

West High PTSA Regular Meeting  
Meeting Notes  
Wednesday, September 21, 2011  
The Cove

Present: Joe Alward, Nathan Burnham, Jim Currarn, John Bernitz, Doug Watts, Elias Rubin, Eli Shayer, Deena Mitchell, Brenda Bowles, Brooke Marston, Debbie Olsen, Mary Geddes, Louise Driscoll, Linda Daney, Leanne Perkins, Susan Sabetti, Chrissy Bell, Rick Stone, Colleen Leibert, Lynn Shaver, Yee McAlister, Vicky Oberly, Dayle Sherba, Sharon Weddleton (via phone), Cheri Marston, Celia Rozen

A quorum of board members was present.

Call to Order: 5:45 p.m. by President Dayle Sherba.

Introductions: occurred

Approval of Agenda:

The agenda had three items added under New Business:

Extension of free teacher membership

WHS PTSA administration of Orchestra & Russian Studies eScrip

Incentives for students to collect receipts

Approval of Minutes: August 23, 2011

Tracie Pierce, Secretary, was absent. No minutes were available.

Member Concerns: Member concerns included homecoming halftime events, a place for Native students to call their own, especially to drum and dance, the Friday deadline for recommending desired superintendent characteristics.

Principal's Report

Rick Stone thanked the PTSA members who spoke at the very successful and well-attended Open House. He talked about good behavior at the Homecoming Dance. Classes are full, and he would like lower class sizes, but every classroom is in use. Willy Wonka and HSGQE are upcoming. West has been honored to be chosen as a CT&E site resulting from Senate Bill 84 passing. Additional programming in art, aviation, medical fields will be available at West as a result. West Theater has thrived for years, partly due to our textile technology program and Rick would like that to continue. The turf committee has a friend in Senator French, but there are still no plans for West or Bartlett turf. Eastside turf needs are covered by Begich and Clark, but no such solution is available to West. The turf committee needs PTSA membership. The Cove received a \$25K grant from Alumni and Rick got legislative funds for furniture upgrades. Our x-c running boys and girls made state, tennis got a win over South. Rick is envisioning shadow boxes for each decade of West's history, as well as a wall of honor for our military families. A bus will be provided to KCC with neighborhood stops. Chemene is selling the dickens out of the West gear and the profit is being returned for rolling purchases. Kids are helping with the designs.

Questions for Rick: Could we get more expertise and materials via our business partnerships? Lots of questions about the CT&E courses.

Eagle's Cache Report: Vicky Oberly reported on the \$11K in raw sales, but expenses had not yet been factored in. They had a \$576 day as well as a \$676 day at the Dance. They can use up to 3 volunteers daily and Freshman are great EC customers. Students are working there for their community service credits.

Membership Committee Report: Brenda Bowles reported that we have 196 memberships, including 55 teachers, but that we had 214 at the same time last year. Student representatives were encouraged to approach teachers.

## **Old Business**

*Audit Committee:* Lynn Shaver audited our 2010-11 financials and found everything in order and praised Sharon Weddleton's record-keeping. She did point out that the receipts we get from Activities summarizing the amounts received via Activities is inadequate to document the spending that occurred and that grant recipients should be providing actual spending (receipts from vendors, etc.) to document the use of the funds. This is not happening in all cases. Sharon Weddleton is well-aware of the problem and development of the funding request form is one step towards a solution.

## **New Business**

*CUI Presentation:* Chrissy Bell explained the new focus on learning labs and financial education.

### *Grant Requests:*

1) Jim Curran requested \$752 for 8 folding tables from Costco.

**Decision:** Celia Rozen moved to fund \$752 for the 8 folding tables. Vicky Oberly seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Healthy Futures Grant Application:* Celia Rozen requested permission to apply for a cross-country ski grant for equipment under the WHS PTSA umbrella. The amount is limited to \$1,000.

**Decision:** Colleen Leibert moved to allow Cross-County Skiing to apply for a Healthy Futures Grant under WHS PTSA. Cheri Marston seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### *Extension of Free Teacher Memberships:*

**Decision:** Brenda Bowles moved to extend free teacher memberships until October 31st. Cheri Marston seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*WHS PTSA administration of Orchestra & Russian Studies eScrip:* Since eScrip renewal must occur annually in Alaska from now on, Celia Rozen asked if we should continue to charge 15% to Orchestra and Russian Studies for the renewal task as well as the monthly pass through.

**Decision:** John Bernitz moved to continue the 15% administrative fee in perpetuity. Lynn Shaver seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Incentives for students to collect receipts:* Celia Rozen requested funding to provide an iPod Touch drawing for an individual student, as well as a pizza party for the group collecting the most receipts.

**Decision:** Colleen Leibert moved to approve \$500 in incentives for receipt collection. Cheri Marston seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Adjournment:**

Colleen Leibert moved to adjourn. Deena Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Submitted by: Celia Rozen for Tracie Pierce, Secretary