-August. Enrollment for BITS has been the highest so far with 40-85 students in attendance. Prom and SAT weekends have been less well attended.

ACE-Jodi Border

The awards ceremony will be June 14th.

General Announcement

Teacher Mike Greiner is orchestrating a summer program, LOVE & LIFE AT THE MOVIES, which a free program about dating and character education. It will be offered July 24th-28th from 3-6pm for middle school, and August 14th-18th, 9am-12noon for middle school, and 1-4pm for high school. More information about sign up will be in the next Watchdog.

No further business was discussed and meeting was concluded at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Campbell
Recording Secretary

Announcements

May 20	BITS Banquet	<u>Next Year's Events</u>
May 29	Memorial Day	August 29 – Bulldog BBQ
May 22-June 2	SOL Tests	October 7 5KRun
June 1	Newsletter Articles Due	October 14 Homecoming
June 8,9,12, & 13	Senior Final Exams	
June 14	Senior Awards	
June 15	PTSA Meeting – social at Dana's	
June 19	Graduation/No School	
June 20	Last Day of School – 2 Hours	