



Westfield High School
General Membership PTSA Meeting
2006 - 2007
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DATE: Tuesday, September 12, 2006

CALL TO ORDER: by Jennifer Campbell at 7:07 PM

ATTENDEES:

Alana Heng	LuAnn McNabb	Edie Walker
Tracy Porter-Carnahan	Linda Nicklyn	Linnea Hamer
Amy Mann	Jodi Border	Salma Ashmawi
Carol Jasper	Evelyn Spain	Sahar Barayan
Heather Grayson	Tim Thomas	David Burke
Michele Ford	Susan Tindall	Denise Stalnaker
Aimee Lowry	Pam Grainer	Dana Cimino
Jennifer Campbell	Lori Knickerbocker	Bill Bernstein

MINUTES: Minutes from the last meeting on August 15, 2006 were approved with one clarification.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dana Cimino as of 9/12/06

PTSA Balance: \$18,601.87
ANGP Balance: \$20,549.56
5K Balance: \$3860.44

Audit for 2005-2006 was completed, signed, and unanimously approved. To date, the votes for the 2006-2007 proposed budget are 98 yes, 0 no.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Tim Thomas

- Thanks to all the volunteers that helped with assembling and distributing of the Back-To-School packets and schedules.
- Enrollment at 3230 and staffing at ~300.
- Opening and first week of school was challenging but went well: C-day scheduling new for the first week and will look at doing it again occasionally (interims/end of quarter?); issues at lunch (~700-850 per lunch period), lines, etc.; locker distribution today – took longer to set combinations for 500 lockers in the new addition; planners handed out last week; more traffic in the AM; emphasis on all students in classrooms- getting to class on time, no tardiness; senior privileges – cafeteria area.

- **Touching Bases – Friday, Nov 10 in AM** (Veteran's Day holiday – students will report in PM), possibly reorganized by department and more spread out to allow for privacy, proposal to hold a 2nd time in March, near 3rd quarter interims.
- **SOL** – made AYP, overall did well but still need to improve the minority achievement gap, including special ed in statistics, adapting best practices from successful areas, inclusion of Spanish and Korean liaisons at MAC meetings.
- **New Asst Principal** – John Werner in subschool 6; interviewing for AP for subschool 3 to be hired in 3-4 weeks.
- **AP Exams** – more given and more passed last spring, need for more Honors level classes to be introduced for seniors next year
- **Website** – in transition, Erin Chubb volunteered to take over
- **Phones** – still a work in progress by DI T

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jennifer Campbell

- **Thanks** to >150 volunteers helped with packets and BBQ
- **New Board Members:** After Prom – Beth Meehan, Leeza Wisnewski; Westfield Coalition – Kym Sunday
- **Upcoming events:**
 - MAC Coffee – Sept 26
 - PTA Training Saturday – Sept. 16th at Chantilly High
 - VA PTA Convention – Nov 17-19th in Roanoke

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **ACE (Honor Roll) –Jodi Border:** Academic Letter Award ceremony for students with GPA >3.75, letter first year, pins each following year. Article to be submitted for next Watch Dog
- **ANGP –Tracy Porter-Carnahan:** Volunteer informational meeting, 22 subcommittees need chairpersons, 1st meeting to be held on Sept 18 at 6:30 PM Lecture Hall, anticipate ~ 500 students this year (historically ~75% of each class), volunteers will be notified by Keep In Touch and WatchDog – not by individual calls
- **After Prom – Beth Meehan, Leeza Wisnewski:**
- **BITS – Carol Jasper:** introduced Bill Bernstein who shared statistics about the effectiveness of the BITS program, improvement in grades, involvement of students and adults, program will begin Oct 14
- **Bull Dog Café – Linda Nicklyn:** on both BTS nights to provide meals for faculty and parents coming right from work. Need 5-6 volunteers each night from 5:00 – 9:00 PM
- **Bulldog BBQ – Karoline Hurd:** No report
- **Directory – Brenda Meikle:** No report
- **5K Race – Laurie Horstmann:** Things on target for race on Oct 7
- **Hospitality – Cindy Ails, Nancy Hutchison:** No report
- **Kid to School Connection – Meg Crossett:** No Report

- **Landscape - OPEN:** Reminder that Seniors can earn community service hours
- **Legislative - OPEN:** LuAnn McNabb reported on building plans at EDS site and impact on WHS; School Board on next phase of sleep study for later start times and how to accomplish without huge cost; enrollment projections – large impact due to BRAC relocation of employees to Fort Belvoir; Mike Frey hosting meeting on 9/26 at Sully Station about changes at Rt 28, Braddock/Walney Road intersection
- **Membership - Grace Duke:** Paypal received \$1125 with fees of \$40.79
- **Minority Achievement - Mark Richardson:** 1st coffee on 9/26, information online
- **Newsletter - Michelle Plymyer:** distributed in packets, BBQ, BTS nights
- **Parent Program - Nancy Bennett:** October – Leslie Churn, March – Saturday Night in the Suburbs, Spring program – Chris Skinner, requesting topics for Teen Species – possible to have Internet Safety program in a computer lab?
- **Publicity - Lori Knickerbocker:** need several days notice for Keep in Touch items
- **Reflections - OPEN:**
- **Special Education Rep. - Karen Freiberg:** No report
- **Technology - Marcia Szott:** No report
- **Volunteer Coordinators - Claire Girard, Heather Grayson:** ~500 man hours needed to disassemble forms, ER cards, copying, distribution; more parents needed in Nov for hearing and vision screening; Sophomore Ethics day Mon, Nov 20;
- **Webmaster - Alana Heng:** request for comments, suggestions, additions.
- **Westfield Community Coalition - Kym Sunday:** >1000 letters received for directory listing

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Respectively submitted,
Edie Walker
Recording Secretary

IMPORTANT DATES**SEPTEMBER**

Fri	Sep 1	9 am – 11 am 9 am – 12 noon	New Student & 9 th grade Orientation handing out BTS packets
Tue	Sep 5		School Starts
Tue	Sep 12	7 pm	PTSA Meeting
Wed	Sep 13	7 pm	Senior Parent Night
Tue	Sep 19	7 pm	11 th & 12 th Grades Back to School Night
Tue	Sep 26	7 pm	MAC coffee
Wed	Sep 27	7 pm	9 th & 10 th Grade Back to School Night

OCTOBER

Sat	Oct 7	9 am	5K Race
Mon	Oct 9		Columbus Day- No School
Fri	Oct 13		Homecoming Parade/Laura McBride Dedication
Sat	Oct 14		SAT exam
Sat	Oct 14		Homecoming Dance
Sun	Oct 15		College Fair at Fair Oaks Mall
Wed	Oct 18		PSAT exam
Wed	Oct 18	7 pm	Freshman Parent Night
Thu	Oct 19	6 pm	PTSA Meeting-7pm Drug presentation
Tues	Oct 24		Shirley Nelson Golf Tournament

NOVEMBER

Sat	Nov 4		SAT exam
M/T	Nov 6-7		Student Holidays
Fri	Nov 10	AM	Touching Bases Conferences (2hour high school delay)
Mon	Nov 20	8 am-1 pm	Ethics Day- 10 th graders @ Westfield Marriot
Mon	Nov 20	7 pm	ACE Academic Letter Award Assembly
Tues	Nov 21	AM	Honor roll reception- cafeteria
Wed	Nov 22		2 hr. early release
Th/F	Nov 23-24		Student Thanksgiving Holiday