

**Westfield High School
General Membership PTSA Meeting
2006-2007**

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Date: **October 19, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER: By Jennifer Campbell at 6:40 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

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| Cindy Alls | Dana Cimino | Tracy Porter-Carnahan |
| Terry Lehman | Aimee Lowry | Edie Walker |
| Antonio Pena | Jennifer Campbell | Meg Lawless-Crossett |
| Kym Sunday | Jodi Border | Nancy Bennett |
| Alana Heng | Danette Plummer | |
| Beth Seger | Dave Jagels | |

MINUTES: Minutes from the last meeting on September 12, 2006 were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dana Cimino as of 10/19/06

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| PTSA Balance: | \$30,896.66 |
| ANGP Balance: | \$23,823.35 |
| 5K Balance: | \$ 6,115.44 |

A significant increase in revenues from PTA memberships was noted.

SGA REPORT: Beth Seger

- Homecoming was successful. The change in the parade route was very positively received. The dance went well – no security issues, although there were problems with the DJ and lighting. Between 1900 and 2000 tickets were sold. Discussions are underway with other schools to see how they handled the lighting issues, given safety concerns around emergency lighting.
- Upcoming events include the Winter Pep Rally and Mr. Westfield.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jennifer Campbell

- Thanks to Linda Nicklyn for her work on the Dog Dish Café. This is Linda's last year, so we will be looking for someone to assume the position.
- Thanks also to all of the other volunteers who made Back-to-School Nights run smoothly.

- Landscaping Day on 9/30 was a success.
- Office volunteers are now in place to support Barbara Donohue.
- The 5k went well – the volunteer organization was very impressive.
- Votes for the PTA Legislative initiatives are due by the end of the month.
- The Virginia State PTA Convention is scheduled for 11/17 to 11/19. Funding is available for PTA members who wish to attend. Dana Cimino briefed the group on the format of the convention.
- Ms. Campbell noted that speed signs will be installed in front of the school. She has contacted VDOT and has been told that efforts to improve traffic safety in the school vicinity are complicated by the fact that the ½ mile of road in front of Westfield is not owned by the state. Accidents have been frequent in the first few weeks of school. Parents were encouraged to contact Kathy Smith in order to speak out about Westfield traffic safety. Dave Jagels encouraged attendees to pass the word to drivers not to cross in front of buses when coming into the school parking lot.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Dave Jagels

- The first lock down drill last week went well. These drills will become more frequent.
- Security efforts at Westfield have been increased in light of recent events in PA and CO.
- SOL remediation and intervention is a focus for the staff. Remediation is geared towards students who have failed the SOLs in the past – intervention targets those who are at risk. Westfield staff is working with the middle school for early identification of students at risk.
- Kim Greer has been named to the new Assistant Principal position. She will begin work in the second quarter.
- The annual Ethic Day seminar is scheduled for 11/20 for sophomores. This is the fifth year for the seminar. There is a full agenda planned for the day – volunteers are needed. Topics will deal with drugs and alcohol awareness as well as other teen issues.
- The staff is continuing to deal with building and construction issues including leaks and phone problems.
- A discussion then arose over parental concerns regarding school security, specifically the number of unlocked doors to the building during the school day. Mr. Jagels stated that, due to the trailer usage as well as a significant number of students having to leave during the school day, it is impossible to keep the doors locked. A request was made by a parent to investigate the use of cameras at school doors. Mr. Jagels stated that pilot programs are in effect now at Fairfax and Lee High Schools. A recommendation was made to talk to Kathy Smith and the 3 at-large school board members about funding for security initiatives.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- ANGP – Tracy Porter-Carnahan: Invited members to the next ANGP meeting in October. Nancy Bennett reminded everyone to refer to ANGP properly as a celebration, not a party.

- Westfield Coalition – Nancy Bennett: Chris Skinner was scheduled to speak at George Mason University. The topic was “Life Matters, Make It Count.”
- ACE – Jodi Border: The ACE Academic Letter Award Ceremony is scheduled for 11-20 at 7 p.m.
- Minority Achievement Committee – Jennifer Campbell. The Fall Parent Coffee was scheduled for October 25th. The first MAC newsletter will be available soon.

MOTIONS:

Eagle View Elementary is a new school and sent a request asking for donations from other PTSA's. It is a common practice for new PTSA's to request start-up funds from other schools in the area. A motion was made by Dana Cimino to approve a donation of \$100 from the Westfield PTSA. Cindy Alls seconded the motion. The motion received unanimous approval.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,
Aimee Lowry
Vice President**