



Westfield High School
General Membership PTSA Meeting
2006 - 2007
<http://ptsa.westfieldhs.org/>

DATE: April 19, 2007

CALL TO ORDER: By Jennifer Campbell at 7:15 P.M.

ATTENDEES:

Bill Bernstein	Jenet Ahn	Lori Kickerbocker
Tracy Porter-Carnahan	Alana Heng	Dana Cimino
Edie Walker	Michele Ford	Meg Crossett
Tami Troscianecki	Laurie Horstmann	Tim Thomas
Ted Troscianecki	Suzanne Olijar	Jennifer Campbell
Cindy Alls	Beth Seger	Kate Ragole

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dana Cimino

PTSA Balance: \$ 9,306.21
ANGP Balance: \$49,417.85
5K Balance: \$ 6179.05

Noted: 15 online votes supported a \$460 contribution to DECA to provide assistance to 23 students who qualified for National Competition in Orlando, FL at the end of April.

VIRGINIA TECH TRAGEDY: Arrangements and services for both Erin Peterson and Reema Samaha who were 2006 graduates of WHS and victims of the shooting at Virginia Tech on Monday, April 16 were announced. Additional information regarding scholarships, memorials, etc will be released as they become available. Also, Seung-Hui Cho was a 2003 graduate of WHS and his family should be remembered as well.

SGA REPORT: Beth Seger and Kate Ragole

- Elections were held April 18 & 19: Stephanie McGuire will be the new President.
- Volunteer Tea: Next Tuesday, April 24, 8:00 - 9:15 in the Lecture Hall
- Spirit Week: Original Spring Pep Rally scheduled for Fri, April 20 has been changed to a Family Gathering to honor the memories of Erin and Reema. It will be held at 1:30 in the stadium, everyone is encouraged to support Hokie Hope Day by wearing of maroon and orange. Parents and alumni are welcome to attend, no media will be allowed. Current principal Tim Thomas, former principals Dale Rumberger and Mike Campbell will speak, banners of WHS pride will be displayed around the field, Beth Seger will read poem by Nikki

Giovanni but adapted to WHS, teachers will form support circle in front of the school as students board buses.

- SAC: Memorial Service for all Va Tech victims to be held on Friday, April 20 at 7:30 at Robinson HS, WHS Dance Team will perform.

FCPS REPORT: Kathy Smith, Vice Chair, Board of Education, Sully District

- Kathy complimented, commended, and offered the support of the Board of Ed this week after the Virginia Tech tragedy. WHS has been the focus of much media attention but able to maintain order and keep students safe.
- A packet of materials was distributed and discussed. Items included Fast Facts FY 2007, Approved Budget FY 2007, Advertised Budget FY 2008, HS capacities and projected enrollment figures through 2010-2011, FCPS Statement of Beliefs, Mission and Student Achievement Goals, FCPS Profile 2006-2007, Important Websites, Student Safety and Va Tech Incident Information.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Jay Garant, FCPS Director of Communications

Jay stopped by to speak briefly about the presence and impact of media in Fairfax the last several days. Over 80 unique media outlets were contacting FCPS. In particular, Paul Regnier, Nancy Reese and Lori Knickerbocker spent Tues and Wed onsite at WHS to manage all communications and acting as "good news ambassadors" so the administration, faculty and staff could remain focused.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Tim Thomas

- Tim thanked FCPS for all the support and assistance provided the past several days. There has been a large outpouring of sympathy and support from the community and the country. A Korean parent spoke about the need for sensitivity at this time. Francis Dall and the SGA have been instrumental in planning the program for Friday.
- Safety and Security Issues: Coincidentally, a lock down drill had been scheduled for Tuesday, April 17. FCPS is well known nationally for its security and safety programs with other school systems visiting and requesting implementation procedures. Various newer technologies were discussed.
- New Addition: 5 classrooms to be finished; hosting an Officer Training Procedures session; next year will house criminal justice program; there will be a multi-purpose room of 3 classrooms with temporary, expandable walls.
- Phone call out system has installed with additional lines: first call out will be for the MAC BBQ on May 16.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jennifer Campbell

- VAPTA scholarship: One of our students, Kayla Fleming is a winner of the scholarship and will be honored at the annual meeting dinner for the Fairfax PTA on Tuesday, April 24.
- Fairfax District PTA: Dana Cimino was nominated for outstanding volunteer.
- Officers and committee chairs for 2007-2008: Many positions have been filled but still need a few more. Any volunteers and suggestions are welcome.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **ANGP - Tracy Porter-Carnahan:** need a sophomore parent as co-chair for next year.
- **BITS - Bill Bernstein:** emphasized the importance of finding a chair person replacement and maintaining support for next year. This program is a critical turning point for many at risk students. After 4th quarter interim grades are released, students showing an improvement will receive gift cards.
- **Hospitality - Cindy Alls, Nancy Hutchison:** Faculty luncheon is scheduled for Friday, April 20. The luncheon is catered but parents are providing salads and desserts.
- **Kid to School Connection - Meg Crossett:** There are a couple of very sick students that are being provided for.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Theatre Cabaret: Saturday, April 28 was originally scheduled as a Cabaret evening has been changed to a Celebration to Remember Reema. Donations for the evening will be used to establish a Theatre Boosters scholarship in her name.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectively submitted,
Edie Walker
Recording Secretary