

Walter Johnson High School All-School Booster Club

Meeting Minutes

Recorder: A. Fansler	November 12, 2008
Handouts:	Agenda, October Minutes, Treasurer's Report, Membership Report
Members Present:	B. Fisher, W. Gambrill, A. Fansler, S. Christakos, T. Boatright, S. Taylor, J. Ellis, P. O'Leary, L. Morris, R. O'Konski, D. Heagen, L. Amsellem, D. Murdoch, L. Wang, C. Merrill, T. Forline, V. Stochak, A. Gradowski
Call to Order	<p>-Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President A. Gradowski.</p> <p>-Everyone was asked to sign attendance sheet.</p> <p>-Minutes for the October 2008 meeting were presented for approval. MOTION was made by J. Ellis to approve, seconded by S. Christakos. Unanimously Passed.</p>
President's Report: A. Gradowski PR 11.08	<p>-We will be welcoming a new board chair, Rachel Maleh, as the Publicity Chair for the Booster Club. She will be promoting booster activities to the larger community.</p> <p>- WJ Debate and Forensic teams are advancing well in competition. The Boys Cross Country team placed first at the state level. Awards will be made available to them through the Booster Club guidelines of a \$1625 limit per team or a \$65 limit per individual. This will be worked out with the coaches.</p> <p>-There will be a holiday potluck at A. Gradowski's house on December 10th that will also serve as our December meeting.</p> <p>-The Principle's Discretionary Fund is being renamed to S.A.F.E. - Student Assistance for Extra-curriculars.</p> <p>- Roseanne O'Konski has agreed to be the Co-Chair of the Mulch Sale along with Scott Tayler.</p> <p>-The Book Sale will be March 6 & 7. March 20 is the Italian Dinner along with the Student/Staff basketball game.</p>
SGA Report: T. Boatright SGAR 11.08	<p>-Blood drive was very successful.</p> <p>-Leadership class is hosting a 3 on 3 basketball tournament to benefit Nothing But Nets.</p> <p>There will be a \$12 per team participation fee.</p> <p>- There will be a canned food drive on Nov. 17 with a grade level competition for a pizza party.</p> <p>- Leadership class is also sponsoring a Spelling Bee on Dec. 4.</p> <p>-Best Buddies Bowl-a-rama will take place on Dec. 7 at Strike Bethesda.</p>
Administration Report: C. Merrill AR 11.08	<p>-We have finished our fall athletic season.</p> <p>-Winter Coaches meeting will be on Nov. 13 and the parent meeting will take place on Nov. 24.</p> <p>-There will be a half-day for students on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.</p> <p>-The construction will begin a new phase on Dec. 14. Staff should be able to move into the new back wing and science department before the winter break.</p>
Treasurer's Report: W. Gambrill TR 11.08	<p>-The accountant has the tax return complete. This is necessary to get the tax exempt card that the concession stand will need.</p> <p>-Currently have \$18,000 that is not restricted.</p> <p>-A snap shot of the booster spending has been put in the Big Train by A. Gradowski to show that we are truly an all-school booster club.</p>

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Membership Report: T. Forline MR 11.08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Over 90th grade families have joined the booster club. -We have delivered all of the sports passes for now. -Wants to acknowledge Jodie Kreiger of the girls soccer team at the sports awards banquet as a sports commissioner. -T. Forline brought up the idea of booster club board members having badges for when they are doing business in the school. C. Merrill said that staff and students are not required to wear badges. All staff members are suppose to stop and speak with visitors in the building. Volunteers should always sign in at the business office whenever entering the building.
Sports Commissioner Report: J. Ellis SCR 11.08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Wants us to consider giving out a premium to membership. Discussed at our 10.08 meeting giving out an incentive at the opening of the new stadium. This discussion was tabled until the January 09 meeting. -Only 25% of the teams use the printed invitations for the Sports Awards Banquet. This may not be a necessary expense. -Still looking for winter sports commissioners. - The commissioner packets have not all been returned from the fall commissioners. This was to let us know of additional fundraising that the teams are involved in and any outside checking accounts that exist. MCPS is requiring that these accounts be phased out and that all fundraising needs to be approved by the booster club. Trying to obtain financial and gender equity. -Erica Murray was put forth as a nominee for coach of the year. Mr. Wheeler was named coach of the year at the state level. Shawn O’Leary was named to the All-Gazette team. -Cheerleading competition on Nov. 22 at Blair High School. -D. Murdoch said that the Crew Club will be hosting a fundraiser night at Hamburger Hamlet and will also hold a citrus sale. -T. Forline said that the senior nights were not well promoted this year. It was felt that they were a little haphazard this year due to the fact that there were no home games. Senior night is an event operated by the administration. A. Gradowski stated that we need to make sure that parents do not try to take control of this event. It must remain equitable.
Concession Report: D. Heagan & V. Stochak CR 11.08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -There is a new permitting process that we must go through for the new concession stand. An extensive packet must be completed in order to open on Dec. 5 -We may need a few additional people to become official “permitted” individuals to be present when the stand is open.
School Store Report: 11.08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Report was submitted prior to the meeting. -A closet is now available near the gym for setting up the school store table during basketball games.
PTSA Report: A. Gradowski 11.08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -A great deal of discussion has taken place regarding the correct use of the PTSA Listserv. The PTSA President, Mike Karel, will be overseeing the the listserv and handling any issues when it is improperly used. It is to be used for school issues only.
Old Business:	None
New Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -First home game for the JV and Varsity girls basketball will be on Dec. 5. A. Gradowski mentioned that we had considered having a “give away” at the first game in the new gym. C. Merrill suggested that we have it coincide with the unveiling of the new cross country state banner. We will vote on this when we have a date.
Adjournment:	MOTION made by T. Forline. Seconded by S. Tayler. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

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