

**Walter Johnson High School All-School Booster Club
Meeting on February 20, 2008**

Meeting Opened: at 7: 42 p.m. by A. Gradowski

Recorder: A. Fansler

Handouts: Agenda, Ed. Foundation Seat Sponsor Form, Mulch Sale Proposal

Members present: S. Taylor, L. Voight, L. Morris, L. Spak, W. Gambrill, J. Ellis, A. Schwartz, S. Gentilucci, L. Amsellem, C. Merrill, C. Schiponi, R. O'konski, A. Gradowski, A. Fansler

PR 2.08 President's Report – A. Gradowski

Our group needs to review the bylaws. Policies and procedures need to be added to them. The Booster Club needs to establish a timeline of regular activities and responsibilities that can be shared with future booster board leadership. We are currently working on a form for clubs and teams to use to submit regular reports to the booster club.

The school store is doing well. They are having some difficulty with the rolling door to the store. C. Merrill will look into that.

Preparation is underway for the Italian Dinner scheduled for March 14. There is some concern about low attendance because it is being held at Tilden.

Used Book Sale is scheduled for March 8th. To date the donations received are great!

AR 2.08 Administration Report – C. Merrill.

We are currently on schedule with construction. They have broken ground on the addition in the back of the school. We are scheduled to get back the Gym structure for use in August. The football teams will practice at Tilden Middle School next year. They will have access to the gym facilities at WJ for showers and locker rooms. The team will go to and from Tilden by bus. There will be a double third period for the Black History Month assembly. Paul Okeyo is the regional Wrestling Silver Medalist and also a state qualifier. Basketball senior nights are coming soon and interims will be mailed out shortly. The Winter Sports Awards Banquet is March 4. Spring sports parents meeting is March 10. Spring break starts March 21. Spring sports tryouts will be April 1. Many of our sports events will be held "away" next year due to the construction.

Mulch Sale- L. Voight

It is scheduled for April 5th. There will be two different shifts of workers. We already have several trucks promised to us for use that day.

TR 2.08 Treasurer Report – W. Gambrill

Everything is up to date and paid.

MR 2.08 Membership Report – A. Gradowski

T. Forline is unable to attend tonight's meeting but she is still receiving new memberships since the most recent booster mailing went out.

SCCR 2.08 Sports Commissioner Coordinator – J. Ellis

Invitations have been distributed to the team commissioners for the Winter Sports Award Banquet. A copy of the membership and educational foundation forms were handed out with the invitations. Rooms for the individual team gatherings have been assigned. They are starting to send out the invitations as a .pdf file at the request of some teams.

Gradowski reminded Ellis to remind the commissioners that they can be reimbursed up to \$25 for banquet expenses. Still looking for a few more commissioners for spring teams. We do need to send out a listserv reminder about the banquet. Wanted to see if we can use Edline to broadcast some of our events. Merrill will check with Garran to see if this is possible.

2.08 Concession Report– Gradowski

A. Swindale was unable to attend the meeting but they are doing well at Tilden.

PTSAR 2.08 – L. Amsellem

Prom breakfast still needs donations and volunteers. Spoke about the need for parent chaperones. PTSA is currently working on their bylaws. They are losing the editing and production staff for the Big Train newsletter and are in need of someone to take on that project. Need new officers and committee chairs for next year. Traffic and kids jaywalking was discussed and we heard about the new countdown crosswalks that were installed near WJ.

SGAR 2.08 – C. Merrill

Pennies for Patients is currently underway. The ping pong game at school had the same attendance this year as last. Stuck for a Book, C. Merrill was duct taped to a wall. Blood Drive is scheduled for March 5.

TR 2.08 Team Reports

Swim & Dive – L. Spak

The girls won the divisional championships and the boys placed third. The boys won the counties and the girls came in second. For four years straight WJ has won counties. Metros begins this week. The team is very excited.

Football – C. Shiponi

Parents meeting is coming soon . We have a committed group of parents to help keep the players positive through all of the confusion for next year. They will be hosting a “Meet the Coaches” event to encourage new players to join the team. Planning to send the kids to camp this summer. Already has a list of interested freshman for next year.

ER 2.08 Education Foundation – A. Schwartz

Seat plaque dedications are a great way to honor teachers and coaches. It costs \$200 and is a permanent recognition for their hard work and dedication. The plaques are not put on the seats but on a large bronze board outside of the auditorium. Funds collected go to the WJ Educational Foundation. They have sold about 200 to date. There will also be a

Wildcat Walk leading to the entrance of the new gym and bricks will be for sale in the near future.

Old Business

10.07 The tennis jackets are finally being done.

1.08 The Nominations list has been presented and we will be sending letters to encourage others to take on leadership roles for booster. We currently have a number of North Bethesda M.S. parents and few Tilden M.S. parents in leadership roles.

New Business

The print quality for **The Pitch add** in January was blurry. For February we will keep the ad the same but add info about the mulch sale. Deadline is February 29.

Mulch Sale Proposal – S. Gentilucci

We will plan to have 20 shifts of 4 person crews. We need to be more organized at the depot. Gentilucci proposed that we give \$100 to each team or club that has a 4 person crew fill a 4 hour shift with a \$25 bonus if a crew provides a truck. No team can earn more than 2 shifts worth. Upon discussion it was suggested that the clubs and teams can support booster without compensation. Merrill will work on this to see what response that he can get from coaches.

Policies and Practices. We need to add regular and standing financial obligations to the document like the Instrumental and Choral music awards and the Principal's Fund.

Funds Requests

Crew team - \$500 to help pay for onsite community fundraiser. Funds will help pay for the decorations and food being served. The school store will also provide a basket to be auctioned off. Motion to fund request was made by J. Ellis, seconded by R. Beattie. All in favor. No opposed. Passed.

Golf team golf bags. The cost for new golf team bags is \$942. 66. Motion to fund request was made by J. Ellis, seconded by L. Amsellem. All in favor. No opposed. Passed.

Additional Business

Marriott Spirit to Serve Award. SSL Coordinator sent this in to the booster club. March 14th is the deadline. It was suggested that F. Dellelo and the SGA should apply for this award. The paperwork will be given to them by A. Gradowski.

Motion by R. Beattie to close the meeting, seconded by L. Amsellem. Meeting ended at 9:33 p.m.