

Walker Mill Middle School (WMMS)
Parent Teacher Student Association
November 10, 2009

1. Welcome (President – Shelley Long) and Call to Order
 - a. Time 7:19 pm
2. Roll Call – Secretary
 - a. President
 - b. Treasurer
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Principal
 - e. Parent Liaison – Mrs. Croom
 - f. Teacher Liaison – Mrs. Goodman
3. Approval of Minutes – Review and Approve
 - a. Motion to Approve the Minutes – No Discussion - **Passed**
4. Treasurers Report
 - a. Financial Statement – Attached
 - b. \$95.00 Membership
 - c. No Disbursements in October
5. Audit Update
 - a. Audit to be completed as soon as possible
 - b. Dues to PTA for the end of the year and disbursement to auditor upcoming expenditures
6. Presentations
 - a. Ms. Goodman – 8th Grade Update
 - i. First 8th Grade Parent Meeting – Next Month
 - ii. Parent Social at the National Harbor – Proposed Cruise with Refreshments – need PTSA input on the event
 - b. Ms. McGregor – study skills and organization (presented by Mrs. Croom)
 - i. An AVID Notebook was presented for review
 - ii. Academic Resource Support Class teaching organization and time management
 1. using planning aids
 2. recording tests
 3. attending class
 4. setting goals
 5. Students are provided with an Agenda book – if your student has not received one – please let the office know.
 6. 3’c to help keep track of assignments
 - a. Create a calendar
 - b. Create a weekly planner
 - c. Create daily lists (to do list)
 - i. Check off each item as you complete it
7. LIST Strategy
 - a. Look at the causes
 - b. Identify the consequences

- c. Set the goals to increase you motivation
 - d. Talk to your teacher
8. Parent have the right to ask about adding these study skills to their child's goals
9. TAP-D
 - a. Think of things you need to do
 - b. Prioritize those things you need to do
 - i. School
 - ii. Work
 - iii. Home
 - iv. Social
 - c. Arrange them in categories
 - d. Do IT
10. Students need to maintain an organized notebook
11. CLASH Strategy – designed to help student remember what to bring to class
 - a. Check plans to see what is needed
 - b. Make a list of materials to bring from home
 - c. Check Planner
 - d. List items needed for next day
 - e. CLASH STRATEGY – Will be posted on the website.**
 - f. ARSC – Adapt Strategy – Will be posted on the website.**
 - g. Suggestion – Have students get a Study-Buddy**
 - h. Question – How do you know if your child is simply a disorganized student or if there is something clearly wrong with your child's organizational skills? – Answer: You may speak to your child's counselor or Mrs. Sides.
 - i. There will binder resources and an article about organization available on the website.
 - j. All students need to have an organized binder. This process gives the students a buy-in to organization.
 - k. The skills which are discussed are for all students to have skills to be used across the board.
- iii. Report Cards released today
- iv. Mrs. Frye – ELO Coordinator
 1. focused on a select group of students – Fantastic Fifty
 2. students who are close to proficiency
 3. Mr. Ramirez, Mr. VerMerris, Ms. Goodman, Ms. Lopez, Ms. Jackson, Ms. Goodman are currently tutoring. Many teachers are willing to stay to tutor on Tuesday and Thursdays when they have activity buses. Ms. Frye will communicate with Mr. Evans and Mr. Hollins. Many of the teachers are willing to stay, but you or your child must indicate that they need assistance.
 4. Rosetta Stone is available in the Media Center for student who require more support

5. There are web quizzes available for students for most of the student's curriculum.
6. Question – Can you provide a list of teachers who are willing to stay after to tutor? – Answer: Yes, I can give you a list of teachers, but we don't want too many kids showing up to overwhelm the teacher. They would like to be prepared for the allotment of students.
7. Presidents Report
 - a. Relationship between the PTSA and the parents and teachers
 - b. Currently there are four (4) teachers who are members of the PTSA.
 - c. Healthy Habits – Healthy Theme: the students had questions about they reasons why the unhealthy food is served in the cafeteria and given to the students
 - d. Parent and Teacher Survey's
 - i. Roles and responsibilities
 - ii. What we want from PTSA and teaches involvement
 - iii. The PTSA would like to try to get more people involved
 - e. Update from the Oxon Hill Meeting held in October
 - i. Changes in Oxon Hill enrollment will affect the students at WMMS
 - ii. New school slated for 1200 seats – School Board Member stated that the 1900 seat facility was not approved. They are proposing what they currently have in their enrollment. TAG children were not included. In fact, the number of TAG children going into Science and Technology will not be high enough to count. The formula used for planning is over 15 years old. The State Representative that was there did not know about the funding not being completed.
 - f. Suggestions for upcoming events/fundraiser
 - i. If parents have any suggestions for fundraisers please let the PTSA know.
 - g. First quarter honor roll – Friday, November 13, 2009 at 10:00 am
 - h. Teacher Raffle
 - i. Congratulations – Mrs. Frye
 - i. Transportation Update
 - i. Mr. Palmer has adjusted bus routes and shortened the commute time for some of the students
 - ii. Another follow-up email was sent to shorten the commute for no more than an hour and a half
 - iii. Stop the Violence Campaign – School Program March through April
 - iv. Enrichment Programs and Workshops
 1. For parents and students who want supplemental and organizational assistance.
 2. We are looking for parents who are willing to volunteer
 3. University of Maryland partnership offered the opportunity for students to go up to the University to teach the student
 4. Career Day – Friday, November 20, 2009 – Ms. Felton is still accepting applications
8. Question and Answers – None
9. Adjourn Meeting 8:10 pm