

**Wakefield Forest ES - PTA Meeting Agenda**  
**7:30pm Feb 8, 2011 WFES Library**

**I. Call to Order.**

**II. Secretary Report – Ellen Rolen**

- a. Previous Month's minutes were approved.

**III. President's Report – Alison Wright**

- a. All-day kindergarten discussion. Alison received a flyer to support 37 schools that still have half-day Kindergarten. Currently, WFES puts a full-day curriculum in a half-day environment. Sheri D'Amato added information on the topic: The group spoke to the school board on Jan 24<sup>th</sup>. The School Board has asked Dr. Dale to roll out a plan to instigate full-day K at all elementary schools over the next 3 years. Primary issue: Full-day K requires additional staffing – will we get a budget increase to cover it. In a 3-year phase, we would likely get it in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year (but no guarantee of this). We need to find someone to spearhead WFES efforts to support it. Something will go in the TWIG.
- b. Auction committee – Tabled.
- c. Marlee Walk going forward. Date is Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Jane Wilson is chairing.
- d. PTA website. Janice is working with Mike Lis on a new PTA website. We have done away with the Yippe version. On Jan 18<sup>th</sup>, we purchased back our web domain. We are getting feedback on what goes where at the site. The Board should look at the "flow" of the site. Mike is getting the TWIG online. You must go through your blackboard account, but it takes you right to the TWIG. Much thanks go to Mike Lis for all his hard work.

**IV. Principal's Report - Sheri D'Amato.**

1. Read Naturally program – Janice Viola is the parent POC.
2. As of Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, Kindergarten students must be met by a 7<sup>th</sup> grader or guardian at the bus stop.
3. FCPS budget is being put forward at \$2.2 billion for 177,000 students. Dr. Dale is asking for a 2% employee raise (the first in 2-3 years). This will require a small tax increase. Parents should talk to supervisor to fund the budget – if you agree. The impact of class sizes greatly affects WFES.
4. Tessie Wilson is coming to talk on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 6:15-6:30 in the cafeteria, before the Folk Dance. Even a .25 increase in class-size probably cause the loss of a staff person at a grade level at WFES. Sheri has stretched the PTA budget supplements as far as she can to avoid it. She has run out of options.
5. School Board budget work sessions are ongoing. ON March 8<sup>th</sup> the Board of Supervisors announces the tx rate which will determine if FCPS gets a bigger budget. The FCPS budget gets presented to the Board of Supervisors on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Keep checking FCPS.edu for budget updates.
6. Teacher donations for the auction are trickling in.
7. Feb 17<sup>th</sup> is the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Talent show.
8. The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade vs. their Parents basketball game will be March 4<sup>th</sup>.
9. The 4<sup>th</sup> Grade social studies books have been recalled. The new 4<sup>th</sup> grade books will not come until the summer. The online versions have been updated. Students will be given access and audio.
10. Woodson Writing Mentor are solidifying.
11. Artists and Authors Day will be April 11<sup>th</sup>, the same day as the volunteer luncheon.
12. Snow Removal – It is not a county ordinance that sidewalks get cleared – rather it is a civic duty. If bus stops are not cleared, schools will be cancelled.

13. Skill Builders – are workbooks that students can use over the summer. Does the PTA want to sell it as a fundraiser?

**V. Assistant Principal's Report - Sharyn Prindle.** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade writing SOLs are coming up in early March.

**VI. Faculty Representative's Report - Diana Maggi.** Thank you for the Cultural Arts assembly. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Colonial Night is Feb 4<sup>th</sup>. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade team is present.

**VII. Treasurer's Report - Vicki Hurlebus.** Highlight of the budget – Restaurant Night revenues are now at \$1188, far exceeding the budgeted \$400.

**VIII. Committee Reports -**

**a. Fundraising – Raquel Bishop & Janice Viola**

1. Auction update. Displaying items in the lobby. We need to talk to Julia Ruskin and Anita Sheetz. We may need to find volunteers to put up replacement displays afterwards.
2. Spring bulb flier goes out Feb 10
3. Fall Fundraiser. Sally Foster chairs met with the company. They are going back to catalogue sales as in the past. Do we feel obliged to stay with them? Janice brought samples of other companies. They all looked fine. Fundraiser POCs will have a luncheon with Great American. Decision will likely be made after the luncheon.
4. March Fundraiser – We will not be doing a chocolate fundraiser. We will offer it to 6<sup>th</sup> grade if they want to do it for their fundraising efforts.
5. Peel away/summer annual plant sale. Annual plant sale is going forward. The peel away fundraiser may happen in Spring – after the auction.
6. School supply time – are we bound to EPI? We believe that we are bound to EPI for one more year. Can we do a spring sale to cover this requirement. We also can specify the brands that we want for items that we were dissatisfied with in the past.
7. Alison pointed out a Groupon monthly fundraisers to area businesses. Do we want to explore?
8. Restaurant Nights – Silver Diner update. Michele Falvo presented us a check from Silver Diner for \$250. Silver Diner has up'd their program. New card sales can earn 5% and any money loaded on their cards earns 15%. We will send home additional info on the program. If we can get 20% participation, they will give us another \$250. We will do another Restaurant Night with them – or perhaps a morning – possibly the Marlee Walk day?

**b. Academic – Christa Gormley.**

1. Spelling Bee Feb 16<sup>th</sup>. Talk to Mike Lis about setting up a microphone.

**c. Legislative – Courtney Collins.** NSTR.

**d. Volunteer Services – Adrienne Gonzales.**

1. Martial Arts starts of Feb 15<sup>th</sup> – still need a parent for before and after supervision.

**IX. Adjournment. 9:45 pm.**