

**PTA Minutes – Wilson High School  
General Meeting of May 25, 2011  
Wilson Faculty Lounge**

**Valeurie Friedman, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.**

**In attendance:** David Dacklin, Leslie Baird , Valeurie Friedman, Karen Russell, Sue Brent, Susan Crabtree, Alexander Quan, Tracey Harper, Logan Pirkl, Ryan Cadigan, Amy Botula, Lori Fukunaga, Nancy Kirkinen, Rosemary Schwimmer, Alice Johnson, Eva Calsagno, Annie Bottinelli, Leslie Starker, Jenny Owen, Dover Norris-York, Carol Kershner, Christy Caton, Susan Berkley, Amy Molloy, Jennifer Donohue, Tom Butenhoff, Kathryn Wolff, Lori Lieberman, Kate Cote, Suzanne Olsen, Linda Watson, Cathy Petrecca, Susanne Sheehy

**Introductions**

**Peer to Peer Counseling – Katherine Wolf**

- At the January PTA meeting, funds were approved to fund Katherine Wolf at 10 hours per month.
- Katherine handed out a summary report listing activities.
- Class to train peer counselors may be held this fall pending funding review. There were 27 applicants for the class. There are 20 final applicants.
- 2 large homework assignments will be completed. These will involve book reports/studies and work with mentor faculty.
- Budget for the class: About \$20,000 dedicated counseling FTE is needed for classroom instruction. \$1500 (approx.) needed for expenses.
- The class is supported by the Wilson Staff, but they will have to see if funding can be obtained to hold the class.

**PTA President's Report – Valeurie Friedman**

- PTA School-Wide Events include – College info Night, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night, 2 PTA Parent Education Nights, Book Sale Fundraiser for the Library, Plant Sale, Teacher Appreciation Events. Have fulfilled several grants: Plagiarism software, Cheer, Teacher Retirement Party. Sponsored Events include: Graduation Night and Auction.
- Need Board members and Committee Chairs for next year.

**Treasurer's Report – Karen Russell**

- \$5100 was in the budget for grants. PTA has spent \$4200.
- Plant sale gained \$966 for grant fund.
- Auction net \$64,000, Allocations were \$55,000. \$5000 went to the General PTA account, the rest is left for seed monies for the Auction.
- It was suggested that we increase the line item for grants this year by \$4,000 so that we have a total of \$8200 in grant monies in the budget.
- It was also suggested that we add a line item in the interim budget for a scholarship fund. The amount would be determined by the general membership. A committee could be formed to determine goals, etc.
- Discussion ensued about Graduation Night carryover monies in their budget. This could be determined at a later date.

- Discussion ensued concerning the need for an interim budget till this Fall when final budget will be approved.
- Nancy Kirkinen suggested that \$5,000 from the Auction Fund could be moved to the PTA grants fund and the Auction could maintain a carry over of \$3,000. A motion was made, seconded and passed.
- A motion was made to approve the interim budget that Karen had completed, with amendments to carryover any grant monies that are not spent this year. Motion was passed.

#### **Statesman Grant Request – Ryan Cadigan**

- The Statesman staff and teacher are requesting a \$500 grant to help fund the Statesman Senior issue which will be a glossy magazine this year.
- Motion made to grant the \$500 to Statesman, motion seconded and passed.

#### **Grad. Night Committee Report – Linda Watson**

- 225 Seniors are registered for the party which will be drug-free and non-alcoholic.
- June 6 at 7pm in Faculty Lounge is the upcoming meeting.
- Thanks to PTA for granting monies to the Grad. Night.

#### **Hospitality Committee Report – David Dacklin**

- Volunteer Breakfast June 1, 9am
- Need Hospitality Chair for this Fall.
- Need more donations of food for hospitality events.

#### **Auction Committee Report – Nancy Kurkinen and Annie Bottinelli**

- Annie announced that she would Chair the Auction in the next school year. She will need an assistant to help with communications.
- The event will be held at the MJCC again.

#### **Nominating Committee**

- Still need these Board Members and Committee Chairs filled: Vice President, Membership Chair, Volunteer Coordinator, Treasurer and Hospitality Chair
- New Webmaster found: Shawn Mershon, Voted in
- Voted in: Valeurie Friedman, President and Leslie Baird, Secretary.

#### **Site Council Report – Rosemary Schwimmer**

- Health and Wellness Proposal – Health will be part of Freshman Core Curriculum
- Lisa Stember – new Nurse- wrote a survey in which there were many participants at the school. Main issues among teens: Anxiety, information about drugs and alcohol and general support.
- It was decided that trying to reduce some of these stressor issues among teens would be a mandate at Wilson. There will be more presence of School Psychologist and Nurse at school wide events. Peer to Peer counseling will continue.
- Site Council will receive reports of Drug and Alcohol referrals. Keep up on health and wellness trends and update goals for school improvement plan as needed.

#### **PACT – Rosemary Schwimmer**

- PACT hosted a Halloween Party, Comedy Night

- There will be less funding next year for PACT events.

#### **Principal's Report – Sue Brent**

- Requirements assessed for High Schools – need these consistent requirements among all PPS High Schools: 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Communities, Media Specialists, Career Technical Education Classes, Credit Recovery, AP Classes, Band and Choir or Dance and Drama, and Visual Arts offerings.
- Wilson will have 38 less students this next Fall
- Staffing ratio will be increased from 25 to 1 to 29 to 1
- 8.261 staff will be cut from Wilson High, there will be some staff reduced by attrition (retirement, teachers moving to other schools). Some staff hours will need to be reduced.
- Special Ed staff added – 1.5 FTE
- We will not lose any AP classes; there will be a Full-time instructional coach funded from district funds. New High School requirement is that teachers will be teaching 6 classes instead of 5.
- The new schedule requires Mon, Wed. Friday classes during one week and those classes will then be held Tues/Thurs. the next. Each class will be 1 ½ hours in length. Before the end of the school year, we are sending a verification of forecasting and possible 8<sup>th</sup> class options to students. A letter of explanation about the new schedule will be mailed to parents. Students can sign up for any open classes, study hall, early release or late arrival. There will be an opportunity to sign up for a academic enrichment and/or study hall, also.

#### **Announcements –**

- Please RSVP for Volunteer Breakfast with Erica Meyers.
- Sign up to volunteer for helping with Registration Packets in August.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm by President, Valeurie Friedman

Minutes respectfully submitted by Leslie Baird, Secretary