

Walt Whitman High School

PTSA Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2009

Welcome

PTSA Co-President Vicky Strella welcomed everyone. (Agenda Attached)

Student Government Report

Aaron Schifrin, SGA President, provided the report.

The *Varsity Boys Soccer* team is playing in the Maryland State Finals on Friday, November 20, at 7:30 at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. There will be a pep rally on Friday. Arrangements have been made for a Spirit Bus that will be departing Whitman at 5 PM.

Whitman Idol will be held in December with teachers serving as judges.

The *Leukemia Lymphoma* fundraiser will be held to support a Whitman freshman. The fundraiser is a competition with other local high schools and Whitman's goal is to be more successful than Walter Johnson High School.

Announcements

Marjorie Scott, Art Resource Teacher, announced the *8th Annual Walt Whitman High School Arts School Forum* to be held on Wednesday, December 2, 2009, from 5:00 to 7:30 in the Whitman Cafeteria. Mrs. Scott stated that the Art School Forum was an opportunity for students to have their portfolio, slides and/or sketchbook reviewed by a number of art schools and colleges. She noted that National Portfolio Days at the Corcoran College of Art and Design is to be held on Saturday, December 6, in Washington, D.C., and the Maryland Institute College of Art is to be held on Sunday, December 7, in Baltimore, Maryland. Mrs. Scott pointed out that Whitman students have a unique opportunity to have their work reviewed because the Art Forum was only for Whitman students while the National Portfolio Days was for all Washington, D.C. area students. Dr. Goodwin added that students have previously been offered admission and/or scholarships from participating schools based on their review of the students' work at the Art Forum.

Mrs. Scott also requested volunteers for the *Festival of the Arts*. A parent is needed to Chair or Co-Chair the event. This position entails coordinating meetings of all volunteers and generating ideas, oversight of the physical set up of the Festival of the Arts on May 24, installation of the art work on May 25 and attendance at the event on May 26 and May 27. Chairs are also needed for the Festival of the Arts Awards Night which will be held on Thursday, May 27, between 5 and 6 PM at which time students who are nominated by the art teachers receive

awards. The Stephanie Gannon Award is presented at that time which will have the recipient's name placed on the award. A Chair is also needed for the Silent Auction. The Alumni/Staff Exhibit also needs a Chair. This position is responsible for using a data base to contact alumni to alert them to the date of the Festival of the Arts and invite them to participate. Future announcements and information will be posted on Whitman's web site and on Whitnet.

Principal's Report

Dr. Goodwin said he had missed the October PTSA meeting because he was at the Russian Embassy at the dedication of the statute of Walt Whitman that was unveiled in Moscow.

Football Practice was disrupted by an individual throwing rocks and posting threats. The Montgomery County police acted quickly and arrested the individual.

Girls Varsity Soccer game suffered the loss of one of its players grandfather's during the game against Magruder.

Boys Varsity Soccer is in the Maryland State Finals for the first time since 2000.

Whitman Debate Team has had extraordinary success both locally and nationally. Parents are to be applauded for their support of the team.

Into the Woods, Whitman's fall musical production will be held from Thursday, November 19, through Sunday, November 22, 2009.

Winter Choral Concert will be held on December 16 at 7 PM.

Internet Safety Meeting will be held on December 1 at 7:30 PM and on December 2 for students. An Assistant State's Attorney will speak about Cybersaftey and legalities.

Graduation is June 14, 2010, at 2 PM. The date conflicts with a national debate tournament, however, the date cannot be changed. The late graduation date gives any seniors additional time to complete graduation requirements such as SSL hours. Dr. Kathlyn Carroll is the key supervisor for graduation.

T-Mobile Presentation – Dr. Goodwin is allowed to permit cell companies, such as T-Mobile, to come onto school property and determine the most advantageous site for a cell tower. T-Mobile will present its ideas to the community. Coverage in area of school is lacking. There is a rental incentive that would be shared by Whitman, MCPS, and Cluster schools, however, that is not a controlling factor.

Approval of October Minutes

October Minutes were approved.

Bylaws Amendments (Attached)

Sue Kanter presented the amendments to the bylaws explaining that Maryland PTA requires a review every three years. Maryland PTA does not permit co-officers, therefore, the amendments change the positions of Co-Vice Presidents for Volunteers and Membership to First and Second Vice Presidents. A list of duties is also included in the amendments.

