



**Wake County PTA Council
Executive Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. January 15, 2004
Fuquay Varina Middle School**

Present: Ann Rollins, Toni Cooper, Bev Shipley-Sherron, Megan Andrews, Melanie Fuller, Nancy Caggia, Lillian Stroupe, Lisa Brown, Bob Brauer, Sue Tripp, Liza Weidle, Virginia Parker, Vanessa Fleischmann, Bill Poston, Denise Webster, Bonnie Mayer, Mia Green, Janelle Knox, Lauren Hales, Amy Hayward, Amber Sagester, Lisa Yelmini, Tony Cates, Sandra West, Lorraine Galkowski, and Toni Cooper.

Call to Order: President Liza Weidle called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Welcome and Call to Order: President Weidle welcomed the Board Members. President Weidle made the following announcements:

- Most Valued Council Member for December: Mia Green
- Most Valued Council Member for January: Lisa Yelmini

Inspiration and Best Practices at Fuquay Varina Middle School: Fuquay Varina School's PTA President, Amber Sagester and PTA Board Member Lisa Yelmini as well as Tony Cates, Principal and Amy Hayward, Assistant Principal welcomed the Board and reviewed best practices at their school.

Agenda :

The agenda was approved after moving the 8 items in the Health and Safety Consent report related to the recommendations from the School Health Advisory Council to the action agenda.

Treasurer's Report:

President Weidle representing Jill Touchberry, Treasurer, filed the Treasurer's Report (separate report)

Liaison Reports:

Bob Brauer, Junior Achievement, reported that the job shadowing day is January 30. Please volunteer your business if possible.

Megan Andrews, Wake Ed. Partnership, The next Roundtable is Feb. 12 at the Apex Chamber of Commerce at noon. The next PTA Liaison Meeting is March 11 at 11:30. Pieces of Gold is March 18 at the BTI Center and tickets go on sale January 26. The Wake Education Summit is April 29 at the McKimmon Center.

Program: Tobacco Free Schools by Suzanne DePalma, Director Tobacco Free Schools Program
Ms. DePalma provided the members information about this issue.

After the presentation, Present Weidle recognized Nancy Caggia who proposed a resolution in support of 100% Tobacco Free Schools. After discussion, it was moved and seconded to approve the resolution with the budget report. The will be sent to members by email.

Committee Reports:

Character Education Committee:

Lorraine Galkowski, reported on the Character Ed. Conference in November. Sue Tripp, WCPSS's Character Education Coordinator, gave the members her email address: swtripp@wcpss.net.

Newsletter: The next Newsletter Deadline is February 15th.

Safe Schools Committee: Nancy Caggia reported that she will be attending DPI's Seventh Annual Safe School Conference in February. AED training will be held on February 26. Friday, March 26 is the date for the Wake Community Health Forum on Child Obesity.

The WCPTA S&H Chair serves on the WCPSS School Health Advisory Council (SHAC), which is the primary health advisory board for the public school system. SHAC is charged to "strengthen and expand opportunities for the eight components of the coordinated school health program." Eight Components of the coordinated school health programs include: 1. Safe school environment, 2. Physical education, 3. Health education, 4. Staff wellness programs, 5. School health services, 6. Mental and social health services, 7. Nutrition services, and 8. Parental/family involvement, such as POE, Safechild, and WCPTA.

After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to recommend the following 8 policy changes or recommendations for the School Health Advisory Council to consider. The motion was approved.

1. For WCPSS to be fully comply with the 100% tobacco free school as per State Law, Senate Bill 583 which became effective on August 14, 2003. WCPSS tobacco use policy precedes and exceeds the law in that WCPSS has 24/7 coverage; however, two administrative buildings allow smoking on the grounds.
2. To increase countywide preparedness of our schools and community, including potential accidental and man-made disasters and nuclear waste threats. To recommend about practical preparations, and family communication plans.
3. To continue SAVE (Students Against Violence Programs) programs at middle and high schools through involvement of parents, teachers and administration. This program is no longer funded and is needed to prevent conflicts and violence.
4. To continue to support prior resolutions to increase the number of school nurses and to increase the safety in bus transportation.
5. To ensure that core health and safety curriculum guidelines are met, such as eighth graders learning CPR. Basic first aid training could be done countywide with sharing of training tools, such as CPR medial dummies. To equip the schools with necessary equipment, such as AED's, to properly respond until emergency response department(s) can arrive.
6. To work with county resources to educate the community about the child obesity epidemic and what action steps can be taken to decrease this health risk
7. To educate parents about preventable injuries which are the leading risk to our children and other safety and health risks through bi-weekly newsletters.
8. To encourage PTA units to share information with other schools' PTS/A's to form partnerships where solutions can be reached through a pooling of ideas, supplies and skills through a WCPTA Liaison group.

Bylaws Committee: Ann Rollins recognized the Bylaws Committee members, Virginia Parker and Paula Lipford for their work to revise the bylaws. A motion was made by the Bylaws committee to approve the amendments to the bylaws (separate document). The motion passed.

Nominating Committee: Virginia Parker reported for Chair Paula Lipford requesting all members to continue in their positions, if eligible. The proposed slate will be presented at the February meeting.

Reflections Committee: Denise Webster passed around a sample of the program cover and the tickets for this year's event. Judges this year are: Photography: Lifetouch, Art: Fine Arts League, Literary entries: Wake County Library staff, and music: Paul Randle.
The Reflection pick up date is February 9th.

Area Vice Presidents Reports:

Melanie Fuller, Central AVP, reported that things are quiet in her area.

Sharon Gupton, Eastern AVP, reported that her plan was to have training for the President elects in the spring.

Lisa Brown, Northern AVP, reported that the coffee and conversation was successful.

Bonnie Mayer, Western AVP, reported that their meeting entitled "The "Bs" of PTA" was successful.

Unfinished business: Toni Cooper reported on the criminal background checks meeting from Jan. 13. There are 4 levels of checks. The goal is to structure so it can be implemented across the system. Provide tools that are available to screen volunteers and ways to support the staff and volunteers. The plan is to roll out starting with the opening of school this coming year.

NCLB: Raising Achievements and Closing Gaps Task Force Report: Mia Green reviewed the document from this task force (see document). The Task Force will present to the Board of Education at their next meeting. There are two main recommendations:

1. Address one or more key issues within the school improvement planning process.
2. Create a permanent entity to equip parents and community members with specific knowledge and skills to better collaborate with schools to address key issues.

Mia Green also showed a video on the Parent Participation program held Jan 12 at Dillard Middle School. There were 492 participants at this WCPTA Council's parent meeting.

President Weidle reminded council members about the President's Reception on February 5th and asked the AVPs to remind their presidents to RSVP.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Rollins,
Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 19 AT CARROLL MIDDLE SCHOOL.