

Woodrow Wilson Senior High School, Washington, D.C.

PTSA General Meeting

October 17th, 2007

7:00 p.m.

Held at the Library of Woodrow Wilson High School

Executive Board Members present:

Columbus Spruell, Co-President

Mary Giffin, Co-President

Jude Landis, Co-Treasurer

***Columbus and Mary opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.***

Columbus and Mary welcomed all.

### ***Principal's Report***

Ms. Williams: "You can't hide that Tiger Pride."

Homecoming

Ms. Williams: Homecoming will be on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October. The parade will be at noon, the game at 2:00 p.m. and the dance, 7:30 p.m. to midnight.

Students have been told that if they come intoxicated to the dance they will not be allowed in and will have to have their parents pick them up.

Staffing

Ms. Williams: There is a social study's vacancy. There has been an offer made and accepted. The new teacher will be here tomorrow.

Mr. Bargeman, 9<sup>th</sup> grade academy director: We have three teams of students in 9<sup>th</sup> grade, blue, green, and yellow. It is the blue team that has suffered without the social studies teacher.

There is also an opening in math.

A decision needs to be made as to how to help the students catch up on the missed work. A survey was sent home to the affected students. Due Friday, the survey will help the administrators decide whether to make up classes after school or on Saturdays.

Textbooks

Ms. Miller, assistant principal: All the textbooks are here, except AP Spanish and AP Art. Because of the number of students who need textbooks, the staff made a rotating schedule.

### Attendance

Ms. Miller: We are creating intervention groups based on behavior and attendance. There is a late group, an absent group, and a group for mild behavior problems. Students in these categories are being counseled.

Mr. Bowers, attendance counselor: Everyone must be at school on time at 8:45 sharp. Robocalls (automated calls home) are activated if the attendance data is not input by 2:30 p.m., so if a student has an excuse for being late but has not turned it in the call we be generated.

Please send the excuse letter early in the day.

Always include the student's ID number.

Parents, do not buy the line that you are just getting the call because there was a substitute teacher.

### Testing

Ms. Williams: 900 students took the PSAT today.

Ms. Williams reviewed a report for the meeting that showed last years DCCAS results.

### Counseling

Dr. Emyrtle Bennett, 9<sup>th</sup> grade guidance counselor: I recently attended a counseling seminar in Texas. Thanks to the PTSA for the funds to go.

Next Monday and Tuesday, I will be working the four-year plan with the ninth graders.

My e-mail address is [emyrtle.bennett@dc.gov](mailto:emyrtle.bennett@dc.gov).

Ms. Williams: You just can't hide that tiger pride.

### *A Sample of Extra-curricula and Sports*

Mary Giffin: Our many school music programs have not ramped up enough to give a performance here tonight. They will be here in the spring, though.

There are various tables of forms.

Students and others will be stepping up to speak about their activities.

The following clubs and activities were represented:

Varsity Cheerleaders

Sports - Eddie Saah

Swim Team - Christian Ulstrup

Ice Hockey team

ROTC - Colonel Scotti

Drama -

General theater and performance resources - Mr. Joe Reiner  
Drama Club - Gini Boyles  
Fall Musical - Alexis Chaney  
Players - Sarah Giffin  
Special Musical - Mr. Bargeman  
Art Club - Mary Barnes  
Teen Women in Action - Ms. Ahmadu and Ms, Doe  
C.A.R.E. - Gini Boyles  
It's Academic - Jeremy Singer  
    It's Academic is a quiz show contest. Contestants are picked in the spring.  
Asian Club - Mary Ball and students  
French Club - Ms. Anna Foxen  
LAVA  
Policy Debate - Ms. K.J. Anderson and students  
Harvard Model Congress - Frank Feeney and students  
Beacon - Joe Reiner and students  
    The Beacon student newspaper meets in room 209 Thursdays at 8:00 a.m. and Tuesdays,  
    Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.  
Latin American Youth Center - Jodi Nemser-Abrams  
Sophisticats - Eddie Saah  
Recycling Club

### *NCAA Eligibility*

Mark Harrison, assistant director for NCAA Compliance: To get from high school athlete to college student athlete, the student needs to market him/herself.  
In 10<sup>th</sup> grade, the student athlete can be officially looked at.  
Are you a one sport athlete or a three sport athlete?  
NCAA division 1 and 2 give scholarships.  
Go to [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org) for more information.

### *Meeting Adjourned.*

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen Leander