Bylaws Amendments were approved.

President's Report

- ***Junior Parent Networking Meeting*** announced by Suzanne Goode on Monday, November 23, in the Cafeteria at 7 PM. Dr. Michael Houston, Adolescent and Adult Psychiatrist, and Associate Clinical Professor at the George Washington University Medical Center, will address the issues of teen alcohol and drug use, sexual activity and dangerous driving. All parents are encouraged to attend.
- ***Freshmen Parent Networking Meeting*** will be held on December 3, 2009, on Creating Connections which will discuss the importance of connections among families.
- ***Alternate Gift and SSL Fair*** was announced by Jodi McGill, Student Service Learning Representative, to be held on December 5, 2009, from 10 – 3 in the Pyle Middle School Dining Room. The fair is being held in order to make donations to local nonprofits on behalf of others and to learn about SSL opportunities.
- ***Book Discussion*** was announced by Anne Hollander, Stressbusters Committee, on “Good Enough Teen: Raising Adolescents with Love and Respect” by Brad Sachs to be held immediately following the January 19, 2010, PTSA meeting.
- ***Post Prom Report***. Heitzi Epstein reported that the post prom committee is looking for volunteers to chair 1) Security; 2) Sign In/Sign Out; and 3) Parent Meeting.
- ***Viking Voice*** will be available on December 1, 2009.
- ***Additional Item***: A Whitnet posting on November 15, 2009, reported that the new findings of Richard Boltuck of under reporting accidents at the dangerous Braeburn Parkway/River Road intersection, and asked people to read the Whitnet notice for details and to contact the PTSA or Dr. Goodwin if anyone wishes to volunteer to work on calling more attention to this issue.

Treasurer's Report (Attached)

Sue Kanter gave the Treasurer's Report. The budget of \$32,000 has been met. The expenses are on track. It was noted that financially very little happens until dues and contributions have been collected.

Membership Report

Vicky Strella gave the Membership Report announcing that the PTSA had a successful membership drive with a total of 1100 members of which 825 are parents. This accounts for over 50% of student households. \$11,000 in contributions had been collected. One third of the membership had signed up on the new on line system, Pay4SchoolStuffOnLine.com, that also provided free pens.

New Business

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned with the T-Mobile presentation directly following the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine A. McMullen, Co-Recording Secretary

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Treasurer's Report – see reverse

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Volunteer Report

New Business

Adjournment

***NOTE: In the Media Center after adjournment of the PTSA Meeting, there will be a Community Meeting for a T-Mobile Presentation and Q & A .**

Upcoming dates:

For calendar details and events not included below, go to Whitman Calendar Central:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/whitmanhs/general/calendar.shtml>

November 2009	December 2009	January 2010
19 CAC meeting 1:15 p	1 Internet Safety Mtg 7:30 p	4 School resumes
19, 20, 21 "Into the Woods" 7:30 p	2 Art School Forum, 5 p	14 Exam review day
22 "Into the Woods" 2 p	3 9 th gr Parent Networking 7 p	15, 19, 20, 21, 22 Final exams
23 11 th gr Parent Networking 7 p	5 LAX Xmas tree sale 9 am - 4 pm	18 MLK Jr. Day Holiday

24	Winter parent/coach mtg 6:30 p	9	Cluster Choral Concert 7 p	19	Jan. PTSA meeting 7:30 p
25	Early Release K-12	10	Cluster Instrumental Concert 7 p		
26, 27	Thanksgiving Holiday	16	Winter Choral Concert 7 p		
		19	Practice SAT 8:30 a		
		22	Winter Instrumental Concert 7 p		
		24 – 31	Winter Break		

