

West Potomac PTSA January 9, 2012 Meeting: Commenced at 6:30 pm.

President's Remarks: PTSA President called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and thanked attendees for coming out in the winter weather.

Minutes: The minutes were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The PTSA contributed \$500 to the faculty/staff holiday luncheon. State and National PTSA dues have been paid. Education support fund requests submitted by Mr. Dunlap, Mr. O'Grady and Mr. McMahon were approved.

Teacher/Counselor Reports: Mr. Dunlap said almost 300 students registered to vote on January 5/6. The first "PLC Mixer" for staff members is scheduled for Friday, January 13th any food/drink/supply donations should be given to the librarian. Ms. Watlington reported that Student Services will be busy during the next two weeks - PSAT scores are being distributed in English classes, ACT reports will be distributed through science classes, PSAT interpretation night will be January 12th, Juniors will be meeting with counselors during their History classes, the second installment of the freshmen indoctrination program will commence, counselors will be visiting classrooms to begin the 2012-2013 class registration process, and rising seniors will begin meeting individually with counselors. Mr. McMahon told the group that Sandburg, Bryant and West Potomac have contributed to the creation of an attendance video which emphasizes the importance of school attendance in an effort to present a consistent message about this important topic for parents and students.

Student Reports: Tony Sanchez briefed the PTSA meeting about student behavior in class and difficulties some teachers have controlling their classroom environments. Mr. Hardison stated that teachers aren't to tolerate disruptions because they take away from student learning and, if necessary, alternative instructional arrangements (AIA) can be made for disruptive students.

Principal's Report: Mr. Hardison told the group that on January 24th in Kogelman Theatre there will be "Together We're The Answer" presentation addressing socioeconomic issue plaguing the area. Over 200 students participated in the WP Science Fair, the Regional Science Fair at Robinson High School will be held March 17-19th. Thank you to the judges. There were many excellent projects and next year we are looking at expanding to include middle school and possibly elementary school students. Advanced Academics night will be held January 26th.

Committee/Booster Reports: Rick Genaurio, WABC, told the group that there is an initiative to assess the exterior needs such as cleanliness, landscaping, painting to identify areas that can be improved. Ms. Bak-Brevik, Princess for a Night Program, program dates will be coming soon. Richard III will be presented by the Drama Department January 19-21. ANGC: Mattress Sale fundraiser is February 11th (ANGC) and 12th (Dance Team), Bingo on March 4th.

New Business: Student Directory. A parent asked about Student Directories. PTSA President said no one had volunteered to work on a directory and Mr. Hardison had expressed a desire to have an electronic directory. Mr. Hardison said he will look into this.

Next Meeting: February 6, 2012, 6:30 pm.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:50 pm.