

WEST POTOMAC PTSA OCTOBER 3, 2011 MEETING: Commenced at 6:30 pm.  
PRESIDENT'S REMARKS: PTSA President, Jane Quirk, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The Board members introduced themselves.

MINUTES: One grammatical error was highlighted and corrected. Minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ms. Patel, a WP parent, is conducting an audit of the PTSA's financial records but it is not yet completed. The 2011-2012 budget was submitted and approved on the contingency that no problems are found during the audit.

TEACHERS' REPORTS: MS. INDELICATO said 30 teachers have joined the PTSA, 19 have been sponsored by WP parents, thank you. Ms. Tia Walker is coordinating a mentoring program which now has 45 students participating. MR. KAMAR introduced himself as the school's new Assessment Coach. On October 12<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> graders will be taking the ACT Explorer Test, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders will be taking the PSAT and 12<sup>th</sup> graders will have a Senior Town Hall Meeting. He is in room 131, phone number is 703-718-2532. MR. FRANCO, Technology Ed. Teacher described the November 12<sup>th</sup> Fun Fly which needs volunteers and the new website for the WP Engineering Store and services available. Go to <http://www.westpotomacengineeringstore.com/> to learn more.

COUNSELOR REPORT: MS. WATLINGTON said counselors are now meeting with seniors and Junior night will be October 12<sup>th</sup> and is open to junior students and parents.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> was a busy day at school with online textbook presentations and an AP World History presentation. The school currently has 30 laptops available to check out to students but the goal is to get this number to 100 and for all students will have access to computers for their schoolwork. Surveillance Camera information was presented, plans are to put cameras in public places, specifically the cafeteria and gym lobby to ensure the safety of students and protection of property.

BOOSTER REPORT: MS. AARDEMA mentioned that new garbage cans have been placed on fields and talked about concession stand improvements.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: MR. MCILWAIN mentioned the need for volunteers to help in the school's front office. If interested, please contact him.

NEW BUSINESS: On Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> there will be a School Board Candidate Forum at Hollin Meadows Elementary. MS. BECKWITH told the group about upcoming PTSA essay and reflection contests. MS. ANNIE LE, Prevention Specialist described student services available in the fields of substance abuse prevention, treatment services and mental health promotion. MR. DAN STORCK, dan.storek@fcps.edu, Mt. Vernon School Board Member asked for feedback regarding surveillance cameras in the school and mentioned that there will be an education summit, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 8 am – 12 pm.

OLD BUSINESS: Student parking – 13 more spaces have been added for juniors, there are 26 students on the waiting list. Next spring the plan is to give rising seniors parking paperwork to minimize problems in the fall.

NEXT MEETING: November 14, 2011, 6:30 pm in the library.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:45 pm.