

Minutes of the January 7, 2008 WSHS PTSA Board Meeting

The January 7, 2008 WSHS PTSA Board Meeting was held in the library of WSHS with the following members in attendance: Paul Wardinski, Nancy Baldino, Lois Kurth, Kim Cecelski, Sharron Slachta, Tonia Parker, Diane Bursley, Jane Gironde, Diane Rybinski, Jan Brecht-Clark, Denise Ahola, Brenda Greene, Debbie Harrill, Kathy Young, Leslie Carlin, Elise DeWitt, Linda Hall, Francine Picoult, Linda Gillespie and Lyn Goldberg.

The meeting began at 7:03pm

Secretary's Report

Minutes approved as amended, Jan 1st and Leslie 2nd.

Treasurers Report

Budget approved as presented, Kathy 1st, Jan 2nd

- ✓ Not much activity in December
- ✓ Membership is way below target number, discussion on using Keep in Touch, CIP issue and revisiting staff for more memberships.

President's Report

- ✓ Nancy thanked Tonia for hosting the December meeting in her home.
- ✓ Nancy thanked the Board for their generosity for gift for needy WSHS family, \$100 gift card and several gifts were given.
- ✓ Nancy restated the need for new leadership on next years PTSA Board.

Principal's Report

- ✓ Thank you for mini-grants.
- ✓ Thank you for trying to have WSHS put on the CIP
- ✓ Technology Committee- Committee includes one person from every dept., criteria for each classroom as of now is, one projector and one laptop; 25 laptops have been ordered. There is a big push for technology. Plasma on walls with power point is goal.
- ✓ School improvement plan meeting today. New process this year, entire county involved. Usually 10-12 work plans, this year there are 85 work plans.
- ✓ Hall Sweeps starting tomorrow to make sure students are in their classrooms.
- ✓ There was a car accident before winter break, everyone was okay. It occurred on Hillside Rd. around 3:30pm, the car flipped over.
- ✓ Teens are having parties. There is nothing the school can do about them. Mr. W. recommends you call parents/police if problem.
- ✓ There have been a surge of in-school thefts especially in PE locker room. May need to ban backpacks in locker room since they cannot fit in lockers. Cell phones and ipods targets since holidays.
- ✓ Fire Alarm testing in the middle of night this week. Neighbors have been warned.

- ✓ FCPS budget should be out 1/10. There will be an increase in student/teacher ratio next year. WSHS could lose 11-18 classes and 2-3 teachers, AP classes, art classes and upper level languages will be hit hard due to low class numbers. FCPS will NOT pay for AP test in the future. \$50 per activity per child fee may be implemented also.
- ✓ Guidance will start orientation meetings this month, schedule decisions need to be made by students/parents by May, not August due to lack of flexibility in scheduling.
- ✓ Legislators need to be contacted and asked for educational money.
- ✓ Senior Capstone Projects are showing their importance. One student held a benefit concert for her cousin, a Langley HS student, who was paralyzed in an accident at Dewey Beach.
- ✓ Sally Felder, Mr. Wardinski secretary, will be out 6-8 weeks for ankle surgery. Suzanne Taber from Finance will cover Sally's position. A p/t finance person will come over to cover.
- ✓ Susan Sterner is working in Attendance at a .5 level position. This means realignment of job since only p/t.
- ✓ It's Academic team won first round, next round in April. In Scholastic Bowl WSHS won Patriotic District this past Saturday, but lost to TJHS and Robinson in Regionals.
- ✓ Important Dates:
 - 1/14 PSAT returns
 - 1/25 and 1/28 teacher workdays
 - 1/31 Rising 9th grade orientation
 - 2/9 Winter Formal will be held in gym. Tickets NOT sold at door. Jane Tinsely handling chaperones.
 - 2/14 early closing, staff development
 - 2/19 AP Night
 - 3/11-3/12 SACS Accreditation Review
- ✓ Diane Rybinski brought up 12/23 last day of school before winter break in 08'. MR. W. recommended she go to school board if wants calendar changed. Diane also brought up lock down drill was different at WSHS than 2 other schools she temps in. WSHS locked down doors before drill started, Diane stated this does not give a "real" effect to the drill if done before.

Old Business

- ✓ Wednesday, 1/9- CIP meeting at Luther Jackson MS at 7:00pm. Approximately 13 parents have met and are putting together a presentation. Sean O'Connor to format presentation. I will have pictures and an outline to be handed out. Others are also scheduled to speak. Liz Bradsher has been very good, Pat Herrity is to speak. South County HS has 35 speakers to discuss their need for middle school. Nancy is asking all to come and wear bright orange; WSHS students, parents, teachers, staff and feeder school people. TJHS is asking for over 1M "to make a green school" during their renovations. No guarantee we will be added to CIP, Work session is 1/14 and the vote by the school board is 1/24.

- ✓ Mr. Percoco's book signing is 3/14 at 7:00pm in Spartan Hall. Lydia Webber is making flyer. Jane Tinsley is also working on publicity.
- ✓ "Pathways to Success Program" (Special Ed) will be May 8, 2008 at WSHS. Those who participate are 2 year colleges, vendors, Beauty Schools, Stenography schools, art schools, culinary schools, training programs, and further education opportunities; this is NOT a job fair. Each of the participating high schools will contact 15 vendors. Denise will need help. \$200 needed for publicity.
- ✓ Special Education Scholarship- This is to be given to a student who has overcome social and academic difficulties. Must have an IEP for more than 2 years and the student is nominated by teachers and parents. A Special Ed committee will select the winner. Who will make up the selection committee re: SP.Ed teachers, parents and what the scholarship will be named etc. need to be defined.
- ✓ **MOTION:** A post secondary education/training program scholarship in the amount of \$200 will be given to a senior student who has overcome social and academic difficulties. The Student must have an IEP for at least two years of his/her high school career. The selection of the student will be decided by the a selection committee made up of teachers/staff and PTSA parents. The funding this year would come from the Student Academic Leadership Support line item with the understanding that the Scholarship be designated a separate line item in future years. This scholarship will be implemented with the understanding that the Special Education Committee define the particulars of the scholarship by the February 2008 WSHS Board meeting. 1st by Kim Cecelski, 2nd by Lyn Goldberg. The vote was nineteen yeas, one nay and one abstaining.

New Business

- ✓ Newsletter-Nancy asked if the Board wanted their newsletters via email vs. hard copy. Not at this time per Board. Lydia is also working on a Spanish version.
- ✓ Grounds- Tulip Bulbs from Monticello available to be planted at school. Diane R. needs help tomorrow to plant them.
- ✓ Hospitality- Debbie Harrill is back at school. Will work hospitality with Leslie. date for Staff Luncheon will be determined in February.
- ✓ Drama- Sharron stated One Act Plays Jan 20-24. Student \$5 at door, Adult \$7. Music Man is Spring Musical. Open Auditions, Mrs. Levesque Room 201.

Meeting ended 9:05 pm

Respectfully Submitted.

Kim Cecelski
WSHS Secretary

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