

**Wake County PTA Council  
Executive Board Meeting  
7:00 p.m. October 14, 2003  
A.B. Combs Elem. School**

Present: Ann Rollins, Derrick Byrd, Patti Head, Toni Cooper, Bev Shipley-Sherron, Megan Andrews, Melanie Fuller, Sharon Gupton, Paula Lipford, Jill Touchberry, Nancy Caggia, Lillian Stroupe, Lisa Brown, Bob Brauer, Sue Tripp and Liza Weidle.

**Call to Order:** President Liza Weidle called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

- Cindy Smith has updated the new Fundraising Handbook.
- Student Council President Meeting next Tuesday and Liza is on their agenda.
- Bylaws Committee will be meeting next week to work on the updates please send any suggestions to Ann Rollins, Virginia Parker or Paula Lipford.
- Reviewed the Retreat Report (attached)

**Inspiration and Best Practices at A. B. Combs Elem:** A.B. Combs Elementary School's PTA President, Melanie Fuller welcomed the Board to Washington Elementary and reviewed best practices at their school.

**Agenda :**

President Weidle established that there was not a quorum for the meeting. The consent agenda will be held for the October Meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:**

President Weidle recognized Jill Touchberry who filed the Treasurer's Report.

**Committee Reports:**

Character Education Committee:

1. Sue Tripp, retired Apex Middle School Principal, is now working with WCPSS's Character Education and coordinating with Lorraine Galkowski on the Wake County PTA Council's Character Education Conference on **November 5** at the Pioneer Building on the grounds of Method Road Community Center and Park from 9:30 -1:00 p.m.
2. We have applied for a Character related CHOICE grant from the PERC Grants through the NCPTA. We are hoping to get funds to create and purchase banners of our monthly WCPSS adopted character traits to be hung at the three main area malls (Cary Towne, Triangle Towne and Crabtree Valley). We are hoping to get enough funds to produce two sets for each mall since they are very large.
3. Character Counts continues to be compiled and used by our reps. I have forwarded to the N& O and the Cary News but have yet seen them printed.
- 4) I remain a member on behalf of the Wake PTA Council on the Communities Building Character Steering Committee. They have produced a brochure about what they do and a website and we are working on growing our liasons and members as well as further defining its purpose

5) CharacterNet. Davis Drive and Morrisville Elementary will be piloting this for two years as part of a grant. We will be able to critique its value and possibly be able to recommend that the county look into funding it for all its schools. The online program can be used in school and home with lessons, "what would you do" situational quizzes, and suggested activities.

Newsletter: The next Newsletter Deadline is December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Parent Partnership: Derrick Byrd reported for Mia Green. The Committee met on 10-9-03 to confirm a plan to offer a series of Parent Participation Events for Wake County.

- Four Sessions to be held between now and the end of year targeting elementary, middle and high schools and school leadership.
- The target populations for these events are the typical “uninvolved” parent who represent any on the NCLB subgroups (particularly minorities), and school leadership who have uninvolved parents.
- Specific focus on parents who have language and cultural differences.
- Each session will have an individual focus to meet the needs of the parents and students that are targeted. (i.e. The focus for the elementary school program may be different than those of high school students.)
- Every effort will be made to make each program inclusive for parents with children of all age groups.
- Food and child enrichment will be provided.
- Currently, University Instructors is in negotiation to provide child enrichment services for all events as needed.

*Goals of Committee*

*To eliminate barriers that prevents successful parent participation and diverse parent participation in the Wake County School System.*

*To create a model parent partnership meeting that can be duplicated PTA Units throughout the county.*

<u>Location</u>	<u>Events Calendar</u> <u>When</u>	<u>Theme</u>
Bugg Elementary	October 30, 2003	Reading
Dillard Middle School	January, 2004	Parent Participation
TBA – targets PTA leadership And principals	December, 2003	How to increase minority parent participation in your PTA and school
Wake Forest-Rolesville High	February, 2004	TBA

Safe Schools Committee: Nancy Caggia reported on the Red Ribbon Week and provided flyers to the members present. There will be an Obesity Forum on March 26 from 9:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Other Reports: Bonnie Mayer reviewed a draft of the Great Expectations 2003 Evaluation Results (see attached).

**Area Vice Presidents Reports:**

Melanie Fuller, Central AVP, reported that there was one central area training that was held on Friday, Sept. 12.

Sharon Gupton, Eastern AVP, reported that their goal was to visit every school in their area this year.

Lisa Brown, Northern AVP, stated their area did not express interest in a designed training session so they are planning a “coffee and conversation”

Bonnie Mayer, Western AVP, had to cancel the training scheduled this month due to unexpected car trouble but is planning 5 workshops this year on Parent Involvement, Advocacy, Reading, and that these will be “small group” working sessions.

**Liaison Reports:**

Patti Head, Reporting for the Community in Schools, distributed flyers about the upcoming CELEBRATE COMMUNITIES, an event to benefit Communities In Schools of Wake County and WCPSS. The event will be held at Regency Park on Sunday, October 26, 2003 from 3-6 p.m.

Bob Brauer, Junior Achievement, reported there are 172 programs this fall which are mostly in the elementary schools but there are 5 in high schools. There are currently three openings at Leesville Elem., Oak Grove Elem, and Leadmine Elem.

Megan Andrews, Wake Ed. Partnership, reported that the Annual Meeting will be held on October 16. There are 52 schools participating in the Parent Liaison Program and the next meeting is November 13, from 11:30 – 1p.m. The next Roundtable is October 22 and after that at the Cary Chamber on November 20<sup>th</sup>. The Food for Thought Grants deadline is October 15 at 5 p.m. Ann Rollins will send a last reminder to the council list serve to get them in.

Patti Head, Vice Chair WCPSS Board of Education, thanked the members for helping with passage of the Bond Referendum. The Board is finalizing the new Goal 2008 and is planning to vote at the November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Program: Magnet Programs and Resources: Tamani Anderson, WCPSS Magnet Programs**

Magnet Programs is providing a “Middle School Options Night” and are focusing on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders since these are transition years.

The Magnet Fair is November 1<sup>st</sup> at SE Raleigh High School from 10-1 p.m.

The applications are due in February.

Due to lack of meeting time, Tamani gave the members her email address for questions:

[tranderson@wcpss.net](mailto:tranderson@wcpss.net)

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Rollins,  
Recording Secretary