

WEST POTOMAC PTSA DECEMBER 5, 2011 MEETING: Commenced at 6:45 pm when President Jane Quirk welcomed everyone. Five members of the WP orchestra, Dylan, Jonathan, Kiara, Andrew and Marco, under the direction of Ms. Wilkerson the orchestra director, played a nice selection of music for meeting attendees.

MINUTES: Reviewed and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Minimal activity since last meeting.

TEACHER/COUNSELOR REPORTS: **Mr. Kamar** announced that the school has received the PSAT scores. The staff is determining how the reports will be distributed; a parent information night regarding how to interpret the scores will be scheduled in January. **Mr. Dunlap**, discussed the Human Relations Committee which is proposing monthly lunches for faculty members and requested they be partially paid by the PTSA. It was proposed, and approved, that the PTSA help fund these lunches. **Mr. Kamar**, representing **Ms. Watlington**, asked for any questions attendees might like forwarded to the Counselors. Compelled intervention program is required for students failing 4 subjects, students see teachers during Wolverine time. **Dr. Passley** (Biology teacher) explained how biology remediation is being implemented, there are sessions scheduled at night with specific topics addressed during the sessions. Attendance is taken to ensure that failing students, mandated for compelled intervention, are there.

STUDENT REPORTS: **Ross Taylor** gave an outstanding presentation questioning the requirement that seniors must complete 30 hours of community service. It was recommended that he give the presentation to the School Board. The School Board members make the decisions about this requirement.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: **Mr. Hardison** presented information about Collaborative Learning Teams. Parking issues were discussed. Following the January 9th meeting, the School Improvement Plan (SIP) will be presented. Still looking at how security cameras will be funded, possibly out of vending machine money, businesses might donate.

COMMITTEE/BOOSTER REPORT: **Ms. Aardema**, WA Booster Liaison, said that Christmas tree sales were ongoing at Sandburg. Crew Boosters are selling wreaths. **Ms. Aardema** was asked if there was a way for people to donate money to put towards trees for families who might need assistance purchasing trees. Currently no program is in place for this though she did mention that teachers and all FCPS employees get a 25% discount. It was suggested that a list of people needing trees be created, perhaps something to implement next year. **Ms. Bak-Brevik**, Princess for a Night Program, asked people to start thinking about this wonderful program that enables girls to get dresses, accessories and makeup for prom night. Last year over 100 students benefited from this program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: **Mrs. Van Dyck**, Restore Honors, told the group that 11 high schools were represented during a presentation to the School Board. The issue is aggressively moving forward and there appears to be a commitment to support this issue among new school board members.

NEW BUSINESS: **Mr. Dunlap** told the group that on January 5th and 6th Seniors, and any students turning 18 this year, will have the opportunity to register to vote. **Ms. Quirk** announced there is a 2012 Women's History Month essay contest (scholarship money awarded) this month, all seniors are eligible to apply.

NEXT MEETING: January 9, 2012, 6:30 pm in the library.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:50 pm