

**WILBUR CROSS PTO MINUTES**  
**Wilbur Cross High School**  
**New Haven, CT**

**DATE: Wednesday, January 16, 2008**

**PLACE: The Wilbur Cross Conference Room in the Main Office**

**TIME: 6:00 P.M.**

**In attendance: H. Biegel, T. Blanford, C. Clampitt, L. Jones, C. Kafoglis, Pochan, D. Strode, S. Williams**

**Agenda**

**I. Current Business**

**A. Upcoming CAPT test for all sophomores and those needing to repeat a section: Sheila Williams**

1. Begins first week of March; compressed from two weeks to one, with an improved participation rate increase of 10% last year with the compressed schedule
  - a. The school plans to continue with this compressed schedule, and offer raffle tickets to students who complete all tests on a timely basis. The school would like to offer snacks again, and volunteers will be needed to help with distribution
  - b. Cross could also use donations from parents and the community for raffle prizes
  - c. Dates and times for volunteers will be forthcoming
2. Attendance is important: Students who do not take both parts of each test, will not pass that section
3. CAPT Academy announcement reviewed; the after-school program is available for non-native speakers of English to prepare for the CAPT. Questions about the program should be directed to the school at 946-6063
4. Gear Up provides some support as well

**B. SPMT Report: Chris Kafoglis**

1. SPMT (School Planning and Management) the site-based advisory group to the principal for parent and community input, is up and running
2. Main advisory group for the principal: current task; booklet for course selection, will probably be online
3. Flyer on course selection should be available Report Card Night February 6<sup>th</sup>: Course selection guides will go out to students the Monday before, and will be due back on the 13th
4. Other issues reviewed by SPMT: scheduling (length of classes, block classes or not), the large number of students at the school (currently over-subscribed)
5. Every day next week will be a half day because of mid-terms
6. SPMT meets every other Wednesdays 1:45 P.M. in the library

**C. Issue raised about excessive number of students at Wilber Cross**

1. Strong concern voiced over-crowding at Cross by hundreds of students
2. Over-crowding negatively affects
  - a. discipline
  - b. test scores
  - c. course schedules and course selection
  - d. class size
  - e. scheduling lunch waves
3. It is particularly important to address this issue now as course planning and registration for the fall begins

**D. Primary day Tuesday February 5<sup>th</sup>: proposed PTO bake sale fundraiser**

1. Volunteers needed again to bring in food and to help with set-up, serving, and clean-up
2. Food needed: Crock-pot soups, rolls, a drink and something sweet; need a variety of soups to sell
3. Challenge: School will be in session

**E. Volunteers are needed to help with Shakespeare & Company's performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream***

1. The performance will be at Wilbur Cross on Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to just after 10 in the morning.
2. Volunteers are needed for set-up the day before (Tuesday after school), and to usher and chaperone during the performance
3. If interested, contact Ms. Sexton at [Rachel.Sexton@new-haven.k12.ct.us](mailto:Rachel.Sexton@new-haven.k12.ct.us)

**F. SAT preparation: After school schedule posted on the Wilbur Cross website**

**II. Senior Class Report**

**A. Senior class calendar submitted, along with a chart of graduation requirements**

**B. Some important dates and events for seniors:**

1. Senior dues \$85 (\$95 after January 1<sup>st</sup>) Suggested that dues date be moved back, with an incentive
2. Prom: Friday May 9<sup>th</sup>
3. Graduation date TBA
4. Upcoming Senior class fundraiser: Valentine Roses

**III. Election of new PTO officers and formation of active sub-committees:** Not enough members were present to pursue this topic

Meeting adjourned at 7:34

Minutes recorded by C. Clampitt