

Walter Johnson High School
Booster Club Meeting
January 21, 2004

Recorder: Wendy Perry

7:35 pm meeting called to order by Tricia Skelly.

Two student ice hockey players, Brian Lessans and David Inkellis, were introduced. They presented their funding request (see below).

Minutes for the December 10, 2003 meeting were approved as written.

REPORTS:

Administration: Carol Goddard

- Second semester starts next Wednesday. Students will report to homeroom to receive their schedules. Schedules may be different from those distributed at the beginning of the school year.
- A career coordinator (from Magruder High School) has been hired to replace Liz Lewis.

Athletic Director: Suc Amos

- Team pictures will be taken tomorrow and next Thursday.
- Chaperones are still needed for upcoming basketball games on February 10, 14, 20 and 24. Mention was made that there haven't been emails from the PTSA requesting chaperones on the list serve lately.
- The last basketball games are February 24, with playoffs on the 25th to 28th and finals the first week in March.
- Spring sports begin March 1. All coaching positions are filled except girls' developmental golf.

Membership: Mary Ruttkey

- The membership report indicates that the total number of members to date is lower than last year (302 vs. 377), however the money contributed is higher (\$15,875 vs. \$15,160).

Concessions: David Slacter for Jane Slacter

- No new information to report.

Commissioner: Janet Liebowitz

- Winter Sports Awards Night will be held Monday March 15. The format will be similar to the fall (desserts only). The Booster Club will again reimburse the teams \$25 (higher for the larger track and swim teams). An earlier start time of 6:45 pm was discussed so the presentations may be underway at 7 pm. The invitations will state this earlier time.

School Store: Tricia Skelly and Karen Smith for Shelley Boatright

- Shelley has collected information on the school stores at BCC and Watkins Mill. Both recommended selling candy and snacks, but this is not an option for WJ.
- Karen Smith suggested piloting opening the store (at a more convenient location) before a school athletic event.
- The store is almost at a break-even point right now. Sweatshirt sales have been successful. The suggestion was made that there be "items of the month." A virtual school store will be available in the future on the website.
- A motion was made to fund up to \$1000 to the school store, as a line of credit; motion approved.

Race: Stella Graves

- We have been unsuccessful in finding a major sponsor for the race. Due to the fact that the race made only \$3500 last year and required 100 volunteers, the practicality of continuing with the race was discussed.
- A motion was made to cancel the race this year; motion approved.
- Adeen suggested a used book sale as an alternative. Ideas will be discussed at the next Booster Club meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Funding Committee: Tricia Skelly and Adeen Postar

- The committee met and discussed the obligations of the teams and solutions for obtaining volunteers for concessions.
- Carol Goddard spoke with Kevin Maxwell and Sue Amos to obtain a “wish list” for the school, so people could contribute to a specific cause. Ideas included upgraded scoreboards, and upgraded auditorium lights and drapes that will be part of the 2006 construction. In addition, Sue Amos mentioned the need for an improved sound system in the gym.

Bylaws: David Slacter

- The committee has prepared a draft and presented it to the Booster Club. Goals for this project include developing checks and balances and guidelines for funding and expenditures. Comments should be forwarded to David at dslacter@aol.com.
- Further discussion is planned for the February 11 Booster Club meeting.

Software Funding Request

- The request for funding for the purchase of ACT! Software has been withdrawn.

NEW BUSINESS:

Crew Funding Request:

- Students Deirdre McCann and Matthew Fox presented the funding request for a Concept II Rowing Machine “Erg.” The machine would be available for use in the weight room by all WJ students. It can also fold up and be moved to other locations. There are currently 20 students on the crew team.
- A motion was made to approve the request for \$780 for the Erg machine; motion approved.

Ice Hockey Request:

- Students Brian Lessans and David Inkellis made a request for supplies.
- A motion was made to approve the request for \$164.90 for ice hockey supplies; motion approved.

AP European History Request:

- A request was made for \$35 to pay an entry fee for the Georgetown University History Bowl.
- Carol Goddard stated that the school would pay this fee.

Practice Test Dates:

- Mary Ruttkay stated that the Guidance Advisory Committee is sponsoring a practice SAT on March 6, and a practice ACT on March 13.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.