

**West High School PTSA
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, December 8, 2010 5:30 p.m.
West High Conference Room
Anchorage, Alaska**

Meeting Called to Order: Dayle Sherba called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Membership and Guests Present: Mary Peterburs, Dayle Sherba, Cheri Marston, Sharon Weddleton, Rick Stone, Nathaniel Rubin, Brooke Marston, Colleen Leibert, Brenda Bowles, Yee McAlister, Celia Rozen, Tracie Pierce, Jennifer Arguette.

Quorum was present.

Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was approved with a change.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes from the November 17, 2010 meeting were approved with one change.

Member Concerns: The school has inconsistent heating. West is on schedule to install white boards over the holiday break.

REPORTS:

1. **Principal's Report:** Mr. Stone announced that "We the People" competition starts tomorrow and Mrs. Orme says, "Thank You to all the parents & the community." The Riflery Team took second place. School discipline is lower than average & and is good compared to other schools. ISS appears to be working. Dances are better than last year. Students are dressing better, DJ's are playing more appropriate music and there are more adults.

Jim Kubitz with the assistance of other volunteers has been instrumental in helping design the school bonds to benefit West & Romig. Under discussion is turf, Career, Technology & Education funding (C, T & E) and design funds. People are needed to lobby Carol Comeau and the School Board that these funds are important.

A committee is being formed to meet weekly to help decide how the school should lay out. For example, should the counseling department be moved closer to the Main office? Should some academic departments be closer together for more efficiencies? New academic programs are being started & ideas are needed for

successful start up.

2. **Treasurer's Report:** Sharon Weddleton presented her report by phone & a written report was handed out. \$5,000 is available for grants tonight. She reported that we are 42% thru our year, earned 41% of the revenue and have had 38% of our expenses so far. Our new Credit Union 1 account was opened. Wells-Fargo will be closed when the eScrip monthly deposit transactions occur at CU1.
3. **Eagle's Cache Committee Report:** Dayle Sherba presented the report and showed that we have an 8.05% growth in sales. The high sales record was \$504.
4. **eScrip Committee Report:** Celia Rozen reported that there is another 10% back-to-school fund raising opportunity in January. She needs help with receipt collection & receipt input. Wrestling team needs to provide eScrip names & the ski team a few more names. Suggested a pizza party for clubs/teams that were most helpful.
5. **Teacher Appreciation Committee Report:** Tracie Pierce is planning the next appreciation lunch for teachers and staff to be February 17, 2011 when parent teacher conferences will be held. It will be a soup theme.
6. **Membership Committee Report:** Brenda Bowles said there are 224 members of the PTSA.
7. **President's Report:** Dayle Sherba did not have a report.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **By-Law Change:** Celia Rozen suggested that the position be divided into recording and communication (Gmail account). This discussion will still be tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Grant Requests:** Colleen Leibert received and prepared the grant requests.
 - a) **Mary Peterburs:** Requested \$500 for storage equipment for the theater Costumes. Trying to develop an organizational system & needs money for dry cleaning. She uses Fire Weed Cleaners. A motion was made and passed to give her \$800.
 - b) **Jim Curran:** He requested \$930 for four library sponsored events. A Motion was made and passed to give him \$930.
2. **Thank You Pizza Party for Custodians:** It was discussed how to show appreciation for the 14 member custodian crew at West High. A motion was made to give them \$200 to plan their own food and event.

3. **Funding for Nurse Bonnie:** There are 57 students identified as transitional. Gift bags were made at Christmas with the help of the Charity Club. Financial support is continually needed for these students; bus tokens, school supplies, clothing, etc. A motion was made and passed to provide \$2,000 for her to use.
4. **Solicit New/Additional Ways to Serve the Community:**
5. **PTSA Resolution for School Bond Funding:** The West High PTSA passed a Resolution in support of recognizing the needs of all high school students when authorizing bond packages. Carol Comeau and the Anchorage School Board are underway in deciding and packing bond proposals. West is slated for funding but needs to show support to all decision makers. Attendance at the School Board Meeting would be important too. Cheri Marston agreed to draft the Resolution.

Meeting Adjourned: Dayle Sherba adjourned the meeting.

Next Meeting: January 26, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.