



Westfield High School
General Membership PTSA Meeting
2007 - 2008
<http://ptsa.westfieldhs.org/>

DATE: November 15, 2007

CALL TO ORDER: By Jennifer Campbell at 7:07 P.M.

ATTENDEES:

Jennifer Campbell	Bill Bernstein	Gerard Schumacher
Salma Ashmawi	Mark Richardson	Mike Greiner
Alana Heng	Kym Sunday	Suzanne Olijar
Susan Tindall	Deidre McLendon	Mary Coleman
Tim Thomas	Deb Leser	

MINUTES:

Minutes from the October 18, 2007 PTSA meeting were approved as corrected.

SGA REPORT: Stephanie McGuire

Stephanie was unable to attend. Jennifer Campbell gave her report. The magician performance was very successful. The SGA is currently working on the Westfield idol performance

TREASURERS REPORT: Dana Cimino was unable to attend. Jennifer Campbell gave her report.

The ANGP paid the down payment to Fantasy World for games.

5K- Received a check from Ourisman for \$1000

PTSA Balance	\$24,060.78
ANGP	\$34,907.57
5 K Balance	\$ 1,139.44

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jennifer Campbell

Jennifer thanked Michele Ford and Nandine Ranade for their work with Reflections.

Jennifer thanked Suzanne Olijar and Pam Murdoch for their help with receipt and sorting of the federal questionnaire forms. She also thanked Nancy Hutchinson and Cindy Alls for chairing the staff luncheon this past Tuesday.

We are still in need of volunteers for the 10th grade Ethics Day.

Marquee update we have raised \$47,700 so far out of the necessary \$52,400. We also have car flags for sale and all of the profit from the sale of the flags will be donated to the marquee fund.

The Bong Show is coming up on November 26th and is sponsored by the Westfield Coalition and the PTSA.

Jennifer reported a boundary update. The first meeting was completed at Chantilly High School. The next meeting will be held at Westfield High School. Jennifer reviewed how important it is for the PTSA to remain neutral on this issue as we have many parents with different opinions of this issue and we are responsible to represent all parents, not just one particular opinion. Jennifer shared a letter she received from the Fairfax County Council of PTA's. Michele Menapace, indicating how PTA must stay neutral on the issue.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Tim Thomas

Tim thanked the PTSA for their support of the boundary issue, by serving as a resource of information for the parents, through our website.

The current demographics of Westfield show 82 countries are represented in our student population and 43 languages are spoken at home.

Tim reported Touching Bases went well.

Please note daily announcements are now posted on the school website each day.

Tim thanked the PTSA for the staff luncheon held this week.

For the 1st quarter of the year there were no expulsions of students.

The 10th grade Ethics Seminar will be held Monday. Thanks to Dave Jagels and the parent volunteers for making this a success each year.

Westfield has been selected as a pilot school for the Restorative Justice program. Tim will supply more information on this program soon.

The Principals Cabinet program continues to focus on students having difficulties. The program is realizing success. Of the students participating in this program over 51% had an improvement in their grades last year.

The Bulldog Buddies program is moving forward. We have had 60 to 70 seniors express interest in mentoring freshman. Thanks to Harry VanTrees and Ginny Muller for developing the program.

Summer school may change due to budget discussions. More information to follow.

We should have our cameras installed on the outside of the school by February or March.

PRESENTATION: Geri Zeithammel, RN,BSN, MEd Communicable Disease/Bioterrorism Unit, HIV/AIDS Fairfax County Health Department, "Can We Talk"

Ms. Zeithammel presented a program designed to give parents tips on how best to discuss sex education with their children.

NEW BUSINESS

Deborah Rimmer- Lesor the Sully District Representative, Fairfax County Trails and Sidewalks Committee presented information concerning the bike trails leading to Westfield. In particular she discussed the lack of bike trail at Stonecroft Blvd and Old Lee Road. In our most recent PTSA meeting a parent expressed concern about the lack of a bike trail and the safety concern for all of our students. Ms. Rimmer-Lesor indicated the trails are part of the Fairfax County plan; however the developer is responsible for completing the trails. Ms. Rimmer-Lesor suggested concerned parents write to Michael Frey at 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. Centreville, VA 20151(Phone 703-814-7100) and express your concern over the lack of the bike trail. She also suggested parent's request, for the safety of our students, that the bike trails be completed immediately.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Minority Student Achievement- Mark Richardson reported the next MAC meeting will be held on November 20th at 7:00 PM in the library. The MAC December holiday gathering will be held December 18th at 7:00 PM in the cafeteria and will be a pot luck. Please plan to attend.

Book Fair – The book fair will be held Friday, Dec 7th from 6 to 10 PM (though purchases can be made with the voucher on Dec 6 and Dec 8 also) at the Barnes and Noble in Fair Lakes. Sue Bark of the Art Dept. has arranged to have (12) pieces of art work available for browsing. Betsy Chesky has arranged for a quartet to perform during the evening. Zoe Dillard will provide a group of Improv students to participate. The SGA will provide gift- wrapping.

ANGP – The meeting was held last night. We need a mulch chairperson. If you are interested, please contact Suzanne Olijar.

Membership – Processed 1535 members (48.58% participation). So far this year we have registered more members than last year.

Directory – We had some directory delivery and order issues. Jennifer Campbell is working to correct the issues.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectively submitted,
Mary Coleman
Recording Secretary

Upcoming Events...

Nov 19 th	Ethics Day for Sophomores at Westfield Marriot ACE Award Ceremony (7 PM)
Nov 20 th	Minority Achievement Meeting
Nov 21 st	2 hr Early Release
Nov 22 nd & 23 rd	Thanksgiving Holiday
Nov 23 rd	PTSA Newsletter Deadline
Nov 26 th	Substance Abuse Trends with our Youth "Bong Show"
Nov 27 th	Meet the Coach Night (7 PM)
Nov 28 th	Honor Roll Donuts
Nov 30 th	Fall Musical "The Wiz" (8 PM)
Dec 3 rd	Boundary Study meeting at WHS Gym (730 PM)
Dec 7 th	Barnes & Noble Book sale Fundraiser
Dec 12 th	ANGP Meeting - Lecture Hall
Dec 13 th	Winter Band Concert for Concert, Jazz & Wind Symphony (7 PM)
Dec 16 th	Winter Band Concert for Symphonic, Jazz & Wind Symphony (7 PM)
Dec 18 th	MSA Committee Holiday Potluck Dinner
Dec 18 th	Guitar Concert (7 PM)
Dec 19 th	Boundary Study meeting at Oakton HD Gym (730 PM)
Dec 20 th	Orchestra Concert (7 PM)

Dec 20 th	PTSA Holiday Meeting- RSVP to Jcampbellpta@aol.com
Dec 21 st	Theatre Children's Holiday Show
Dec 24 th to	
Jan 1 st	Winter Break
Jan 21 st	MLK Holiday- No School
Jan 23 rd	ANGP Meeting (6:30 Lecture Hall)
Jan 24 th	2 nd Semester Grading Period Ends
Jan 25 th	No School
Jan 28 th	No School
April 5 th	5K Run for scholarships