

WNHS ACADEMIC BOOSTERS
Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2014

Officers in Attendance: Tracey King, Tiffany Thompson, Heidi Stone, Leslie Bodkin, Melissa Simashkevich, Mr. Yancey,

Meeting commenced at 6:02p.m.

- **Minutes** from the last meeting were reviewed and sent via e-mail to the officers and committee members for approval
- **Treasurer's Report**- Jeff Perry via Tracey King
 - Current Balance as of March 28, 2014- \$7496.12
- **Parent Council** (Leslie Bodkin)
 - Chris Dilley will be stepping down as Parent Council president next year
 - Damon Ashbury, lobbyist for education, spoke regarding HB 193 and the graduation requirements and end of course testing/ OGT for the class of 2017. It has passed in the House of Representatives but not the State Senate. A vote is expected in late April/ early May. Concerned parents are encouraged to contact their legislators.
 - The principal from Annehurst Elementary spoke regarding their partnership with Otterbein. Mr. Yancey indicated that Otterbein is a valuable resource that partners with the all of the schools including North.
- **School Report**- Mr. Yancey
 - Mr. Yancey thanked all of the volunteers who sent soup in for the "Soup Dinner" They were extremely appreciated
 - The turnout for Parent/ Teacher conferences was good, one of the highest for midyear conferences. Online registration will continue to be available for future conferences
 - Future Warrior night was very successful- the format has been changed to allow for more exploration of the building. Building communication was highlighted and received positive feedback. Academic Boosters is encouraged to use the blogs to communicate their activities.
 - OGT week was held March 10-14. Over 300 students were tested and only 2 have not completed the tests. Results will be available in mid-late May.
 - Mr. Yancey was saddened to report the passing of sophomore, Todd Cumer. Grief counselors were available on Friday for support and a candle light vigil was held that evening. Students who attended his memorial service represented themselves very well during such a difficult time. A memorial fund has been established at 5/3rd Bank, donations are still being accepted. Grief groups are held through the guidance office.
 - The Hall of Fame Induction ceremony will be held on Friday April 11th. Inductees are chosen through a nomination process and any alumni of 10 or more years and who has made a successful impact in their field is eligible. Inductees are honored with a plaque and tree planted on school grounds.
 - Pre-registration meeting for students taking the AP exams will be held on 4-16. Students will complete the necessary paperwork for their exams.
 - A meeting will be held for Junior Parents on April 16th at 7:30. The program is entitled "Getting Ahead of the Game" and will focus on preparedness for students senior year.
 - Ken Donchatz is the GEM recipient from Westerville North. Mr. Donchatz has served as advisor and volunteer for the Mock Trial Team for several years. He will be honored at the GEM award ceremony on April 28th at 7p at North.
 - Mason Miller came 2nd in the State Swimming Championships. He was recognized at the March 10th board meeting.
 - Chris Wanner will be filling in for Lea Coburn as assistant principal for the remainder of the school year.
 - Scott Gadiss has been hired as assistant principal for the 2013-14 school year. He is from Grove City High school and will officially start on August 1st
 - Prom will be held on May 10 from 7p-11p at Vila Milano. Students voted to not include a dinner this year.
 - Upcoming Senior Events- Award Night May 13; Baccalaureate May 14; Graduation Rehearsal May 23:30a; Graduation May 24 10a
 - Planning is underway to change the opening day procedures for the 2013-14 school year
- **Pupil Services Report** (Melissa Simashkevich)
 - Melissa also thanked the Academic Boosters for the soup luncheon
 - Information on the Military Academy will be held at OSU on May 16th at 6p
 - ASVAB test will be on Tuesday April 8th
 - AP Testing is May 5th- 15th either in the library or office. Help will be needed for proctors and snacks
- **Committee Reports**
 - **Scholarships/ Awards** (Heidi Stone)
 - Thank you to Heidi for doing a wonderful job organizing the selection committee. Recipients have been chosen and will be announced once they are notified by the Guidance office. Scholarships will be presented with a check and certificate at the Evening of Excellence.
 - **GEM Awards** (Tracey King)

- Thank you to Sandy Peck and all of the nominating committee for their work. All nominees were sent a certificate and their letters of nomination.
- **Hospitality** (Tracey King)
 - 101 students will be honored during the Senior Awards Night on May 13th at 7p. Fifty-seven earned honor roll and twenty-six have a 4pt GPA or above. Donations of cookies will be needed as well as volunteers for set-up, serving, and clean-up; preferably parents of underclassmen.
- **Old Business**
 - A \$50 gift certificate to Dick's Sporting Goods will be purchased for Lea Coburn for her retirement. She will not be able to attend the Evening of Excellence. It was suggested that she be honored at the Undergraduate Awards Ceremony in the fall.
- **New Business**
 - Kona Ice will not be sold after school this spring.
 - Information regarding Academic Boosters was sent to all of the Middle School PTA presidents to share with their memberships
 - Nominations for the 2013-14 Academic Booster officers were presented. Voting will take place at the May meeting.
 - President: Tracey King
 - Vice-President: Leslie Bodkin
 - Secretary: Cheryl Bergsman
 - Treasurer: Tiffany Thompson
 - Membership: Heidi Stone
 - Hospitality: Open/Teresa Perry
 - Scholarship: Open
 - AP: Amy Girvin/Cynthia Stone
 - GEM Chair: Amy Girvin
 - WPC Rep: Leslie Bodkin
 - Fundraising: Open

Heidi Stone moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Yancey seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM

Next Meeting: May 7, 2014 at 6:00p in the Front Office Classroom

Respectfully Submitted
Tiffany Thompson