

Walter Johnson High School Booster Club  
January 22, 2003

Recorder: Diane M. Ennist

- I. Agenda: (Attachment A).
- II. Celebration:
  - a. Tricia Skelly presented Dr. Kevin Maxwell with a few gifts and treats to celebrate his successful defense of his doctoral dissertation.
- III. Approval of November's Minutes
- IV. Principal's Report: Kevin Maxwell  
Construction Update:
  - a. January 2 opened new kitchen suite and other parts; new media center will be housed in the old cafeteria. That renovation has begun.
  - b. Renovation of old cafeteria is in last phase of the reconstruction. When the seniors leave at the end of the year, several classrooms will be rearranged to allow for more construction.
  - c. The two old music rooms and the new staff dining room will be used temporarily for the WJ offices during the summer.
  - d. Next phases include auditorium and the gyms if the budget comes through but construction would not begin until the spring or summer of 2004.
  - d. Also in the budget is "tech mod" money for upgrades of technology.
- V. Athletic Director's Report: Sue Amos
  - a. We received a plaque for county Sportsmanship Awards. Girls' Soccer and Cross Country received this award for fall 2002. The number of awards varied from school to school. Any varsity sport is eligible. Athlete and spectator (including parents) behavior is key. There is a monetary award at the end of the school year dependent on how many teams from a school and how many schools get these awards throughout the year.
  - b. Budget Report: Concessions stand money goes back to the teams for equipment or other supplies that benefit the entire team but it goes to an athletic fund in the school bank that is overseen by Ms. Amos. (Dinners or jackets to keep, for example, are not allowed.) This is a county booster club rule.
  - c. The county takes a 3-year average to arrive at an allocation that we'll recover through parking, vending machines, etc. The county takes into account the money earned at the school level (e.g., from parking fees) when determining the amount of money allocated to each school. The total allocation represents an average income/expenses of the past 3 years.
  - d. Sue reviewed school expenditures, income of gate receipts and balance sheets.
  - e. WJ spends \$19,000+ on transportation every year. (Attachments B-1 thru B-5). We believe that bus transportation to and from games is imperative for student safety.

- VI. Treasurer's Report: Arlene Fornace
  - a. \$28,801.85 available in Booster Club accounts. (Attachment C).
  - b. The income from membership should increase when the joint PTSA and BC memberships are reconciled.
  
- VII. Book Fair at Barnes & Noble: Pat Dinneen
  - a. We raised \$600 and there is a lot of room for improvement as far as getting the school community involved. Other schools raise thousands of dollars.
  
- VIII. Citrus Sale: Elin Quigley
  - a. About \$2,400 raised. Music Department raised the most.
  
- IX. WJ 10K Race – 2-Mile Fun Walk/Run: Tricia Skelly
  - a. May 18, 2003 is the race.
  - b. Organization is underway.
  - c. Spectator kids are making phone calls to get sponsors.
  - e. Look for announcement of planning meeting in early February.
  
- X. Fundraising: Tricia Skelly
  - a. Re-emphasis by members that the Booster Club exists for the support of all after-school activities, not just the sports teams. Discussion of strategies to get the message out to clubs and seek out the needs in all extra curricular activities.
  - b. Vote for purchasing an ad in the yearbook was approved. Jeanette Shaw will provide the necessary artwork.
  
- XI. Membership: Mary Ruttkay
  - a. (Attachments D1 and D2).
  - b. 377 memberships.
  
- XII. Commissioner's Report: Adeen Postar
  - a. Need a commissioner for Indoor Track.
  - b. Next sports award evening is March 12, 2003.
  
- XIII. Memorial Gift: Kevin Maxwell
  - a. Discussion regarding a piece of artwork and/or memorial garden to be a tribute to Donna Stagon.
  - b. Also, the last Mighty Moo that Donna painted on a glass panel near the entrance to the gym, along with three other panels, has been enclosed in plexiglass and protected in her memory.
  
- XIV. Music Department Funding Request: Arlene Fornace
  - a. A request to fund the purchase of a new tympani drum had been approved by the Executive Board since the last meeting. However, there were

unanticipated problems with the purchase of the drum and the Music Department wished to amend its request.

- b. An amended funding request to provide the Music Department with up to \$2,500 for the purchase of new equipment was proposed and approved.

XV. Sports Banquet: Adeen Postar

- a. Adeen shared some e-mails from the list-serve regarding the sports awards banquet. Adeen outlined that the night can have dinner or just dessert. Supplies and cakes were about \$500. Discussion regarding the next awards night. A positive response to the format that was used in the fall (i.e., auditorium meeting and then individual team meetings and dessert in the classrooms).
- b. Consensus to do this same format for the winter awards ceremony.
- c. We will check with the Drama Department to make sure that the stage is accessible for that evening.

XVI. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 12, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. in the Media Center.  
(Date was changed to accommodate the scheduled 8<sup>th</sup> grade articulation meeting.)