

Woodward Academy Parents Club Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 22, 2010

Attendees:

Dr. Stuart Gulley	Cathy Hasbrouck
Bob Hawks	Leslie Haskins
Ron McCollum	Vicki Hueber
Dr. Chris Freer	Lisa Jackson
Lin Pahl	Cathy Lefar
Rochelle Andrews	Lisa Mancuso
Kasey Asarch	Amy Mattingly
Teresa Berger	Niji Meyer
Barbara Coats	Jamie Muller
Meenaxi Dave	Sandi Peterson-Cooper
Haynes Dooley	Robbie Roberts
Suzy Ellis	Delee Sutherland
Donna Goldberg	Teri Taylor
Susan Gordon	Amy Vassey
Jackie Greene	Sharon Williams
Sherry Hart	

Call to Order and Introductions:

- Haynes Dooley called the meeting to order

Comments:

Dr. Stewart Gulley, *President*

- Shared the new issue of Atlanta Magazine and recognized Haynes for her interview highlighting her Woodward experience
- Announced a final push for the Georgia Goal program and encouraged all to participate
- Outlined plans for a Woodward license plate:
 - “WA” is already taken
 - Students were involved in selecting “WE” for War Eagle, as an alternative
 - December sales campaign to include lottery for numbers 2-11
- Shared thoughts on implementation of the Strategic Plan and gave specific examples:
 - Academics: review of the US by outside experts will begin in March 2011
 - Facilities: Shared plans for new construction

Bob Hawks, *Director of Advancement*

- Shared computer generated drawings of the proposed new Humanities building
 - Style is similar to the current Brewster/McKay/West, in keeping with feedback requesting a traditional look for the new construction
 - Building is mostly brick, with glass on the back
- The goal is \$21 million
 - Construction will begin in summer of 2012 if 75% of funds are on hand
 - An estimated 12-15 month construction time is anticipated
- Woodward Fund is running about 40% ahead of last year

Chris Freer, *Vice President Student Life*

- Expressed thanks for Super Goober Day
- Announced Woodward Night at a Hawks Game on Tuesday, January 11, 2011
- A WA Family Ski Trip is being planned for Spring Break
- Woodward will participate in AIM- Assessment of Inclusivity and Multiculturalism
 - Study groups and discussion groups will be formed
 - Confidential "Climate Survey" will be conducted
- School Community Councils have been meeting
- Athletic Updates
 - Nathan Vassey, defending State Cross Country champ, featured on the cover of ESPN magazine
 - Girls Volleyball playing in the finals this week
 - Football team is 7-1
 - Winter sports starting off
- Service Update
 - First Academy wide service project, the canned food drive, kicks off next week
 - US students involved in joint Habitat Build
- In response to a question about Student Life's positions and efforts regarding internet safety:
 - The Academy does not "police" the internet, but when things are brought to the school's attention, follow up and disciplinary action is implemented when warranted.
 - Student Programs have been held and the message of safety and privacy is regularly brought to the students.
 - Patty McIver shared that IT is constantly monitoring the access on campus
 - *Suggestions* – Dr. Freer will take these under advisement and consider options:
 - have the Academy create guidelines to assist parents
 - add parent education programs to the summer offerings on campus

Approval of minutes

- Amy Vassey moved that the September 2010 minutes be approved
- Motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved

President's Report – *Haynes Dooley*

- Acknowledged and congratulated the Super Goober team on a job well done.
- Received feedback from the school Principals and all are pleased with the way PC is functioning in their respective schools.
- Stressed the importance of letting the folks know what the Parents Club does:
 - "Sponsored by the Parents Club" signs have been made.
 - These are housed in the Parents Club garage and should be posted at any Parents Club sponsored events.
- Will get an email out explaining the Georgia Goal program to all Board members that can be forwarded on to parents.

