

Westland Middle School PTA Meeting May 13, 2008

Welcome and Introductions:

1. Approval of the minutes

There was a motion to approve the minutes from the April 30th meeting. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

2. Principal's Comments.

At this time of year, the calendar is very booked. Highlights of the calendar:

- This weekend the music dept goes to Busch Gardens
- Parent Coffee this Friday: for new parents
- Next Wednesday is the spring concert for the 6th grade band
- Week of 26th Shakespeare for the 8th grade
- Spring Concert 28th at BCC band
- Choral concert 29th
- ESL awards on the 30th
- 8th Grade dance Friday at the Coffield Center
- Ceremony at BCC each get 4 tickets (2 live, 2 gym simulcast)
- On June 11 have recognition/awards ceremony and end of year activities such as signing yearbooks

There are two administrators/teachers retiring at the end of this year: Linda Miller and Cyrus Washington

Mr. Vogelmann thanked the PTA for the staff appreciation last week.

Heidi Dupler is organizing a coffee for 6th grade parents this Friday at Cosi at 8:30 to 9:30.

We discussed the process for replacing the current principal of B-CC.

3. Presentation of 2008-2009 Budget

The budget for 2008-2009 was presented

WMS PROPOSED 2008-2009 BUDGET

As Approved May 13,
2008/13/2008

Category Description	2007-2008 Projected	2008-2009 Proposed	Notes
INCOME			
Bingo Night		1,000	New event

Book Fair/Barnes & Noble	1,858	2,000
Contributions	7,825	7,500
Corporate Sponsorship Program	4,000	4,000
Restaurant Fundraiser	124	1,500 Previous years'avgerage
Magazine Drive	8,705	7,500 Declining trend
Membership Dues	7,380	9,000 450 members @\$20
Other Inc (Interest,investments)	400	300 Lower interest rates
PTA Fundraisers	8,791	8,700
Partnership Programs	1,400	1,400 Giant, Safeway, Target
School Store	(88)	500 New model
Westland Race	1,043	1,000
Wizards	1,752	Substituting new events
Yard Sale/Festival Cook-off		500 New event
TOTAL INCOME	43,190	44,900
Mandatory Expenses		
Administration	(800)	(800)
Copy Machine Support	(4,149)	(4,650)Contratct
Dues Expenses	(2,334)	(1,920)Based on membership
Financial Review	(950)	(1,000)
Insurance	(250)	(250)
Miscellaneous	(500)	(500)
TOTAL	(8,983)	(9,120)
Programs		
After School Activities	0	0
Cluster Summer Scholars	(500)	(500)
Cultural Arts	(6,825)	(11,000)Probable loss of grant
8th Grade Promotion Events	(500)	(500)
Global Citizenship	(200)	(200)
Guardian Circle	(250)	(1,250)Model based on 2008 pilot
Hospitality	(1,000)	(775)
International Celebration	(728)	0 Community event
Scholarships	(2,175)	(2,500)After School Programs
Staff Appreciation	(1,800)	(1,600)
TOTAL Programs	(13,978)	(18,325)
Publications		
Backpack Wednesday	(700)	(500)Going green (online)
Cat Tales	(3,397)	Merging w/ Backpack Wed.
Directory	(904)	(920)
TOTAL Publications	(5,001)	(1,420)
School Enhancements		
Building & Grounds	(800)	(800)
Health Room Supplies	(58)	(50)

Academic Support	(3,200)	(4,000)	
TV Studio	(8,791)		
PTA Fundraiser Commitments	0	(11,000)	Assist WMS with MCPS shortfall
Student Incentives	0	(1,000)	Revising program
TOTAL School Enhancements	(12,849)	(16,850)	
TOTAL EXPENSES	(40,811)	(45,715)	
Net Revenues	2,379	(815)	
Beginning Year Bank Balance	20,904	23,283	
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Required Reserves	(5,000)	(5,000)	
Ending Bank Balance	18,283	17,468	

It was proposed that we take out the Harlem Wizards and International night (or more like a community event that is break even). We're looking to do a cycle of events, and change them around year to year, so people are more interested in coming. We added bingo night and a yard sale/cookout/etc. to be decided next year

There's a PTA fundraiser planned in the fall and spring cocktail fundraisers.

We have 3 wonderful people who are going to take over the school store.

One of the critical items on the expenses is that Back Pack Wednesday is going to go online. We will be mail it home to those that are identified as not having access to the web. This will reduce the expenses and cause less commotion with copying.

Talking to Mr. Vogelman, he identified critical areas such as academics, scholarships. We're also enabling the school to free up funds for transportation. This year MCPS gave \$9,500 for buses and we've spent \$20,000. So, funds will need to be trimmed for transportation.

Cultural arts will be supported via the Shakespeare festival. We qualified for a grant this year, but are not likely to get it next year, thus the bigger amount in cultural arts for 2008-2009.

We discussed that after school activities line is zero because we pay for scholarships there via fees and it just zeros itself out.

We discussed the increase in the restaurant night revenues. While larger than this year's event, it is the average of past years, so it is doable.

A motion was made to approve the proposed budget for next year. The motion was seconded. It passed unanimously as proposed.

4. Presentation of Nominations for 2008-2009 board

The slate proposed by the nominating committee was presented. It is as follows:

President: Alysa Emden

EVP: Alex Weiner

Secretary: Michaela Barnes

Treasurer: Joci Spector

8th Grade VPs: Lorelei Bodie and Shelley Yeutter

7th Grade VPs: Nancy Dana and Sally Boulter

6th Grade VPs: Ari Antonelli and Pooh Shapiro

MCCPTA Delegate: Monica Hayes

MCCPTA Delegate alternate: Jean Gilson

NAACP Parent Council: Odette Brown and Michelle Fox

Nancy has done a terrific job as chair of the nominating committee and we thank her.

We discussed the open positions and possible people to fill them. We agreed to post the open positions to the list serve.

A motion was made to approve the slate for next year. It was seconded. It approved unanimously.

5. Other

The spring fund raiser, which is a social event for parents, will give special thanks to the Pastors and all the work they've done for the Westland community. It is on May 31st at Alysa's home. More information will be mailed to Westland homes in the invitation.

6. The meeting was adjourned.