

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

<b>Recorder: A. Fansler</b>	<b>September 9, 2009</b>
<b>Handouts:</b>	Agenda
<b>Members Present:</b>	S. Christakos, W. Gambrell, S. Ali, B. Fisher, P. Gilman, L. Sadove, E. Edgar, S. Amos, L. Parker, T. Plunkett, J. Joseph, L. Amsellem, S. Molley, R. Maleh, S. Lee, A. Karp, J. Ellis, G. Schiponi, L. Weed, K. Scott, V. Strochan, L. Spurrell, J. Wittan, T. Forline, A. Fansler, J. Joseph
<b>Call to Order / Minutes</b>	-Meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by S. Christakos. -Minutes were not available for the August meeting and will be distributed at a later date.
<b>President Report: S. Christakos PR 9.09</b>	<p>-There was a great Booster Club presence at the New Student Picnic. Spirit wear sold really well.</p> <p>-At least 2000 people were at the kick-off for the new stadium. Concession sales were incredible. We took in \$500 on the iPod giveaway. The enthusiasm of everyone present was amazing.</p> <p>-Back to School Night is tomorrow and alumni volunteers are asked to help at the Booster table so that parents of current students can go to the classrooms to meet the teachers. Volunteers will also be selling Booster Brew for \$1 a cup. All committee chairs should have sign-up sheets available at the Booster table.</p> <p>-We have new Tilden Middle School liasons. It was recommended that J. Ellis work with them to get the middle schools connected with the mulch sale.</p> <p>-We are looking for a coffee fundraising chair.</p> <p>-The issue of a food license for our concession stand was raised last year and tabled for later discussion. C. Merrill has informed us that the contractors are requesting that we apply for one as soon as possible. We are in need of a volunteer who is knowledgeable that can help us through this process. T. Daza has some experience having helped the Wildwood Swimming Pool apply for one.</p> <p>-It has been decided that it is premature for us to begin a student internship in conjunction with our new online school store. We will wait to get everything up and running before we pursue it further. R. Maleh will give us the name of five different vendors to consider handling the merchandising for the online store.</p> <p>-L. Amsellem has designed a new logo for the booster website. L. Amsellem and S. Molloy have put in approximately 50 hours developing the website. C. Shiponi suggested that we have a "are you a member yet" link to the booster website on each of the sport team pages. S. Christakos will contact Maria about this idea.</p> <p>-D. Heagan and V. Strochan have done an incredible job getting the new concession stand up and running.</p> <p>-Homecoming is October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.</p>
<b>Athletic Director Report: A. Amos ADR 9.09</b>	<p>-Construction is moving along quickly. The new softball field grass will be going in soon as well as the baseball field.</p> <p>-All fall sports teams have had their photos taken except for the tennis team who is waiting for their new uniforms.</p> <p>-The first home football game was excellent. WJ Cluster elementary school kids got in free with a paying parent. New sports passes will be handed out at a table right outside the gate.</p> <p>-Signs are needed to help direct people at the ticket gate and extra volunteers are needed to rip tickets as people enter. C. Shiponi will try to get some of those needed volunteers from the football parents.</p> <p>-Students who wear their school T-shirts from Tilden and North Bethesda middle schools can get into the WJ football games for \$1.</p> <p>-A photo of the WJ football crowd is being considered for next year's MCPS athletic brochure.</p>

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<b>SGA Report: G. Shiponi &amp; T. Plunkett SGAR 9.09</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Special thank you to the booster club for T-shirts they used for give-aways at the opening home game. The students really liked the idea of give-aways for future games.</li> <li>-The leadership class can provide some of the volunteers for booster events.</li> <li>-There will be a "green out" at the upcoming football game against Whitman.</li> </ul>
<b>Sports Commissioner Report: J. Ellis SCR 9.09</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-We have a good group of commissioners for this year.</li> <li>-Really want to promote school spirit.</li> <li>-The mulch sale is the next big push for the commissioners to promote among their teams. The sale will be April 10<sup>th</sup>. S. Malloy asked if commissioners are encouraging team parents to join booster. J. Ellis confirmed that he is regularly promoting membership in his communications with the individual teams.</li> </ul>
<b>School Store Report: S. Ali SSR 9.09</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-They are expecting a big night for the store at the Back to School Night and they have all the needed volunteers covered.</li> <li>-S. Malloy asked if the store is required to get three bids for merchandise like the online store. It was suggested that we consider the same for the in-school store.</li> </ul>
<b>Membership Report: T. Forline MR 9.09</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-We currently have 157 new memberships and have sold \$6,000 in sports passes.</li> <li>-Average member donation is \$76 and the 10<sup>th</sup> grade currently has the highest membership participation.</li> <li>-Four of our athletic teams have close to 50% membership participation.</li> </ul>
<b>Treasurer Report: W. Gambrill TR 9.09</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The credit card machine is going to be cancelled. We were not informed initially about a couple of additional charges that we will be charged when not using it.</li> <li>-The stop watch bill from the Cross Country team has been paid.</li> </ul>
<b>Old Business:</b>	<p><b>Website Update 6.09-1</b> S. Molloy and L. Amsellem are going through the content of the site including color, headers and descriptions. L. Amsellem is adding the graphics to help improve the look of the site. T. Forline wants to make sure that she gets the information about members who join online. We are going to shut down the online Paypal options for membership until we are able to work out all the kinks. The PDF membership form will still be available online to print out and mail in.</p> <p><b>Coffee Fundraiser 8.09-2</b> J. Joseph reports that the coffee fundraiser is turning into an income stream instead of a one time thing. We have found a free trade vendor in Madison, Wisconsin. They have sent us sample artwork that includes the WJ logo. We will start our fundraiser with the Wildcat Wake Up coffee. The plan is to sell it for \$10 a bag which is comparable to Starbucks. We did an initial sampling at the faculty breakfast and the teachers really liked it. We will be selling at Back to School night. Still in the process of perfecting the brewing process and hope to sell it at the concession stand as it gets colder. Looking for the parent of an underclassman who can take the lead on this fundraiser for a couple years. Also did research on imprinting cups and sleeves but the cost is too high. Might consider stickers to place on plain cups.</p>
<b>New Business:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-<b>Football Game on 9/11</b> C. Shiponi said that they are planning a moment of silence.</li> <li>-J. Wittan asked for everyone to come out and support the <b>Big Train Tournament</b>.</li> <li><b>9.09-2/a</b> The Forensics team is requesting \$150 for an annual subscription for an online library. We have granted this request to them for the last three years. <b>Motion</b> made by T. Forline that we approve this request. <b>Seconded</b> by C. Shiponi. <b>Unanimously Passed.</b></li> <li><b>9.09-2/b</b> The Coed Volleyball team is requesting the we reimburse the school \$4,000 for an Air Cat Volleyball machine. It was discussed that a number of students on the different volleyball teams will benefit from this purchase. <b>Motion</b> was made by T. Forline that we fund this request to reimburse the school. <b>Seconded</b> by R. Maleh. <b>Motion Passed</b> with one no vote.</li> </ul>
<b>Adjournment:</b>	Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

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