

West High School PTSA
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, December 14, 2011 5:30 p.m.
The Cove, Anchorage, Alaska

Meeting called to Order: Dayle Sherba called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm.

Introductions: No introductions were made as all present knew each other.

Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was approved with additions to Grants.

Minutes: Minutes of the November 16, 2011 minutes were approved as presented.

Members and Guests Present: Tracie Pierce, Eli Shayer, Sharon Weddleton, Rick Stone, Michele White, Paul Verrier, Vicky Oberly, Celia Rozen, Jennifer Arquette, Cheri Marston, Brooke Marston, Blythe Marston, Dayle Sherba.

Quorum was present.

Member Concerns: Discussion was held regarding the requirements for WHS students sponsoring students from other schools to WHS dances. The request was for the addition of a signature line for the parent of the student being sponsored (a non-West High student) on the sponsorship form; at this time Principal Stone stated no changes would be made to the form. There is excessive ice present on the stairs adjacent to the gym doors which present a slip/fall hazard. Dance West's performance with approximately 120 participants was wonderful. The show was amazing, thank you to the students for their hours of dedication, excellent choreography and a wonderful exposure to the arts.

REPORTS:

1. **Principal's Report:** Thursday, December 15th will be the early semester graduation – 17 students. Second semester scheduling forms should have come home and counselors are making changes on Friday. You can check it on Parent Connect – the students will get a new schedule the first day back during first hour. There are usually new students the first two weeks of January. Regarding the bonds presented to the assembly, WHS appreciates PTSA and student support from West kids and families. The bond includes bathrooms in the lower auditorium renovations, and ventilation system issues in consumer science programs. It also includes a large CTE square footage addition to West. The bond also covers many other issues across the district. Almost every school is touched by the bond. The Snowball dance was cancelled due to the weather conditions. It will be rescheduled, hopefully in January. Sorry about the snow day – didn't receive notification until 6:15 a.m. If you want to Google something that is really interesting that has gone viral on the internet, one of the wrestler's from WHS was interviewed, he was talking about being from Taiwan and being adopted and what the culture is in China regarding disabled people. He talked about coming to WHS, being on the honor roll with a 4.0 GPA. The video clip showed him pinning a wrestler from Bartlett. Almost all the furniture has been installed. The Rifle team won the regional meet. They won Coach of the Year and the GPA award. The reader board is 16'x8' and has been approved by the Municipality. The graphics specialist is sending information to get the art work complete. The Alumni Association has donated \$15K. Another \$10K is needed to complete it. ASD is doing all the electrical, SIGNCO will be installing the sign. Tim Helvey did provide information that it meets Green standards. Finals will be held tomorrow for periods 4, 5, and 6. Grades are officially due on January 6 – this date is negotiated in the AEA contract.

2. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report was presented current through December 11th. It is recommended that only \$10,000 be spent this evening.
3. **Eagle's Cache Committee Report:** The Eagle's Cache is doing well. .
4. **Fundraising Report:** The report distributed during the meeting shows what is in our account and what is still owed to PTSA. We are now at 1,374 supporters. We will be getting a large deposit, tentatively scheduled for June. Several groups have given back to the PTSA. No deposit from United Way this month. There was a large bag of Carr's receipts in the PTSA mailbox this week.
5. **Teacher Appreciation Committee Report:** Nothing new to report at this time.
6. **Membership Committee Report:** No change from last month - 228 members, 128 parents, 26 staff, 15 students and 59 teachers.
7. **Presidents Report:** Nothing new to report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Eagle's Cache Bank Account:** The Resolution to remove Linda Woodard from the account is only required to be signed by the secretary and will be taken to Credit Union One.
2. **School bonds – Blythe Marston** – Thank you to a whole bunch of people in this room. Rick asked everyone who supported WHS to stand up and about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the room stood up and were wearing WHS colors. There is new construction of 36,000 SF scheduled – this is the size of existing library and the counseling center across the hall. Everything is in one bond, so the public will be either for or against education. Currently doing outreach to other communities in Anchorage to get the bond passed. Remind parents at Parent/Teacher conferences. Thank you to the PTSA email system, we will need help again. March 18th – can we register people in the school during or after school hours prior to the election? Good Job! We will need kids from WHS standing on street corners supporting the bond. This is \$59M bond - \$6.71 per \$100K per house – you can give up 3 lattes per year to get \$59M.
3. **West Foundation – Blythe Marston** – The Foundation now exists which is open and can be reached through the web. The donate button is active. Need volunteers to serve on the Committee. ASD has to work through the issue regarding donations and permanent markers of significant size. Need 2 adults and 2 students, a handful of meetings to lay out the goals. Brochure as to how it works, need a short term and long term plan. The Foundation would like to see a senior to take on raising funds. We would also like to have a junior to take the place of the graduating senior, so there would be a two-year commitment as the junior student. Recommend that the term be from January to January for the adult, and the student be during the academic year. The class that is graduating this year needs to talk to the first class that graduated from WHS to get donations. John Bittner has volunteered on behalf of the Alumni. Please let Blythe know if one of the Board members would like to volunteer on the new board. Possibly have a new Committee position to be the PTSA Board Liason to the foundation.

A motion was made and carried that Blythe Marston be one of the two representatives on the board for the foundation. A motion was made and carried that Brooke Marston be the student representative on the board.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **School bonds.** Please see above in Old Business.
2. **Grant Requests:** The following grant requests were presented for consideration. Motions were made, seconded and discussed. The motion passed or failed on each request as noted in the table below.

Requestor – Purpose:	Requested	Disposition
John Ruhlin – International Mailing costs for exams, etc.	\$900	passed
Kim Bettis, new uniforms for Competitive Cheer Squad	\$880	passed
Ardy Robertson, Sunshine Committee, holiday staff party	\$300	passed
Katy Green, accompanist for Choir rehearsals and concerts, Dayle and Paul abstained.	\$1,000	\$500 passed ¹
Nancy Brain, poster maker and supplies	\$4,574.80	Tabled ²
Tinker Temperance, red carpet for gym floor for assemblies	\$635	Tabled ³
Holiday Grant Request for custodian dinner	\$200	passed
David Vano, Model UN - Registration fees \$50/student - 30 students	1,500	Contingently Funded ⁴
Total	\$8,289.80	\$4,280.00

¹ There are 3 new PTSA's in town that are dedicated to the arts. They are meeting in January and Celia is on the board. Celia will talk to Katy regarding additional options for funding.

² Discussion held regarding the poster maker and the Reader Board Sign, it was decided that the sign would be funded at this time and the poster maker and supplies can be revisited at a later meeting.

³ Paul Verrier stated he would conduct additional research with contacts in town regarding the red carpeting needed.

⁴ Funded contingent upon receiving 10 new escrip names, Mr. Vano will need to coordinate with Celia.

A motion was passed to commit \$10,000 towards the WHS Reader Board Sign contingent upon the bylaws allowing us to amend the budget at a regular meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Regular Meeting will be held @ 5:30 pm on Wednesday, January 18, 2012.

Dec 14 & 15, Wed & Thu – Finals

Dec, 16, Fri until Jan 3, 2012, Tue – **Winter Break**

Jan 16, 2012 – No School

Meeting Adjourned: Dayle Sherba adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.