

Minutes of the December 3, 2007 WSHS PTSA Board Meeting

The December 3, 2007, WSHS PTSA Board Meeting was held at the home of Tonia Parker with the following members in attendance: Paul Wardinski, Nancy Baldino, Lois Kurth, Kim Cecelski, Laurie Chadwell, Sharron Slachta, Tonia Parker, Mike Mukai, Diane Bursley, Jane Tinsley, Diane Rybinski, Tonia Parker, Mark Cecelski, Jan Brecht-Clark, Christine Bonheim, Denise Ahola and Navin Jaffer.

Meeting began at 7:00 pm

Principal's Report

- ❖ Sports Lobby bathrooms renovations –we are waiting on bids for fixtures, stalls, etc.
- ❖ Exam schedule for the end of the year is being developed. Senior, Underclass, AP, SOL schedules all being worked on.
- ❖ Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) changed. Same testing window, but retakes count the same as the 1st time test now.
- ❖ Mr. W. stated that attendance correlates with grades of students. Teachers are being asked for input. Discussion that after more than 20 days absence a doctor's note may be required.
- ❖ Sue Burow of attendance office retiring, 12/21, no support for rehiring at the position, Mr. W. can hire a ½ time employee only... due to numbers.
- ❖ Concern about teens and driving, especially teens driving with too many passengers. Now it is a secondary offense, Fairfax County trying to make it a primary offense to discourage this behavior. Parents should stress use of seatbelts and no use of cell phones.
- ❖ Lock-Down Drill next week, will pull fire alarm, ring bell to make sure everyone stays in rooms until told to leave, NOT leaving when Bells/ alarms ringing.
- ❖ Winter sports started last week, thanked administration for time at events since they do not receive compensation.
- ❖ Football team 6th in State. Volley ball District champs, Cheerleaders 10th in State, the Fall Drama production was great.
- ❖ Discussion brought about by question from Diane Rybinski “Are coaches pressured to win?” Mr. W. stated no pressure to win vs. lose, but most coaches leave on their own accord. Also noted that below minimum wage for coaches when compensation compared to time put in.
- ❖ BUDGET CUTS ARE SERIOUS! \$105M shortfall projected -could be worse. There is no growth in the county. Discussion by FCPS for increase in pupil/teacher rations, if that happens WSHS could lose 11 classes. Freshman sports could be cut, this was chosen by school principals to show the impact to citizens on how serious the shortage is, and an activity fee could be charged. Other school districts are outspending FCPS on teacher pay and retirement. We cannot retain good teachers if we do not compete with other districts, especially since it is more expensive to live in Fairfax County.

President's Report

- ❖ Incident at Silver Diner following Drama performance. Restaurant refused to seat WSHS students and parents because of an incident with another high school the night before. Manager called to apologize the next day.
- ❖ Mr. Wardinski, Mr. O'Reilly, Nancy, Becky Mullins and Dave Pyle to meet with Liz Bradsher to discuss WSHS building needs for CIP. Ms. Bradsher wants to know the inside workings of WSHS.
- ❖ Nancy would like to organize as a group to speak at the CIP meeting. It was mentioned that several Civic Associations also want to participate. Many individuals may speak separately. Denise recommended a letter go out to get speakers and coordinate with Nancy. Nancy will make final decision on letter.

Secretary's Report

Minutes approved as amended, 1st by Jan, 2nd by Mark.

Treasurer's Report

Budget approved as written, 1st by Kim, 2nd by Sharron.

- ❖ 103 more memberships
- ❖ \$100 donation
- ❖ ANGP \$6000 ahead as budgeted

Old Business

- ❖ Mr. Percoco's book signing will definitely be in March, waiting for him to pick definitive date.
- ❖ Teacher Mini-Grants- 18 out of 25 will be funded. Hard decision this year since less money available.

New Business

- ❖ Tonia brought up that there have been a number of "eggings" of houses and cars. Suggested an announcement at school. Jan suggested that a student write an article in the school newspaper about this and remind students that this is vandalism.
- ❖ WSHS has no outside cameras; LBHS has 45 cameras, only newly renovated schools have cameras per Mr. W.
- ❖ Theatre Arts- One Act Plays January 22-24, several awards received by Drama Students.

Meeting adjourned 8:00pm

Respectfully Submitted
Kim Cecelski
WSHS PTSA Secretary

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