

# Walt Whitman High School

## PTSA Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2011

### Welcome

PTSA Co-President Robin Rosenblum welcomed everyone.

### Approval of November Minutes

November Minutes were approved.

### Student Government Report

PTSA Co-President Jay Kaufman gave the SGA Report.

- The month long Leukemia/Lymphoma fundraiser continues with a 3 v. 3 basketball tournament, Whitman Idol, Boy Auction, and the sale of Tim/Marcella team bands.
- Through SGA efforts, the library is remaining open until a later time
- Every 15 Minutes, an alcohol and driving awareness program, will be held in March

### Principal's Report

**Thank you to Parents.** Dr. Goodwin thanked the parents for their active involvement in the many clubs, sports, and programs at Whitman. He noted that he was impressed with the parental involvement that made the extracurricular activities successful.

**Budget/Staffing.** On March 4, 2011, Dr. Goodwin will receive the new staff allocation from MCPS. Enrollment has decreased 30 to 40 students. While staff and support personnel may be reduced, students will not be adversely affected. Class size may increase by one student, however, the same counselors and the majority of the staff will remain. Staff will be notified on March 25, 2011, should involuntary transfers be necessary. The number of retirements will affect the number of staff transfers. The largest issue is morale of staff. Goodwin will review the needs of each department and the cuts then depend on the seniority of the staff.

**Walt Whitman High School Education Foundation.** Goodwin noted the continued support of the foundation. In addition to the computers installed in the media center, Ms. Deigelman, Spanish, recently received a Promethean Board and Mr. Pope, Technical Education, will receive one next.

**Dangers of Marijuana.** Students will receive information regarding the dangers of marijuana in next week's homeroom period.

## **President's Report**

Co-PTSA President Jay Kaufman gave the President's Report.

- Volunteers are needed to serve on the Nominating Committee for next year's PTSA Executive Committee

## **Membership Report**

Co-PTSA President Jay Kaufman gave the Membership Report.

- PTSA membership is behind 100-150 members from its 2010-2011 goal
- Memberships continue to be accepted
- Over 400 students have joined the PTSA
- Discussion held whether the Student Directories should be coordinated by the PTSA instead of the Senior Class. The sale of Student Directories is a major fundraiser for Senior Class activities including the Senior Brunch and other graduation activities

## **Treasurer's Report**

Mario Finelli, Treasurer, noted that although PTSA membership is down from the previous year, most of the main expenses have been met and financially, the budget looks good.

## **Post Prom**

Sue Kanter, Post Prom Chair, explained that the event, designed to keep students safe following prom, will be from 1 to 5 AM in the gymnasium.

- Volunteers are needed for Raffle Chair, set up, and the event
- Capitol Steps, a fundraising event for Post Prom, will be held on Sunday, March 13, 2011, at 7 pm in the auditorium

## **Festival of the Arts**

An event to be held on May 25 and May 26, 2011, includes sculpture, painting, and photography exhibits.

- Kathy Pomerenk is the Chair
- One Act Plays will be held on May 24 (The evening before the Festival of the Arts)
- Volunteers are needed

There was no new business and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine A. McMullen, Recording Secretary