Walt Whitman High School PTSA
Proposed By-Law Amendments
November 17, 2009

Current	Proposed
<p>Article VI Officers and Their Election</p> <p>Section 2. Officers and their election, provisions a and e, are modified to read as follows:</p> <p>a. The officers of WWHS-PTSA shall be president, executive vice president, vice president for membership, vice president for volunteers, recording secretary, treasurer, and corresponding secretary. Two or more individuals may fill any office other than president or executive vice president.</p> <p>e. An officer shall not be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office with two exceptions: (1) President and executive vice president shall be considered a single category to which the limit of two consecutive terms applies. (ii) An individual is eligible to serve as treasurer for not more than three consecutive terms.</p>	<p>Article VI Officers and Their Election</p> <p>Section 2. Officers and their election, provisions a and e, are modified to read as follows:</p> <p>a. The officers of WWHS-PTSA shall be president, executive vice president, first vice president for membership, second vice president for membership, first vice president for volunteers, second vice president for volunteers, recording secretary, treasurer, and corresponding secretary.</p> <p>e. An officer shall not be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office with except that an individual is eligible to serve as treasurer for not more than three consecutive terms. For purposes of this subsection: (1) President and executive vice president shall be considered a single category to which the limit of two consecutive terms applies, (2) First vice president for membership and second vice president for membership shall be considered a single category to which the limit of two consecutive terms applies, and (3) First vice president for volunteers and second vice president for volunteers president shall be considered a single category to which the limit of two consecutive terms applies.</p>
	<p>Duties of Officers Add section 8; renumber as needed</p> <p>A. The first vice president for membership shall recruit members and shall maintain a current membership list. The second vice president for membership shall assist the first vice president for membership in these responsibilities.</p> <p>B. The first vice president for volunteers shall recruit, train and assist volunteers. The second vice president for volunteers shall assist the first vice president for membership in these responsibilities.</p>
<p>Article VI Section 3 Nominating Committee</p> <p>d. Only individuals who are current members of WWHS-PTSA, who are the parents or legal guardians of a student enrolled at WWHS and/or staff members at WWHS, and who have signified their consent to serve if elected shall be nominated for, or elected to, such office.</p>	<p>Article VI Section 3 Nominating Committee</p> <p>d. Only those individuals who are current members of this local PTA/PTSA and who have signified their consent to serve if elected shall be nominated for, or elected to, such office.</p>

**Walt Whitman High School PTSA
Treasurer's Report, November, 2009**

	<u>Jul '09 - Jun 10</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>
Income			
Cash on Hand	3,213.31	3,500.00	(286.69)
Dues and Contributions			
Contributions	0.00	11,000.00	(11,000.00)
Family Membership	0.00	20,000.00	(20,000.00)
Student Membership	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
Teacher Membership	0.00	100.00	(100.00)
Dues/Contributions – Other	27,403.40		
Total Dues and Contributions	<u>27,403.40</u>	<u>32,100.00</u>	<u>(4,696.60)</u>
Interest	1.90	5.00	(3.10)
Total Income	<u>30,618.61</u>	<u>35,605.00</u>	<u>(4,986.39)</u>
Expense			
Administration	0.00	100.00	(100.00)
Bank fees	143.55	75.00	68.55
Building Appearance & Security	0.00	2,800.00	(2,800.00)
Dues to County, State PTA	0.00	4,400.00	(4,400.00)
Guidance Advisory Committee	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
Insurance (Liability)	0.00	200.00	(200.00)
Intercultural	0.00	100.00	(100.00)
Library Book Fund Media Center	0.00	800.00	(800.00)
Membership	0.00	250.00	(250.00)
Networking	122.91	150.00	(27.09)
Newcomers	96.82	400.00	(303.18)
Newsletter Printing	0.00	3,000.00	(3,000.00)
One Time Grants	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
Organizational Gifts	0.00	500.00	(500.00)
Postage	162.37	1,500.00	(1,337.63)
Principal's Fund	0.00	5,000.00	(5,000.00)
Professional Enhancement Grants	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
Program & Classroom Grants	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
PTSA Presidents Fund	150.00	300.00	(150.00)
Staff Appreciation			
End of Year Luncheon	0.00	2,500.00	(2,500.00)
Staff Appreciation - Other	79.70	1,300.00	(1,220.30)
Total Staff Appreciation	<u>79.70</u>	<u>3,800.00</u>	<u>(3,720.30)</u>
Student Activities	0.00	500.00	(500.00)
Technology	0.00	1,500.00	(1,500.00)
Welcome to Whitman	0.00	700.00	(700.00)
Total Expense	<u>755.35</u>	<u>31,075.00</u>	<u>(30,319.65)</u>

Net Income

29,863.26

4,530.00

25,333.26