

Wakefield Forest ES - PTA Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, Jan 11th, 2011, 9:30am, WFES Library

- I. Call to Order.** The meeting was move to 9:30am as inclement weather is expected Tuesday evening and it is unlikely we would get the meeting in at 7:30pm.
- II. Secretary Report – Ellen Rolan**
- a. President Alison Wright presented previous months minutes in place of Ellen Rolan who was unavailable due to rescheduled mtg.
 - b. The December minutes were approved as written.
- III. President’s Report – Alison Wright**
- a. Pres. went over dates, verified dates, said the upcoming concert is NOT band, but is chorus, strings and Orff
 - b. Kilroy's restaurant night date will be Feb. 13
 - c. Reflections reception will be on Feb. 8 at 6:30pm, followed by PTA meeting
 - d. Kickoff for 6th grade fundraiser of candy grams will be in February.
 - e. Web hosting - Sheri talked to Mike Lis regarding dropping the yippeo PTA webiste address and getting a new one on our WFES school page. When Ed Potter left, yippeo the account fell to Regina and she worked very hard to keep it up and going. Now it's sort of dead. We need to look at confidentiality issues, liability of moving to a new site. Who will post to it? Who will see it? Sheri said at Mantua she's mailed directly from the PTA, that there is an e-mail list and the newsletter, for example, is mailed directly to her house (and Sharyn pulled up the Mantua ES page, showed us also how Sheri's information, home address and phone number, was "out there" for the public to see w/o having to log on to anything). Janice Viola said she would look at other school's websites, and offered to do the legwork on getting the task of getting a new, updated, good website for the PTA in effect. She also mentioned that it would be nice to have an option to pay for things online thru that site, if possible.
 - f. Alison encouraged folks to start going thru their directory, looking for folks who could chair a committee or might be interested in a board position - the nominations committee will get together in February, so we need to be proactive about finding new folks.
- V. Assistant Principal’s Report - Sharyn Prindle.** Present.
- VI. Faculty Representative’s Report - Diana Maggi.** Teaching class so not available for rescheduled meeting
- VII. Treasurer’s Report - Vicki Hurlebus**
- a. Provided copy of current budget with explanation of how things are going.
 - b. She reminded Alison that swan ballet has not paid for their directory ad yet. Alison said she would reconnect with them, and sent an e-mail reminding them on Jan 17.
 - c. Vicki thinks we've gotten all of the money from Vendor Night at this point, noting a check or two were in her mailbox and that should be everyone.
 - d. She noted \$3K was made on the cookie dough sale.

- e. Alison will call 5 Below to find out about our check from the Dec 2-9 fundraiser with them.
- f. Someone asked if Lisa Fasold was going to sell school supplies next year. It was thought no. It was mentioned last year's company EPI did not go as well as planned, so Janice (Vicki? not sure who took this action item) would look into a new company, what they offer, how much it costs, etc. as well as talking to EPI and school kits who we used before, to see if they can extend their dates later in the year. Vicki (i believe) looking into who the POC is thru the county now that FCPS has a new vendor for school supplies, to see if they are able to set up a pre-packaged kit for schools to purchase.

VIII. Committee Reports -

a. Fundraising – Raquel Bishop & Janice Viola

1. Janice said she's reviewing a package from "Believe Kids" for the fall wrapping paper fundraiser
2. The flyer for movie night should be sent out, that will be held Jan 21.
3. **Auction update** – Aly Casey came to discuss the current Auction status. She mentioned that she and her co-chair Kerry Grannis would like to use a professional auction company, that they had selected Red Apple Auctions. She said the final contract with NoVA has been submitted, which will include custodial services this year, alleviating the need for WFES parents to have to stay and clean up after the auction. Currently there are more than 30 donations in hand and there are more on the way. There will be an increased ticket price this year, but also there will be an open bar. The auction company will help us package items and boost sales. \$1500 is due to them ASAP, \$4K total, rest due the night of the auction. The comment was made that with these expenses, the board felt perhaps the auction committee might be willing to serve a two-year term, per se, so that the experiences gained during the use of this software plus there being new folks wouldn't get lost on "turnover" next year. Sheri suggested the possibility of having a car dealership donate a 24 hour use of a car (for parents who may have older kids who would like it for prom for example), as well as asking Stephanie Evans for the possibility of donations of airline tickets as she is a flight attendant. Courtney Collins said she would organize a list of available babysitters and it was suggested we get an arrangement with a local TAXI service, and then people could have no "excuse" not to attend the auction. The board approved the idea of using the auction committee but wanted to know the difference between the \$4K and the \$3K levels of services they offer.

b. Academic – Christa Gormley.

1. There will be an assembly on Wed Jan 12 (or 19?), Christa Gormley asked what would happen if there was snow, it was assumed we'd have to reschedule.

c. Legislative – Courtney Collins.

1. Courtney discussed the recent release of boundary study findings and explained the various options - there is the potential that 6th grade would be effected, but certain scenarios may not effect WFES at all. One option the

6th graders would stay at the elementary level but that Poe would end up being a 7-8-9 grade middle school, and AHS would be a 10-11-12 level high school. Another option would bring 6th grade back to the elementary levels, Poe and Holmes would still be 7/8, and AHS would be 9-12 but they'd move AAP centers. One option would have all WFES ending up at Frost and Woodson. Changes for the various options would take place in September 2012. There will be 2 follow-up meetings coming up, and Courtney encouraged folks to take the time to carefully read the info on the report, which is now being reviewed by the school board.

d. Volunteer Services – Adrienne Gonzales. No present due to reschedule mtg.

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

- a. Sheri D'Amato followed up Courtney's discussion regarding the boundary study, commenting that losing our 6th grade would be not only detrimental to the 6th grade kids of WFES, but to the entire school. She suggested that Alison contact Tessie Wilson's office to ask "given the planning study recommendations, can she share her current position on the options out there now." Does she have an inkling as to if we're going boundary versus not, does Alison need to get more community input to help the decision? What is her vote at this point?
- b. A mentoring program will start at WFEs where Woodson High school students will come to WFES and mentor kids on writing. It is an initiative of a former WFES student at WTW. She is spearheading this program and is giving back to her school.
- c. WFES will be doing the "Read Naturally" program, which will be taught by staff members. This program provides early intervention for kids who need help with reading fluency. The help would be outside the normal school hours, either before or after-school.

IX. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned