

## Walter Johnson High School All-School Booster Club Meeting Minutes

<b>Recorder: A. Fansler</b>	<b>February 11, 2009</b>
<b>Handouts:</b>	Agenda, Minutes for January, Fund Requests
<b>Members Present:</b>	R. Maleh, S. Lee, L. Spak, L. Amsellem, B. Fisher, W. Curtin, J. Ellis, D. Murdoch, C. Shiponi, D. Heagen, T. Boatright, S. Molloy, K. Molloy, S. Christakos, S. Amos, S. Taylor, C. Merrill, T. Forline, A. Gradowski, A. Fansler
<b>Call to Order</b>	-Meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. by President A. Gradowski.
<b>Treasurer Report: A. Gradowski TR 2.09</b>	-We currently have a net income of \$8,000 with \$18,000 in restricted funds.
<b>Membership Report: A. Gradowski MR 2.09</b>	-No change from last month
<b>Minutes:</b>	-Minutes for the January 2009 meeting were presented for approval. - <b>Motion</b> was made by S. Christakos to accept the January 2009 minutes. Seconded by L. Amsellem. Unanimously <b>Passed</b> .
<b>President Report: A. Gradowski PR 2.09</b>	-Everything is going well.
<b>SGA Report: T. Boatright SGAR 2.09</b>	-Pennies for Patients campaign is going really well. 60 teams have signed up to participate in the Pong for Pennies for Patients to take place on February 12 <sup>th</sup> in the school cafeteria. There is a Ledo Pizza fundraiser tonight and a dance scheduled for February 20 <sup>th</sup> . Tickets sales are slow for the dance and volunteers are needed to serve as chaperones. Students are busy collecting change in water jugs to see which male teacher will have to come to school in a dress. Staff members will also be duct taped to a wall to raise funds with Stuck for a Buck. A game tournament is scheduled for February 19 <sup>th</sup> . Best Buddies is hosting a movie night with donations going to Pennies for Patients. -A blood drive will take place at WJ in early April.
<b>Administration Report: C. Merrill AR 2.09</b>	-There is hope that the construction can be accelerated and the school can gain a number of new areas in May. Moving into the new areas will take place over a weekend and will allow us use of the space for the remainder of the school year. In August we should also be able to use the stadium, 8 tennis courts and all of the parking in the back of the school. The majority of the construction should be complete in November with just some final detail and landscaping work to complete beyond that. The front drop off circle will remain as a staging area for a little longer. -The Leadership Class is working really hard to make Pennies for Patients a huge success. -A. Gradowski pointed out that donations for Pennies for Patients can be made online this year.

