

**West High School PTSA
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, August 24, 2011 5:30 p.m.
West High Conference Room, Anchorage, Alaska**

Meeting called to Order: Dayle Sherba called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was approved.

Minutes: Minutes of the July 13, 2011 meeting were approved as corrected.

Introductions: Introductions were made around the room.

Members and Guests Present: Dayle Sherba, Cheri Marston, Brenda Bowles, Mary Anne Aadnesen-Morris, Yee McAlister, Susan Sabetti, Eli Shayer, Celia Rozen, Rick Stone, Brooke Marston, Vicky Oberly, Sharon Weddleton, Colleen Leibert, Douglas Watts, Elias Rubin, Tracie Pierce

Quorum was present.

Member Concerns: There is still a problem with the Orchestra Room not being open after school for students that have large instruments being able to get them prior to going home or participating in sports activities.

REPORTS:

1. **Principal's Report:** Mr. Stone reported that we have started with a huge enrollment of 1,866 students with the largest freshman class ever. All the teachers are heavily booked and there are no classrooms available. We cannot get more teachers as there is no place to put them. All the students are showing up for class. The PTSA meetings may need to be moved to the Cove, the Alumni will be moving their meetings to the Cove. The IB Lounge will be in Mr. Ruhlin's room. Mrs. Brabec will get back to us regarding the chair. There are 80 flag football players, enough for 2 C teams. Tennis is going well, football has large numbers. The hallways are relatively quiet. The concession stand will be up and running shortly. The Cove and gym look very nice. There will be a new direction implemented during the second semester, CT&E coursework will be held during the day and after school, if the student completes the required coursework at the end of 4 years they will get cords at graduation showing they completed the medical program.

2. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report was presented. The Registration lunch amount was amended to \$900, approved as noted. The proposed budget was reviewed prior to the membership meeting.
3. **Eagle's Cache Committee Report:** The Eagle's Cache is doing well. The freshman class has made a big difference; there are sales of \$450+ every day. Dayle and her husband made \$500 the send day the Cache was open. Volunteers are needed; there are enough people to staff the Cache through August. It was recommended that a reach-out be made to the Teachers that require community service by the students for "emergency" help. ROTC – Chief Pickle & Major Dove, NHS – Judy Friar, IB – Lo Crawford, Ms. Johnson Harris – for students receiving Athletic Waivers. Email information on purchases is being provided to the Treasurer in a timely manner. The Check Signer resolution for the Eagle's Cache account will be postponed until the next meeting.
4. **Fundraising Report:** There will be two 10% back to school sessions until September 13th. We made \$40K last year, a recap of the eScrip earnings was provided. The January 10% will arrive in October. There is an opportunity to gather more supporters at open house on Monday. The United Way gets money when the donor gives the funds to them. Input on eScrip starts on September 19th, Student groups need to get out into the stores to collect receipts. There will be a work session to enter receipts into the system.
5. **Teacher Appreciation Committee Report:** Funds expended for registration – no other items to report at this time. October 27th is Teacher appreciation Day.
6. **Membership Committee Report:** We currently have 131 members. The next opportunity for new members is on Monday, please meet outside the auditorium at 6:10. There will be two tables set up so we can talk to people at each entrance. Brooke Marston is in charge of staff participation to encourage membership by the staff. The student members of PTSA will visit the teacher with a form. A new membership list will be coming out. Dayle and Celia are to speak at Open House.
7. **Presidents Report:** PTSA will be moving to the Cover – the information needs to be placed on the website. Rick will let the night custodians know of the change. Please consider setting the budget in the spring rather than the fall. A draft budget may need to be approved to allow expenditures of funds during the summer prior to the fall membership meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Audit:** The Audit of the books will be done by Lynn Shaver.
2. **Food For Registration:** Addressed earlier in meeting.

3. **Income from eScrip 20% Back to School for January 2011:** A motion was approved that the PTSA would not budget expenditures for any income from the eScrip 10% Back to School for Jan 2011 in our budget for this year. Therefore, any expenditure for this money this year will require an amendment to the approved budget.
4. **Solicit Ways to Serve the Community:** Continue to table this issue.
5. **Membership Meeting:** The membership meeting will require 10% or 20 members present to pass the budget and the proposed bylaw. A motion was approved for up to \$200 to provide refreshments for the Membership Meeting – Cheri Marston will take care of getting the refreshments.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Draft Budget:** A motion was approved to adopt the proposed budget as presented prior to the membership meeting.
2. **Grant Requests: David Sousa:** The previously submitted grant request has been withdrawn as it has been funded by West High School.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Membership Meeting will be held @ 5:30 pm on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 with the Regular Meeting immediately following.

Two weeks ago @ 5:30 Mr. Stone was on his way to his vehicle in the parking lot when a student stopped him, the student had found a \$100 bill and turned it in. When Mr. Stone stated she would be eligible to receive it back if it was unclaimed, she requested that Pizza be purchase for the girl's flag football team with the funds.

Chemene has sold out of West High Gear and continues to order more.

The Graduation rate has increased in 1.8% in the last 5 years.

The new T-Shirts for this year were viewed by everyone present.

Meeting Adjourned: Dayle Sherba adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.