

Walt Whitman High School PTSA Minutes
January 21, 2009
Minutes

Welcome

PTSA Co-Chair Vicky Strella called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Student Government Association Report

Doug Acker, SGA President, reported that Whitman Idol made \$700 for the Make a Wish Foundation. SGA will sponsor a Pennies for Patients drive beginning 2/9/09. The Winter Dance proceeds are earmarked for the Debate Team.

Principal's Report

Dr. Goodwin thanked Kim Schifrin and the Whitman Foundation for organizing the Language Lab demonstration that took place immediately prior to meeting start. Whitman will be visited again this spring by students and teachers from the school in Seoul, Korea. Whitman continues to develop relationships for similar cultural exchanges including Spain and France. He reiterated his request that parents send letters of appreciation to teachers. The master schedule is being coordinated for next fall. Students will be choosing classes in February. There will be offerings from University of Maryland and Montgomery College. Staffing allocations will be made around 3/6/09. He expects to lose a few teachers but administrative staff will work hard to minimize the sacrifice. Class size is expected to be about the same. Building Services may get trimmed. Two students have been selected as Intel Science semifinalists. Ms. Keating will be returning from maternity leave as a half time teacher. Ms. Franklin, the long term sub for Keating, will become permanent full time.

Approval of Minutes

November Minutes were approved.

PTSA Committee Reports

Vicky Strella thanked Mona Tata and Kara McIntosh for organizing the 10th grade Driving meeting.

Post Prom: Brenda Zimmerman, co-chair, reported on progress. The committee co-chairs are almost filled with help still needed for Set-up, Casino, and Security. Shelley Dane is Brenda's co-chair. The Theme will be unveiled at the Senior Class Parent Meeting to be held on February 3. Dine-Out fundraiser is scheduled for 3/18. Tyler Whitmore, Decorating Chair, is looking for a parent experienced with set building or carpentry to help. Carol Anderson is coordinating the activities.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Janice Mehler presented the report explaining reduced revenue requires us to trim some expenses. The budget is flexible enough to handle the shortage. For example, printer costs are 50% less than expected and rarely do we spend all the Professional Enhancement Grants allotted.

MCPTA Resolution

There were two resolutions presented. The Gifted Child Committee wants kids appropriately identified and provided with an enriching curriculum. The second resolution involved the Capital Improvement Budget. MCCPTA is interested in making sure that all budgeted projects continue on calendar. The Whitman PTSA had no objections to the proposed resolutions.

Motion to adjourn meeting was approved.

Respectively submitted,
Noelle McHugh (Recording Secretary)

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