

**WEST POTOMAC PTSA SEPTEMBER 12, 2011 MEETING:** Commenced at 6:30 pm.  
**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:** PTSA President called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. The PTSA Board members were introduced. The President made a plea for volunteers to lead the Membership, ANGC, Teacher Appreciation and Health and Safety Committees. Please let Jane Quirk (PTSA President) know if you would like to chair one of these committees. The 2011 PTSA scholarships were awarded to graduating seniors Clarissa Delgado and Madeleine Stern.

**MINUTES:** The June meeting's minutes were reviewed and approved.

**TREASURER:** Ms. Patel will be conducting the audit of the PTSA's financial records. The 2011-2012 budget and audit will be presented at the next meeting. Another late bus day will be funded for Thursdays, beginning in October.

**PRINCIPAL'S REMARKS:** Mr. Hardison introduced the staff members in attendance – Mr. Copeland, Mr. Helmick, Mr. Melton and Mr. Case. He mentioned that the teachers spent lots of time over the summer preparing for this school year. It will be a good school year for both students and teachers. Mr. Hardison distributed a handout titled "Successes for West Potomac, 2011-2011" and discussed many new initiatives. There are 2330 students enrolled in West Potomac, the school is staffed for 2251 so the administration is working on increasing staffing. A handout describing the new Wolverine Time which follows third period every day and replaced Flex. Students are now allowed to use electronic equipment at lunchtime. Students can also bring laptops to school but the school will not be responsible for laptop safety. Mr. Case discussed that textbooks are now online for all standard level courses though some textbooks are available in the classrooms. The AP World History team will have an open house (in Gunston Hall) for parents on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**TEACHER REPORTS:** MR. OLIVO, the SGA Advisor, introduced himself and talked about the Homecoming Dance scheduled October 1<sup>st</sup>. Parent chaperones are still needed, please e-mail him at [sdolivo@fcps.edu](mailto:sdolivo@fcps.edu) to volunteer for a shift. He introduced Vanessa Prada the SGA President who described what the SGA was doing and Homecoming Week events. The theme this year is Casino Night. A parent asked that students be reminded about the dress code for the dance. MS. WATLINGTON (counselor) introduced herself and told the group she is the PTSA Liaison for the Counselors.

**NEW BUSINESS:** VICKY AARDEMA introduced herself. She is the PTSA Liaison for the Athletic Boosters. She mentioned that the fields are in need of more garbage cans and recycle bins. NAOMI the editor of the Ft. Hunt Patch introduced herself and asked the group to forward "Whiz Kid" articles. The Patch wants to cover more topics that interest WP parents. To contact the Patch, go to [FortHunt.patch.com](http://FortHunt.patch.com). A parent asked about student parking spaces, how many there are and how are they assigned. Mr. Hardison explained the policy and said there are 488 total spots available. Another parent asked about the school's dress code, Mr. Hardison responded that we still have the same policy and disruptive clothing is addressed by the staff. BETSY BECKWITH solicited input regarding issues parents would like discussed at PTSA meetings.

**NEXT MEETING:** October 3, 2010, 6:30 pm in the library.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 7:25 pm

Following the meeting, FCPS representatives presented information about the new Honors courses available online.