

**Walt Whitman High School
PTSA Meeting Minutes
April, 21, 2009**

Welcome

PTSA Co-President, Vicky Stella, welcomed everyone.

Student Government Association Report

Brandt Silver-Korn, SGA Treasurer, reported on spring activities. Student Member on Board (Education) will take place at Whitman. Two candidates will make video presentations on April 29th and then students will vote using actual electronic voting machines to cast their votes. Voting for the Executive Board of the SGA will take place during the same week. Spring Fair is scheduled for May 21 from 4:30-8:30pm. Fair is geared to younger kids so publicity has been heavy at local elementary schools. Parent volunteers are needed for one to four hour shifts to help with the booths. Admission is \$5. Proceeds will go to Whitman clubs and the Jerome Marco Scholarship. If interested in volunteering please contact SGA by email whitmansga@gmail.com

Principal's Report

Assistant Principal, Jennifer Webster, gave a report since Dr. Goodwin was attending the Champion for Children's Dinner. The Shakespeare Festival was held on April 23. All English students participated with projects. AP Exams will be administered from May 4th through May 15th. Seniors have heard message from Administrators regarding drugs and alcohol at the Prom and Post Prom Seniors have been reminded that if they are found with either they will NOT walk in Graduation. Graduation tickets will be delivered to Seniors during their lunch period this year. All extra ticket requests should go to AP Dr. Kathlyn Carroll. Administration is thrilled with two new hires for the 2009-10 school year. A Tech education teacher from BCC and a math teacher from Blair will be fulltime teachers. They are still looking for a ½ time ESOL teacher. It is hard to find one given the reduced hours but there may be a way to share one teacher with Pyle. Report Cards will list student's classes for the 2009-10 school year. Any requests for changes need to be made by May 8th by email or phone to counselor. Dr. Goodwin spoke to the students by videotape reminding them what they can and can't do at the Protest on April 24th. Shirts have been made available to students to wear to show solidarity and school spirit. Teachers, MCPS Security, MC Police, and plainclothes police officers will be present to keep things under control. Student obligations are no longer posted publicly.

Minutes

March minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report

Janice Mehler, Treasurer, made the report. Professional grant monies are beginning to be requested. The American Plant Food fundraiser yielded \$174. Funds have been earmarked for the Career Information Center (CIC) for new reference books. Request was made that Report be posted on website for those who can't attend meeting.

Nominating Committee Report

Joan Wolf Chiaverini presented the slate of officers for 2009-10 Co-Presidents thanked Joan and the rest of the Nominating Committee for outstanding work on putting together a wonderful slate of officers for next year. The list is also posted on the website.

WWHS PTSA officer nominees 2009-2010 proposed by Nominations Committee

Co-presidents:

(returning) Sue Kanter & Vicky Strella

Corresponding Secretary /Whitnet moderator:

(returning) Peter Hobby

Recording Secretary:

Rebecca Kahlenberg & Catherine McMullen

Treasurer:

Sheila Duncan-Peters

Vice-Presidents for Volunteers:

(returning) Karen Finucan Clarkson & Susan Scholl

Vice-Presidents for Membership:

Sharron Brossi & Debbie Flack

PTSA Committee and GAC Updates

The Beach Week meeting with Walter Johnson and Wootton was considered a great success in content and form. PTSA is looking at ways to share speakers for other meetings. For example, the 10th grade Driving Presentation. The Talent Show is April 30 through May 2nd. Volunteers are still needed for Post Prom, in particular to staff the late shift.

New Business

Don Libes asked that the PTSA Co-Presidents to raise with Dr. Goodwin the results of the most recent school audit, in particular, the question of how similar the last two audit reports seem.

The meeting was adjourned.

**Minutes respectfully submitted by,
Noelle McHugh, Recording Secretary**