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<b>Athletic Director Report:</b> S. Amos ADR 2.09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Many of the J.V. teams will be finishing up their season this week.</li> <li>-Senior nights are beginning.</li> <li>-There is a Poms competition on February 14<sup>th</sup> at Richard Montgomery.</li> <li>-The Swim &amp; Dive team begin their county competitions on February 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> with Metros the next week.</li> <li>-Regionals for the indoor track team are taking place tonight.</li> <li>-March 9<sup>th</sup> is the winter awards evening. They are looking for photos for the video presentation.</li> <li>-The Cross Country State Championship banner was unveiled on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Anna Bose was an overall winner as the fastest female for the state and was also recognized that evening.</li> <li>-Sports passes do not work for playoff games. They are state events and they collect the money. If WJ is the designated home team you can use your sports pass for the entrance fee.</li> <li>-C. Merrill wanted to give a special thank you to the Booster Club for the banners and the score board in the gym.</li> </ul>
<b>Concession Report:</b> D. Heagen CR 2.09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-We have made \$1,000 in concessions during the winter season. The wrestling tournament was a big part of our success.</li> <li>-Gymnastics county championships are being held at WJ in April or May. This will be a big money make for the Booster Club.</li> </ul>
<b>School Store Report:</b> D. Murdoch SSR 2.09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Sales to the WJ staff are going really well with many orders.</li> <li>-L. Amsellem said that someone from Tilden Middle School recently called regarding the possibility of a transition t-shirt for the upcoming freshmen. Both middle schools will need to be contacted about this.</li> </ul>
<b>PTSA Report:</b> L. Amsellem PTSAR 2.09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Most recent scheduled meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for next week.</li> </ul>
<b>Old Business:</b>	<p><b>Mulch Sale 1.09-2C</b> Details for the mulch sale are on the WJ Booster Club web page. It will also be posted in the Gazette. We need to do more in house advertising. J. Ellis will remind the sports commissioners to promote the sale.</p> <p><b>Italian Dinner 1.09-2B</b> Italian dinner is the same night as the North Bethesda Middle School Student/Staff basketball game. Sports commissioners should promote the Italian dinner as well as the book sale.</p> <p><b>Used Book Sale 1.09-2A B.</b> Fisher has not heard from any students interested in earning SSL hours at the book sale.</p> <p><b>Credit Card Machine 1.09-1</b> The Booster club will be investing in 2 of it's own credit card machine to be used for various events and activities.</p> <p><b>Seeking Future Chairs 1.09-2</b> We need to know which committee chairs will be leaving this year. We also need to make sure we continue to recruit new parents. S. Christakos has agreed to serve as president for next year. A new vice president is needed. We must appoint new nominating committee members by March.</p>

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New Business:	<p><b>Website Design 2.09-1</b> Sean &amp; Kirsten Malloy have been looking into how we can get online purchasing for Booster membership, school store, fundraisers and much more. They are proposing that we shift from a paper heavy way of doing business to an online format. The WJBooster domain is available and has been reserved for our use. This will give us ultimate control of our booster website. It will require a third party source to take in information and process it for a small fee. The fees would be around 3% per transaction. Current paper and mailing fees are easily costing this. All of the registered electronic information that we receive through the website can be used for marketing purposes and not limit us to the WJ listserv. A. Gradowski reminded us that anything that we do will have to be approved by the administration. Sean Malloy has offered to guide us through this process and serve as our web master. C. Merrill pointed out that we must follow MCPS policies. A. Gradowski requested that everyone put their concerns in writing for us to cover at a later date.</p>
Funding Requests:	<p><b>2.09-2A Robotics Club</b> is requesting \$800 to help cover the cost of the registration fee for this years regional robotics competition. <b>Motion</b> was made by J. Ellis that we approve this request. <b>Seconded</b> by S. Taylor. Unanimously <b>Passed</b>.</p> <p><b>2.09-2B S.T.A.G.E.</b> will be purchasing a credit card machine from Ticket Leap for \$644. They are requesting \$315 from the Booster Club towards the cost of the machine. They are unable to use the Booster Club credit card machines because of the Ticket Leap software. <b>Motion</b> was made by J. Ellis that we approve this request. <b>Seconded</b> by S. Taylor. Unanimously <b>Passed</b>.</p> <p><b>2.09-2C WJ Crew Club</b> is requesting \$1,200 in support of their upcoming auction. The funds will be used to purchase items for the auction and cover the cost of some of the food. <b>Motion</b> was made by S. Christakos that we approve this request. <b>Seconded</b> by T. Forline. Unanimously <b>Passed</b>.</p> <p>-C. Merrill brought up the <b>S.T.A.G.E.</b> request for cycling lights that was tabled from our last meeting. The lights can be rented but they are very expensive. Their original request was for \$2,400. They are now covering half of the cost to purchase these lights and have requested \$1,230 from the Booster Club. <b>Motion</b> was made by S. Taylor that we approve this new request. <b>Seconded</b> by R. Maleh. Unanimously <b>Passed</b>.</p>
Adjournment:	<b>Motion</b> made by J. Ellis, <b>seconded</b> by L. Amsellem. <b>Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.</b>