

WNHS ACADEMIC BOOSTERS
Meeting Minutes of September 4, 2013

Officers in Attendance: Tracey King, Lisa O'Connor, Tiffany Thompson, Teresa Perry, Jeff Perry, Leslie Bodkin, Heidi Stone, Mr. Yancey

Meeting commenced at 6:03p

- **Minutes** from the last meeting were reviewed- Approved with corrections after a motion by Teresa Perry and second by Lisa O'Connor. Motion carried
- **Treasurer's Report**- Jeff Perry
 - Current Balance as of September 1, 2013- \$6587.88
- **School Report**- Mr. Yancy
 - Mr. Yancy wrote a blog regarding the "new" state report card prior to its being published in the paper. This started a good dialogue and understanding of the issues. The report card was addressed in a staff meeting and professional development is underway to close the achievement gaps, track learning outcomes, and develop intervention plans. The official report card will be posted on the school website.
 - The current freshman class will be not required to take the OGT this spring. The state is looking for funding options for the PARK assessments, that correlate to the Common Core curriculum instated this year. This will be a "high stakes" test that will account for 20%-30% of a student's end of the year grade. Those students who do not do well on the PARK assessment will have opportunities to improve during summer school, and each test will be awarded points for graduation. The entire process has not been released yet.
 - The Common Core curriculum does align nicely into Advanced Placement curriculum and exams
 - Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with schedule pick-up and Open House and provided cookies
 - Opening Ceremonies went very well. A lot of senior parents were in attendance. Dr. Kellogg gave the opening remarks. Following the ceremony the freshman signed their graduation banner.
 - Class meetings were held during the first week of school to set expectations and review policies. There have been only a few dress code related issues.
 - Scheduling issues have been resolved. Lea Coburn will be retiring at the end of the 2013-14 school year and a new administrator is transitioning to be in charge of scheduling.
 - Picture Day was held on 8-20 with a make-up day on 9-4. ID's will be used for Hall Passes as well as lunch purchases. A retake day is scheduled for 9-30.
 - Open House was held on 8-21. It was very well attended, over 600 students were represented.
 - Improvements continue to be made with regards to communication. E-mails are sent through Powerschool in addition to Twitter and Facebook. Teachers, Administrators, and Booster groups have been trained to write blogs and add them to the North website
 - Creating a greater link between the incoming freshman and their junior mentors from the previous year was discussed
 - A Club/ Activities handbook including a blurb explaining the activity, meeting times and locations, and officer information would be beneficial to incoming freshman.
 - Lines were painted in the student parking lot at the end of each row to improve safety and traffic flow.
 - The Freshman Tailgate was held before the season opener on August 30. Freshman received half price admission to the game
 - Evening of Excellence- Merit Roll/ Honor Roll Awards will be presented on 9-11 for sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Students received invitations to this event in their advisory period
 - Freshman earning a GPA of 3.3 or higher will receive a certificate at the end of the first quarter
 - ACT Prep Boot Camp will be 9-16 from 7:45-2 at Westerville North. The ACT will be given on 9-21. Students can check with Pupil Services to sign up for the boot camp. The average ACT score for WNHS students is 23.9
 - Currently there is no SAT Prep course offered at North.
 - Parent- Teacher Conferences will be held from 5-8:30 on 9-18/19. Parents can sign up online, if no internet access is available, please call the teacher to sign up. There is no school on 9-20
 - Early Release is scheduled for 9-26 and there will be a modified bell schedule. Please be sure to have any students with a modified schedule check the start and end times for their classes.
 - A staff development waiver day is planned for 9-27. There is no school that day.
 - Lori Boder from National Recognition Products is no longer the representative for Westerville North. There will be a senior products meeting on 9-6 during extended advisory
 - 2012-13 Yearbooks will be available mid- fall
 - EXPLORE test, the PLAN test, and the PSAT will be given on 10-16. The EXPLORE test is for freshman, the PLAN and the PSAT are for sophomores. Sophomores interested in taking both tests an alternative PLAN test date is 10-18

- **Pupil Services Report**
 - None
- **Committee Reports**
 - **Hospitality** (Teresa Perry)
 - 11 people donated cookies for Open House
 - Cookie donations are needed for Evening of Excellence; approximately 700 people will be in attendance
 - **Banquet** (Tracey King)
 - One hundred eighty-three students qualified for academic recognition on 10-16 with a GPA of 3.7 or above for the 2012-13 school year. Invitations will be mailed 9-20 with an RSVP date of 10/2. Complimentary meals will be made available to qualifying students and VIP's, there is a \$16 charge for other family and guests. Registration begins at 6:30 with the program starting at 7:00. The banquet will be held in the commons. Dr Kellogg will be asked to make the opening remarks and Kendra Polito is the keynote speaker
 - **Scholarships/ Awards** (Heidi Stone)
 - None
 - **Membership** (Tiffany Thompson)
 - As of 9-4 there are 65 members of Academic Boosters, down 37 from last year.
 - There will an aggressive membership drive including
 - Soliciting membership at the Evening of Excellence and Banquet
 - E-mail blast from Mr. Yancy to all North parents with a membership application attached
 - targeting teachers/ staff
 - initiating a student/ family membership option to be distributed during Advisory
 - making phone calls to families that have not rejoined from last year
 - advertising on to the school marquee
 - Having a greater presentence at football games- including an information booth, advertising on the scoreboard, announcements at during the game
 - **Parent Council** (Leslie Bodkin)
 - First meeting 9-18
 - Training for incoming presidents and other interested officers 9-17; 18
 - Powerschool Navigation workshop offered 9-24
- **Old Business**
 - Open committee positions
 - Fundraising
 - Communication
- **New Business**
 - Fundraising Ideas
 - Dine-Out Nights at area restaurants
 - Run Concessions during Open House; Parent Teacher Conferences
 - KONA Ice
 - Create a car decal to sell
 - Check with local business as a booster sponsor
 - Contact Alumni via Facebook and Class Reunion groups

Mr. Yancy moved to adjourn the meeting Mari Hall seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM

Next Meeting October 2, 2013 at 6:00p in the Front Office Classroom

Respectfully Submitted
Tiffany Thompson