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W. T. WOODSON PTSO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MINUTES

October 11, 2011 📖 **Woodson Library**

Attendance: Jeff Yost, Donna Greer, Susan Morningstar, Julie Hogan, Pete Brandman, Rita Manfredi-Shutler, Lorraine Reilly, Cal Jabaley, Victoria Vinall, Sarah Opatz, Shawn Guth, Lisa Rampino, Andrea Trembreull, Beth Mulloy, Claire Haverstuck, Monica Gardner, Rhea Riso, C. Cliff, Jake Promisel, Melinda McKenzie Hall, Greg Welbuson, Phong Lue, Megan McLaughlin, Margie Madsen.

Two discussions occurred prior to tonight's meeting. First, parents interested in participating in the Beautification Committee walked with Mr. Yost around the WTW School grounds. Mr. Yost pointed out areas on school property that are in need of developing. All ideas are welcome. Margie Madsen and Andrea Trembreull agreed to chair the committee and seek others who might be interested. Members will research ideas for the different areas identified and report at the next PTSO Meeting.

Second, FCPS School Superintendent requested that all High Schools discuss the issue of installing surveillance cameras in each school of the county. PTSO members separated into small groups, brainstormed and answered each of 4 questions posed by the School Board. Answers were recorded and submitted to the School Board for review and consideration.

I. Call to Order—7:50 p.m. Donna Greer thanked all in attendance for participating in the surveillance camera discussion. She invited student leaders and new attendees to introduce themselves.

II. Minutes—Adopted minutes from September 13 meeting as written.

III. Principal's Report—Jeff Yost

A. Kiss and Ride – Mr. Yost is waiting for Dean Tistadt to give approval for continuing the new traffic pattern. Sarah Opatz mentioned that the timing of the traffic light at Route #236 and Pickett seemed to have been changed by VDOT to allow students more time to cross the road.

B. Students from Poe to Woodson—Mr. Yost will welcome the remaining families coming from Poe Middle School next Monday night, Oct. 17th, beginning at 6:30pm.

C. Back-to-School Night (BTSN)— A successful night this year, next year's event we hope will be scheduled for the 3rd Thursday in September.

D. PSAT Day – Scheduled for Oct. 12th with dismissal at 11:15am.

E. Honors Options—18 students responded to taking either Honors English or Honors World History. All students taking online courses will be housed in the same room at WTW. Mr. Yost encouraged all parents to educate themselves on Honors options and let the school know if your student is interested in taking an Honors (vs A/P) class next year. If there are enough students interested and a teacher available, then Honors classes will be offered at WTW in future years. Websites with more information include : http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/fairfax-schools-to-offer-honors-courses-online/2011/08/31/gIQAbxFssJ_story.html,

<http://redapplemom.wordpress.com/2011/07/20/fairfax-county-school-boards-discussion-on-honors-courses>, www.fairgrade.net

F. Interim Reports - will go home Friday, Oct 14th. Monday, Oct. 17th, detailed reports from each student's classes will be EMAILED to parents. These reports will be released 4 times each school year. Within the next year, ISIS will replace SASI to access student attendance in real time.

H. Blackboard – Now accessible to all students.

IV. Officer Reports

A. President: Donna Greer – Thanks to Sandy Hoch for preparing the Directory again this year: 826 sold with more available in the front office. No PTSO/Band Silent Auction this year. Bullying workshop in Stafford, October 19th – see Donna if interested in attending.

B. Treasurer: Julie Hogan - \$8700 brought in this month. Donations increased. .

V. Committee Reports

A. Hospitality – Beth Mulloy confirmed the Academic Awards would be hosted this week for students who achieved 3.8GPA or higher last year. Beth asked when Custodian week falls, she will research.

B. Cavalier Cruise: Monica Gardner – Meetings will begin this month and continue on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Committee Chairmen still needed. Last year 80% of all seniors attended. Non-senior parents needed to help decorate.

C. Membership: Susie Morningstar – Overall membership decreased this year. Susie proposed that Membership applications be sent out separately from the newsletter at the beginning of the school year.

D. Mock Exam– Lorraine Sobson-Reilly – 70 students signed up for October test. Princeton Review test not as popular as SAT/ACT.

E. Beautification – Margie Madsen, Andrea Trembreull – initial meeting tonight with Mr. Yost. All parents, teachers and students welcome.

F. Grants – Rita Manfredi-Shutler – submitted EXCEL spreadsheet showing each group requesting funds, reasons and amounts. Sheet attached. Amounts shown approved.

Meeting adjourned 8:48pm.

Next PTSO Meeting: Tuesday, November 15, 2011 in the library.