

# Walter Johnson High School All-School Booster Club

## Meeting on March 14, 2007

Meeting opened: 7:40pm, A. Gradowski

Recorder: M. Rehbehn

Handouts: Agenda, Mulch Sale Report, Treasurer's Report, Insurance proposal (RV Nuccio)

1. Welcome
2. Minutes of 1/10/2007 meeting approved as written.
3. Minutes of 2/13/2007 electronic meeting approved as written.
4. President's Report [S. Gentilucci]
  - A. Met with Administration regarding how MCPS sees the role of booster clubs. MCPS wants to be sure there is someone monitoring how clubs and teams at each school spend their money. The two primary areas of concern are equity and oversight. WJ administrators see this as a Booster Club role; most likely through our Clubs and Sports Commissioner Coordinators. Timing for this process was not discussed.
  - B. 50th Anniversary celebration on 5/2/07: all former Principals will be invited; there will be entertainment, refreshments, etc. Proposed that Booster Club (possibly in cooperation with PTSA) fund 3 "Principals Chairs" for the renovated auditorium in the names of former Principals (Massey, Stetson, Maxwell and possibly 1 more); cost \$250 each, total \$750-1000). **APPROVED.**
5. Administration Report [C. Merrill]
  - A. The auditorium looks great; is on schedule and the goal is for construction crews to turn it over to the school by Spring Break.
  - B. Classroom renovations: There will be 43 *new* portable classrooms installed behind the building for the 2007-2008 school year; with delivery/assembly scheduled to start sometime in April. The impacts and procedures for the process will require very good communication to prevent problems; planning is in progress.
  - C. Calendar items: 3rd marking period ends 3/26; stressed importance for Seniors to continue to approach their classes seriously. Upcoming events: Asian American assembly, Spring pep rally, Spring Break.
6. Athletics Report [S. Amos]
  - A. Spring team pictures will be on 3/19.
  - B. Games start on 3/21; entrance fees for events on Stadium field only.
  - C. Woodward Relays will be held at WJ on 4/14. Booster Club will offer concessions, stand to be manned by the Track team, but more volunteers probably needed.
  - D. Would like Booster Club to purchase more storage bins for renovations -- those provided by MCPS will not meet our needs. Requested cost figures for next month to facilitate a vote of approval.
7. Treasurer's Report [L. Voight]

Currently have ~\$40,000 total in the bank; but mulch purchases have not been made yet.
8. Membership Report [T. Forline]

Currently have received ~\$22,500 in dues to date.
9. Concessions Report [A. Gradowski for A. Swinburn]

Dates for spring events have been distributed to clubs/teams; coverage has been good.

10. School Store Report [K. Vincent]
  - A. February had poor sales, probably due to weather.
  - B. Requested permission to purchase 72 sweatshirts on sale. **APPROVED.**
  - C. Purchase of "portable bins" for use at outdoor events, etc. tabled until the impact of the renovations is clarified.
  - D. C. Merrill suggested we purchase "championship" T-shirts for Swim Team similar to jackets purchased for other teams with successful seasons.
11. PTSA Liaison report [L. Amsellem]
  - A. Business meeting: MCPS approved an increase from 60 to 75 SSL hours required to graduate; effective with this year's 8th graders; a course on finance/money management will be added to offerings; Prom Breakfast volunteers needed; last month's Venue was very successful; 3/28 is date for Street Smart workshop.
  - B. Math Dept. issues meeting: student input was good; worked hard to keep discussion positive.
12. Sports Commissioners Report [O. Droggitis]
  - A. Winter Sports Awards went well.
  - B. Competitive Clubs Awards are next (late April)
  - C. All Spring teams have Commissioners.
13. Old Business
  - A. Used Book Sale a huge success! \$4,383.21 profit. Kudos to Lisa Weed and Bonnie Fisher, Chairs. We need to make sure this event is held again in 2008 regardless of renovation disruptions.
  - B. Golf Tournament: those present answered questions regarding last year's tournament to help organizers [O'Konsie] get started. Will decide on a fall date in May or June.
  - C. Mulch Sale [L. Voight, S. Taylor]: Have arranged for 2-3 large (insured) trucks that can carry larger loads than last year, trying to get a fork lift to expedite loading of trucks; goal is to be more efficient. Still need student and adult volunteers, including drivers with experience driving large trucks. To date, have sold ~2400 bags; anticipate a profit of ~\$6000.
14. New Business
  - A. Italian Dinner on 3/16: planning coming along well [A. Gradowski]. Again paired with Student-Teacher basketball game.
  - B. Liability Insurance: A need for insurance coverage to be in place before the Mulch Sale. Reviewed presented proposed policy: \$350 requested for "Property Plus" coverage with RV Nuccio. **APPROVED.**
  - C. Nominating Committee needed. O. Droggitis and L. Voight volunteered, one more member needed. All Executive Committee members need to write a short job description (e-mail) to facilitate search.
  - D. Fundraising request: Peace Club would like \$350 in support for the Peace Fair. **APPROVED.**
  - E. Wildcat Weekend: Would like to repeat this successful event, but with modifications from lessons learned; considering a Fri/Sat event, possibly Fri/Sat/Sun.

Meeting adjourned: 9:40 pm  
Next meeting: April 11, 2007.