

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

DATE: Wednesday, June 4, 2008
PLACE: Conference Room, Main Office
TIME: 6:00 P.M.

In Attendance: C. Bergman, T. Blanford, M. Bonilla, C. Clampitt, D. Clampitt, L. Fazzino, N. Kafoglis, T. Malicki, B. Meyerson, C. Meyerson, D. Strode, L. Whitfield, S. Williams

I. Agenda

A. Overview of PTO Events and Accomplishments 2007 – 2008

1. Review of PTO accomplishments (see following document), especially:
 - a. **College 101 presentation** designed for freshman through senior students and their parents to plan for college. Consensus to engage presenter for two presentations, one for fall and one for spring (fundraiser to cover honorarium)
 - b. **Real Life, Real Talk presentation:** Consensus that the PTO should sponsor the series at Cross next year
 - c. **Open Forum with Principal Coggins:** Consensus to schedule more such meetings with Principal Coggins next year to continue open communication between administration and parents
 - d. **Acknowledgement of establishment, growth and accomplishments of the PTO the past three years under out-going president Loria Jones' capable leadership and guidance** (Loria was unable to attend the meeting due to a scholarship award ceremony for her daughter)

B. Senior Class Report M. Bonilla, T. Malicki

1. **Prom** held at Fantasia in North Haven June 7th 6:30 – 11:30
2. **After-prom** held again this year (12:30 -2:30 P.M) due to high student interest in the event
 - a. safe choice for students after the prom - may be possible to secure grant money next year as an alcohol free event
 - b. Local businesses donated to event as well some parents
3. **Gateway scholarship program** meeting evening of June 11th for seniors planning to attend Gateway next year (C. Clampitt for A. Townsend)

C. SPMT Report N. Kafoglis

1. **Discussion of school-wide ID for next year**
 - a. useful for lunch waves, library
 - b. most faculty supportive
 - c. **problems:**
 1. student forgets ID: what to do
 2. enforcement
 3. technology for bar coding etc
 - d. **benefits:** easy to distinguish our students/ faculty/staff from outsiders

who have not been properly checked in as visitors

2. Teacher absenteeism vs. number of subs available

- a. subs paid \$50 a day for years
- b. need a letter campaign to raise awareness downtown
- c. discussion: Other districts use Kelly Services
- d. **Suggestions:**

1. present to Board of Aldermen
2. set up a petition for parents to sign and show support

3. No hard data on numbers for overcrowding: vital to pursue

4. Preliminary schedules set for majority of students for next year

5. Seniors at WC will need to take 7 full courses or the equivalent including work or taking a class at local college, coordinated through WC.

6. NEASC reports will be available in the main office for review

D. Suggestions for next year

1. Nomination of future PTO board members
 - a. **New president: Lisa Whitfield**
 - b. **New vice-president: Cathy Meyerson**

2. restart a city-wide PTO

E. Out-going president L. Jones is preparing a list of dates and proposed presentations for next year (C. Clampitt for L. Jones)

F. Tentative date for first PTO meeting for fall 2008: August 27th, 2008

G. Treasurer's report: Contribution to senior class

1. Current balance \$940.49
2. Gift to senior class: \$600
3. Still have bumper stickers to sell (graduation)

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Minutes recorded by C. Clampitt

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OVERVIEW OF PTO ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND EVENTS
2007-2008

- Wednesday, September 26, 2007** Ice Cream Social
(Meet the Teachers Night)
- Wednesday, October 17, 2007** Discussion of PTO Role in NEASC,
Review of Meet the Teachers Night
procedures
- Tuesday, November 6, 2007** Election Day Bake Sale fundraiser
- Wednesday, November 14, 2007** Presentation by Principle Coggins on
current status of NEASC, followed by
an open forum Q & A
- Tuesday, November 20, 2007** Report Card Night - bumper sticker
fundraiser
- Wednesday, December 12, 2007** Overview of CAPT and CAPT
administration at Cross
- Wednesday, January 16, 2008** SPMT report, senior class report,
discussion of overcrowding at Cross
and request for data to evaluate over –
enrollment patterns
- Wednesday, February 13, 2008** Continued discussion of effects of
overcrowding at Cross, review of
CAPT incentives, union presentation
of problems with Aramark's food service and
custodial management
- Wednesday, March 19, 2008** *College 101* Presentation by Chaka Felder-
McEntire from higher Elevation Educational
Counseling Services
- Wednesday, April 23, 2008** *Real Life, Real Talk* presentation by Susan Lane of
Planned Parenthood
- Wednesday, May 14, 2008** **Cancelled**
- Wednesday, June 4, 2008** Final review of year, recommendations for next year's
agenda, election of Lisa Whitfield as new president and
acknowledgement of establishment, growth and
accomplishments of the PTO under out-going PTO
president Loria Jones' leadership