



Westfield High School
General Membership PTSA Meeting
2006 - 2007
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DATE: November 30, 2006

CALL TO ORDER: By Jennifer Campbell at 7:08 P.M.

ATTENDEES:

Karen Freiberg	Mark Richardson	Evelyn Spain
Chris Bounds	John Bounds	Dana Cimino
Edie Walker	Mike Greiner	Roger Taylor
Madhuri Nagarkar	Laurie Horstmann	Tim Thomas
Karen Voda	Jennifer Campbell	

MINUTES: Minutes from the last meeting on October 19, 2006 were approved with one clarification.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dana Cimino

PTSA Balance: \$18,529.87
ANGP Balance: \$20,158.90
5K Balance: \$ 5,499.44

BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT: Mike Greiner

Mr. Greiner, an English teacher at WHS, provided information about the Heart to Heart Program. It is federally funded by the Dept of Health and Human Services and is not part of FCPS. The six-week program teaches Character Education and Abstinence Based decision-making. In addition to the 2 adult teachers, there are peer assistants from WHS. Each week includes a movie, discussion, participatory activities, and refreshments. The winter program will begin in mid-January and end in late February. Participants are given financial incentives for their participation - \$25 for 5 weeks and \$40 for 6 weeks and must attend the last session to receive it.

SGA REPORT: Stephanie McGuire and Lexi Zadak

Food drive in November was very successful. For December there will be a cookie drive to be completed by Dec 13. Plans are underway for "Westfield Idol." Sadie Hawkins Dance (casual attire) will be on Friday, March 9, 2007 and parent volunteers are needed. April 26/27 will be elections for next school year and parent volunteers will also be needed.

LIBRARY RESOURCES PRESENTATION: Joy Sibley, Librarian

Ms Sibley gave an excellent presentation demonstrating all the types of online databases available to students and parents either through school or online at home. A number of databases were highlighted which have a particular focus on certain topics, some of which are required sources for research in some classes. Handouts listing databases and password information were provided.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Tim Thomas

- Touching Bases – held on Nov 10, was successful: good timing - after grade reports were sent out; central location of all teachers so it was easier for parents to find teachers (as opposed to all over the building); problems with adequate parking, date confirmation, and email should be sent sooner; hope to have another one in March after grade reports are sent.
- Ethics Day – went smoothly thanks to all the parent and business volunteers; formalized the business partnership with Westfields Marriott
- Discipline – expulsions are very low compared to last year, suspensions remain about the same. Last year a pilot program to begin an in-school suspension program – “Summit Program” is an 18-week program, county funded, for chronically disruptive behavior.
- Tardy Sweeps – last year it was started later in the year, it was decided to start earlier this year and the message had the intended impact.
- New phone system – problems with old system and new one should be installed by winter break
- New Intervention Program – for ~100 students who require additional academic assistance, will attend mandatory study hall beginning in early Dec. If successful, may be possible to expand next year and look at first set of interim grades so intervention can be started earlier in the year. Will look at grades related to special ed, ethnicity, male/female, etc.
- Professional Learning Communities (PLC) – collaborative teaching with curricular teams, inventory of each team, more aggressive approach to team meetings (agendas, minutes, accountability). Chantilly High School has a late start for students every Fri to allow for team meetings.
- HepB shots – Dec 5 deadline, another reminder letter being sent especially for seniors.
- Ski trips in community – involves promotion by WHS students, families need to be aware that these are NOT school sponsored trips.
- Marching Band - concern with situation at football games that require intervention with opposing team, administration, coaches, etc.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jennifer Campbell

- BI T S fund raising event at Barnes and Noble flier distributed
- New residential development – huge impact on enrollment; Fall 2007 boundary discussions for implementation for the 08-09 school year.
- Ethics Day – Thanks to Heather Grayson and Claire Girard and all the volunteers who assisted. Wonderful event for all that participate.
- ACE Academic Letter Award Ceremony – Thanks to Jodi Border and committee for coordinating a nice ceremony on Nov 20 for ~300 students, with speakers, music and refreshments.
- Honor Roll Reception – held on Nov 21, served donuts and juice to ~1500 students.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Minority Achievement - Mark Richardson:**
Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday each month and are need of a student representative - possibly a liaison from the SGA? The next meeting will be on December 13 at 7 PM - a holiday potluck dinner is planned.
- **Parent Program - Nancy Bennett:**
Plans to schedule Chris Skinner in February for 2 in-school programs for juniors and seniors
- **Special Education Rep. - Karen Freiberg:**
Next meeting scheduled for Dec 4 - National Inclusive Schools week, speaker about IEP; written report attached

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectively submitted,
Edie Walker
Recording Secretary