

**Walker Mill Middle School (WMMS)**  
**Parent Teacher Student Association**  
**October 13, 2009**

1. Welcome (President – Shelley Long) and Call to Order
  - a. Time 7:04 pm
2. Roll Call – Secretary
  - a. President
  - b. Treasurer
  - c. Secretary
  - d. Principal
  - e. Parent Liaison
  - f. Teacher Liaison – Mrs. Goodman
3. Approval of Minutes – Review and Approve
  - a. Motion to Approve the Minutes – No Discussion - Passed:
4. Presentations - Ms. Cotton – Science Fair
  - a. Letter sent out during Back to School night
  - b. Science Fair – February 9, 2010 weighted heavily for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
  - c. Students will be required to complete project and have it back to school after the holiday break.
  - d. Science Teachers will identify the date of submission
  - e. Middle School experiments dealing with plants are not on grade level and are not encouraged for submission.
  - f. Example provided - Eco-Friendly antifreeze experiment was acceptable
  - g. Science Fair Backboard – school fundraiser – foam back board in a variety of colors. Top three choices of color may be selected by the students.
  - h. Call for science judges if anyone perhaps knows of any who may be available.
  - i. Contact information – best to email [samantha.cotton@pgcps.org](mailto:samantha.cotton@pgcps.org)
  - j. Science textbook – suggested resource
  - k. Website Suggested and reviewed – [sciencebuddies.org](http://sciencebuddies.org)
  - l. Discovery School – sponsored by Scotch Science Fair
  - m. Order Forms for science boards due by November 13, 2009
  - n. Question on the floor - Can they start working on the Science Fair project now?  
Answer from Mrs. Cotton – Absolutely – They must also write a research paper for their project. The font must be times new roman 12 pitch.
  - o. No cutting and paste or plagiarism is allowed.
  - p. Students are encouraged to do Science Fair projects that are above grade level.
  - q. Question on the floor – Are students allowed to work on the Science Fair during class time? Answer – Yes, Students will be allowed Library Time to research project.
  - r. If you have five (5) resources, only one can be on the Internet.
  - s. Question on the floor – Do students participate in the County Wide Science Fair – How did they do over the last few years? – All boards are displayed when a student completes a project. If students want to go on to the next level of the Science Fair for County, they may do so. Students at Walker Mill in the Science Fair have placed in the past.

- t. Several students have received scholarships in the past.
- 5. Mrs. Goodman – Social Studies Department announced quickly that there is still space available for the trip to the Maryland Renaissance Fair on October 17, 2009.
- 6. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Last years financial are currently being audited.
  - b. Only funds dispersed this year, refreshments, insurance.
  - c. Budget Review
  - d. Budget Approval – Motion to Approve the 2009 – 2010 Proposed Budget - APPROVED
- 7. Presidents Report
  - a. Reading of the PTSA Mission and Purpose
  - b. Michelle Gibson, President, Oxon Hill PTSA President
    - i. Plan to replace Oxon Hill High School
    - ii. New school will only house 1200 students
    - iii. Enroll patterns are expected to drop
    - iv. Slide Show to present pictures of the current school
    - v. Boundary changes are expected under the proposed budget. There are only three Science and Technology schools in the county.
    - vi. Superintendent expected to come out on Tuesday, October 20, 2009, to provide more information. There will be remarks from current Oxon Hill Principal.
    - vii. School was built in 1958. No improvements are expected to be made on the be current school, because of the new school expected. Central air conditioning is currently based on a single fan in the cafeteria.
    - viii. There have been five Principals over the last five years.
    - ix. There is currently a strong PTSA in support of the current school issues.
    - x. Question – Is there a maintenance budget for the school? -- Answer by Mr. Brown – Principal – There is a list for each school which exists called the Top Ten Issues – Everything on the list should be addressed within 60 days.
  - c. Mr. Jones, Patriot Technology – unable to make the meeting tonight.
- 8. Committees
  - a. Introduction of Committees
    - i. Ways and Means
      - 1. Grants Subcommittee
      - 2. Fundraising
    - ii. Membership
    - iii. Events
      - 1. Hospitality
      - 2. Event on the books – School Dance for Thanksgiving
  - b. Solicitation of Committee Chairs
    - i. Sign up sheets provided
- 9. Question and Answers

Adjourn Meeting 7:51 pm