

**PTA Minutes – Wilson High School
Board Meeting of May 25, 2010
Wilson Faculty Lounge**

Rosemary Schwimmer, President, called the executive board meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

In attendance: Rosemary Schwimmer, Leslie Baird, Annie Bottinelli, Karen Russell, Mopsy Ballard, Sue Brent, Debi Corah, Phil Almglen, Alisa Wood-Walters, Kimberley

PTA Announcements – Rosemary Schwimmer

- PTA Volunteer of the Year – Kathy Phillips, Hospitality co-chair and general volunteer.
- Local PTA Recipients Awards – Nancy Kurkinen and Lisa Massinger (Auction Co-Chairs), Debbie Corah and Kim Kilhefner-Juiare (Graduation Night Co-Chairs) and Annie Bottinelli (Volunteer Coordinator).

Principal Sue Brent's Report

- Sue thanked everyone for a great auction. The paddle raise monies will be put to work right away by adding some FTE to positions at the school. FTE will be added an art teacher position to make it full-time.
- Teachers discussion – new choir teacher will be hired. The position may stay at a .8 FTE or may be a full-time position. There have been initial interviews of candidates but no one has been hired yet. The position will go external if no one within the district has sufficient credentials to be hired. There is a selection committee. A suggestion was made to add a parent to the committee – some names of parents were suggested. There will be two sections of marketing classes next year. There will be two sections of drafting available. There will be no preschool program and no shop classes.
- Oregon Partnership – PACT – (Positive Action Concerning Teens) had an open house at Wilson. On June 8th the Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, Gil Kerlikowske, will be visiting Wilson High School to meet with students regarding the Above the Influence media campaign and will be holding a press conference to announce the launch of a local substance abuse prevention campaign. Mission of PACT is to change the perception about Wilson and many students using drugs at Wilson. The reality: 70% of students do not use drugs or alcohol at Wilson.
- Senior Awards assembly will be held June 3. There were 112 invites sent out.
- Forecasting and scheduling should be finished by the end of the school year. A schedule showing students classes should be available for students by the end of the school year.
- Tutor time is coming back next year on Wednesday mornings before school starts.

High Re-Design Discussion – Alisa Wood-Walters

- 1 or 2 Eastside Schools may close. The district has already stated what the recommendations will be and plans are available.
- Marshall High School will close and students will go to Madison or Franklin High Schools. Marshall has about 600 students attending 3 separate schools. This change will happen next fall.

- The re-design will not affect Wilson except for the new transfer policy. There will be less transfers allowed for out of district students.
- Roosevelt will be restructured into one school. The 3 separate schools are “failing” now.
- There will be some change in district boundaries.
- Benson High School will be a 2 year school for Juniors and Seniors. Approx. 50 students from each of the 8 PPS High Schools would be able to attend Benson part-time.

Auction Discussion – Nancy Kurkinen

- Ticket price of \$65 did not cover all of the expenses. The cost could have been about \$71 per ticket to cover the fees. Credit card fees were a large amount of fees and these will be passed on to the various departments where the donations were obtained.
- Budget - \$35,232 sales made, \$25,000 paddle raise for FTE.
- Nancy Kurkinen and Annie Bottinelli will be Auction Co-Chairs next year.
- Ideas for next year: different venue that is less expensive, better food, possibly less formal event with dinner appetizers. Suggestions were made for venues – Montgomery Park, NE Portland Ballrooms.
- April 16, 2011 will be date of next Auction.
- Auction Meeting next fall – Oct. 6 and meetings 1st Wed. of every month for 2 months, thereafter

PTA President Report – Rosemary Schwimmer

- The PTA needs board members for next year – President, Vice President and Volunteer Coordinator. Hospitality Committee – Kathy Phillips and Alisa Wood-Walters. Graduation Night Chair is not yet decided. Grad. Night treasurer not decided. Auction Chairs – Nancy Kurkinen and Annie Bottinelli.
- Grad. Night discussion - volunteer packet should have the volunteer form and list Upcoming Graduation Night Chair as an item on the form. More promotion for Grad. Night so that Freshman, and Sophomore parents become involved.
- PTA board members not returning next year – Rosemary Schwimmer, Bernie Delaney and Annie Bottinelli. Karen Russell will remain as Treasurer, and Leslie Baird will remain as Secretary.

PTA Treasurer’s Report – Karen Russell

- Plant sale successful – Sales - \$10,770. Expenses - \$7060. Profit - \$3710.
- Grants this year - \$1,000 – 3 Cups of Tea Books, \$1,000 to the Library, and PTA Clothing Center and Student Aid \$1,000.
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- Grant Request from Graduation Night Committee - \$1,000 grant.
- Grant Request from PACT - \$1,200. PACT (Positive Action Concerning Teens) Grant would fund four drug and alcohol free events for students.
- Proposal to amend budget and approve small grant requests of \$1,000 for Grad. Night and \$1200 for PACT (\$600 awarded now and another \$600 to be budgeted for the 2010-11 school year after evaluation of the success of the first two events) Proposals passed.

PACT Report – Rosemary Schwimmer

- On May 17th, the PACT hosted a Town Hall meeting to discuss substance abuse issues with parents, administration, law enforcement and community members.
- On June 8th the Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, Gil Kerlikowske, will be visiting Wilson High School to meet with students regarding the Above the Influence media campaign and will be holding a press conference to announce the launch of a local substance abuse prevention campaign.
- Portland is the pilot city for the program.
- Kathryn Wolf is the director
- Small Grant Request from PACT- \$1,200. This would fund 4 events. \$1200 approved. \$600 allotted for this year and \$600 for year 2010 – 2011 after evaluation of the first two events.
- Next PACT event – Sept. 13.

Directory Discussion

- Directories will be available at Conferences next year. They are available at the bookkeeper's office right now.
- Jeanne Zuelke produced last year's directory. Karen Russell volunteered to produce next year's directory.

Volunteer Coordinator Report – Annie Bottinelli

- Packet Stuffing – Aug. 18, 19, 20 next fall
- Registration – Aug. 24 (Juniors and Seniors), Aug. 25 (Sophomores), Aug. 26 (Freshman). Will need volunteers for these days.
- Community Care Day is Aug. 28.

Boosters

- Next year's officers - Vicki Church – Booster Club Pres., Darcy Ruben – Vice President, need Secretary and Treasurer. Dennis Norris – Xmas Tree Fundraiser.

Hospitality – Mopsy Ballard and Kathy Phillips

- Teacher Appreciation Week – great success. Taco bar lunch, continental breakfast and mail box Treats. Staff enjoyed it very much.
- There was left over Taco food – it was donated to Neighborhood House.
- Hospitality also decorated 3-tiered cupcakes for the secretaries.

Graduation Night – Debbie Corah

- Volunteers still needed at the Coliseum. Also need bus volunteers.
- Registration is up from last year – 2/3 of 342 total seniors are participating. Everything is in order. Buses reserved, security is set up. Coffee is on the wish list. Still selling Senior mugs

Discussion concerning 8 classes vs. 7 – Alisa Wood-Walters

- This could be achieved by having different classes on different days. Other schools may implementing this idea. Each teacher would actually have 6 sessions instead of 5.

Meeting adjourned at 9pm by President, Rosemary Schwimmer

Minutes respectfully submitted by Leslie Baird, Secretary