

**Walter Johnson High School All-School Booster Club
Meeting on December 12, 2007**

Meeting Opened: at 7:33 p.m. by A. Gradowski

Recorder: A. Fansler

Handouts: November Membership Report

Members present: L. Voight, S. Ali, C. Garran, A. Swindale, C. Merrill, L. Amsellem, B. Fisher, D. Murdoch, S. Gentilucci, T. Forline, S. Amos, A. Gradowski, A. Fansler

AR 12.07 Administration Report – C. Merrill.

Preparing for the winter break. Construction is a little ahead of schedule. Should get the gym and some classroom space back in August. We will lose our athletic field following the spring season. Hired a new JV lacrosse coach. Dr. Garran said that the building services staff handled the recent snow day very well as did the students with all our current facility challenges.

AD 12.07 Athletic Director – S. Amos

Several of our winter sports teams have already had games. We are not getting the fans at Tilden as we would like. Please ask all sports commissioners to consider posting games and times on any e-groups. All WJ wrestling matches are scheduled to take place away. Winter team pictures have been taken with the exception of the swim team who will be taking it at the pool and the indoor track team that will need to be rescheduled. Amos needs help with parent chaperones for basketball games. PTSA is in charge of this and they do not have a coordinator this year. L. Amsellem will follow up with PTSA on this. Winter season is going well. We have two holiday tournaments scheduled for wrestling and basketball. Caroline Miller has been named an All-American for soccer and is up for a National Award and the Gatorade Maryland Award. We will use the new school sign to recognize student accomplishments.

MR 12.07 Membership Report – T. Forline

A handout was presented to the group which outlined our membership totals. It included breakdowns by grade and the different athletic teams.

SCCR 12.07 Sports Commissioner Coordinator – A. Gradowski

J. Ellis was unable to attend but Gradowski stated that he is still looking for sports commissioners for some of the winter teams.

CR 12.07 Concession Report – A. Swindale

Our new stand at Tilden went well and we grossed \$150. Tilden has been very helpful and accommodating. They provided us with a room to store supplies in that also has small refrigerators. Spoke with Ledo pizza about their accountability and they were still 35 minutes late with our last order. May consider Dominos if Ledo's can't improve service. A. Gradowski said that we already have a replacement for A. Swindale since she is leaving her position at the end of this school year when her son graduates. Mike Meliker had agreed to take over and will begin working with Swindale in the new year.

PTSAR 12.07 – L. Amsellem

We had the largest fall blood drive in WJ history, over 100 units donated. The Booster will be paying the Big Train fee that is due. Amsellem will confirm the amount and report back to the booster club.

SGAR 12.07 – S. Ali

The School Store was recently approached by a school security guard with a request for clothing for a needy student. The booster club is happy to help with matters like this in the future but they should always go through the administration first. S. Gentilucci asked about the school store report. Feels that we need to recognize the value of our current inventory as part of our report. They are close to having this type of report available in the near future.

Mulch Sale – L. Voight

We ordered 3000 bags last year. We have had a school parent come forward and offer some assistance with transportation needed on the day of the sale. Need to check with Scott Taylor about whether we should order loose mulch or pallets of mulch. We sold dark hardwood shredded mulch last year. Considering whether we should have a Saturday only, Sunday only or two day sale. Garran said that we need to encourage the coaches of the different athletic teams to encourage the kids to come out and help. Last year Lacrosse, TV club and Stage really helped us. We will revisit the mulch sale details at our January meeting. We will give volunteer groups a fee for helping with the big events like we do with helping with concessions.

New Business

TV Club requests 2 teleprompters that will help make the TV show more professional. \$800 – motion to fund request made by T. Forline, seconded by A. Swindale. Passed.

SGA to support Best Buddies bowling tournament – January 6 at Bowl America in Gaithersburg. \$200 to help with promotion and trophies for participants. Motion to fund request made by A. Swindale, seconded by T. Forline. Passed.

Spectator is asking for support up to \$2500 to help with the publishing costs of the book. They generally raise around \$3000. They are not able to give firm numbers for the cost because they are not billed until the summer. We want to ask the Spectator team to look into a different publisher since their current publisher has made a number of errors in the past including the most recent book. We will table this request until our January meeting.

Motion by A. Swindale to close the meeting, seconded by T. Forline. Meeting ended at 8:29 p.m.