Treasurer's Report – *Barbara Coats for Pam Johnson*

- Distributed packets to school divisions
- Asked for clarification on several "unclaimed" invoices

- A \$150 donation was made in honor of US Chair Betsey Eastman's father who passed away

School Reports:

Woodward North – *Nija Myer*

- Reinforcing the goal of inclusivity and holding monthly PC meetings for ALL parents
 - sending evite
 - lined up various administrators from Main campus as speakers
 - Lin Pahl suggested using Google Forms
- Very successful 6th grade family program at the MS
- Successful Tailgate on Main Campus
- Highlighting holidays of different cultures and faiths
- Coming Up: Book Fair and Lots of Holiday activities!

Primary School – *Kathy Asarch*

- Combined Internet Safety Week and Red Ribbon Week with theme of “Walk the Right Path” and also collected shoes for charity
- Successful TA luncheon sponsored by 3rd grade
- Super Goober Day was huge success
- Using a new company for Book Fair, “Through the Magic Door”
- Coming up: Halloween Parade/Picnic/ Parties

Lower School – *Jackie Greene (Tammy Duncan)*

- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon went well
- 6th grade Football Extravaganza was success
- Great Super Goober Day
- Successful Tailgate last Friday
- Canned food drive coming up- will have enhanced promotion and educational components
- Coming Up: Halloween parties, Holiday Decorating

Middle School – *Cathy Hasbrouck*

- Hosted MS Tailgate party between the MS Fall Social and the Football game. Huge success! Served over 500 meals!
- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon coming up this week
- Coming up: Holiday Decorating and Holiday service project

Upper School – *Delee Sutherland*

- Homecoming Pizza Party well attended, but rather chaotic with all the Alums on campus. Will look for another date in 2011
- Successful Blood Drive – exceeded goal of 80 donors
- 10th grade Teacher Appreciation Luncheon was a great success
- US Parent Meeting coming up – Mr. McCollum will speak
- Still having problems with disseminating PC information through the Room Parents. Please let Delee know if you are not receiving emails from Room Parents
- Coming Up: Veterans Day celebration, Student Donut Day

Committee Reports

Mentor Program – *Donna Goldberg*

- First phase of evaluation project almost complete
- eblast going out with link to Survey - seeking feedback from mentors, new families and students

Super Goober Day- *Rochelle Andrews*

- Went very well!
- Expressed special thanks to all the volunteers!

Parent Programming –*Teresa Berger*

- Book Clubs continue to meet and are doing well
- Coordinated with WA's Internet Safety Week earlier this month and held "Becoming a Savvy Parent" for parents at both Main and WN
- "Exploring the Mother Daughter Relationship," held at the College Park Women's Club was great success.
- Coming Up:
 - Oct 27: "From Garden to Table," presented by Whole Foods Healthy Eating Liaison Lisa Tylor at WN
 - Nov 6: Panel Discussion on Diversity, Bullying and Communication, with Rusty Slider and members of WA's counseling staff on Main Campus
 - Nov 10: "From Garden to Table," on Main Campus for PS and LS parents
- Many comments were made thanking Teresa for the variety, quality and success of this years' Parent Programs

Consignment Shop – *Vicki Hueber*

- Busy posting summer sales
- Beginning to write checks

Concessions – *Lin Pahl for Karen Corbin*

- Football concessions going well
- Two large coffee urns are in the PC garage for use

Social Events – Robbie Roberts

- Picnics rescheduled for March 22nd
- Starting to roll with the campus wide Social Event – "Marti Gras at Woodward"
 - Update on decorations and band
 - Asked for volunteers to form committee

New Business

- Haynes Dooley presented information on the Academy's requests for financial support.
 - Barbara Coats made a motion that the PC donate 25k to the Woodward Fund. The motion was seconded and passed.
 - Amy Vassey made a motion that the PC donate 25k to the Building Fund. The motion was seconded and passed.
- Haynes Dooley acknowledged the Task Force on Renaming the Parent Club and thanked them for their efforts.
 - Task force members were Jamie Muller, Sharon Williams, Suzy Ellis, Nija Meyer, Robbie Roberts, Kasey Asarch.

- Jamie Muller, Task Force Chair, presented the recommendations:
 - Parent Alliance, Parent Association and Parent Community were discussed
 - A ballot vote followed
 - The Parents Club will be renamed “Woodward Academy Parent Community”

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am

Respectfully submitted by

Jamie Muller for Sandy Cooper