

**Walker Mill Middle School (WMMS)
Parent Teacher Student Association
Tuesday, December 15, 2009
(Before the start of the Winter Concert.)**

1. Welcome (President – Shelley Long) and Call to Order
 - a. Time 6:10 pm
2. Roll Call – Secretary: Officers Present
 - a. President
 - b. Treasurer
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Principal
 - e. Parent Liaison – Mrs. Croom
 - f. Teacher Liaison – Mrs. Goodman
3. Invited Guest of Mr. Gorman Brown to Speak – Reverend Delores Roberts – Non-Violence Summit – Stop The Violence Campaign
 - a. Background: Former Member of Congressman Wynn’s Education Advisory Board

PURPOSE

- b. Peace Day – April 16, 2010
- c. Violence and assaults in the schools has escalated
- d. Teens and parents were interviewed
- e. 28 schools with violence including WMMS.
- f. Bullying, intimidation, fights, weed, rape, stabbing in the schools.
- g. Stabbing # Flowers H.S. this morning.
- h. Gang turf and rivalry within the schools
- i. Call for parent involvement.
- j. Violence has trickled down to the elementary level
- k. Children are afraid to talk about their school being called a “War Zone”
- l. Stop the Violence T-Shirts will be sold until April 16, 2010 at a cost of \$7.00 to help in funding the Campaign
- m. Teachers are being harmed (i.e., Drew Freeman – where a teacher was knocked out by a student)
- n. Kids and Parents workshops will be a part of the workable solution
- o. Descriptive and **sexually graphic** examples of sexual and deviant behavior used during the talk from Reverend Roberts. (*Parent comments about explicit details in family focused gathering of the PTSA*)
- p. Monthly activity (i.e., essay contest, poetry jam and rally)
- q. No contact from the PGCPSS School Board as of yet.
- r. Action Plan: to get students involved

Question from the floor:

- i. *Have any of these incidents happened at WMMS?* President of PTSA Response: None of these have happened to PTSA’s knowledge – Mr. Brown can clarify. **School Response: The only incident to our knowledge is that students were suspended for bringing alcohol to school.**

PTSA Business at 6:27 pm - Report of the President

4. There are currently over 220 students on the honor roll. The next three quarters there will be an ice cream social for the honorees.
5. There are currently 6 staff members in the PTSA. The drawing for PTSA staff members will continue.
6. Call for suggestions of Fundraising Ideas:
 - a. Basketball concessions – volunteers needed for 12/17/09 homecoming Game
 - b. School Dance
 - c. Laser Tag (private bus) – Collin Springs Road, Virginia – Suggested Cost \$20 to \$25.00 per person.
7. Mrs. Goodman
 - a. 8th Grade contact for End of the Year planning
 - b. Student input has been received
 - c. Need committee of parent volunteers
8. Mrs. Rice – Pay It Forward Campaign
 - a. Fundraiser – No Fundraiser
 - b. WMMS lost \$15,000 and would like to raise money to offset some of the costs which will be incurred this school year.
 - c. WMMS gained 200 more students this year.
 - d. The campaign will go until the Winter Break
 - e. Please ask all those that you know to support this effort.
9. Parent Teacher Survey
 - a. We did not receive that many surveys back from the last meeting.
 - b. Please return the surveys as soon as you can.
10. Ms. Sides – TAG Coordinator
 - a. Organizational Skills
 - b. Mr. Downing has pre-numbered pages in the binder.
 - c. All folders should be color coded.
 - d. Ms. Jackson – has designated pages in her Table of Contents
 - e. Social Studies (Objective – Warm Up – Dates)
11. Call for Membership
12. Treasurers Report
 - a. Audit Complete
 - i. Suggestions and Options for improvement have been put in place by the current – trained – Treasurer
 - b. Voted to have Line Item – Audit – added into the budget for next year.
13. Teacher Raffle – Winner: Mrs. McGregor!!!
14. Mr. Brown:
 - a. Reverend Roberts did a forum on Anger Management and Positive Intervention (other previously mentioned incidents which happened at the High Schools did not happen today)
 - b. We need to arm our children with ways to handle violence.
 - c. WMMS is raising the bar for expectations.
 - d. WMMS will be counting the number of consecutive days of peace – beginning January 4, 2010.

- e. Focus will be on solutions such as Conflict Resolution and Anger Management.
- f. Prince Georges Centennial -- Debate Team highlighted:
 - i. Won 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place
 - ii. Will be competing nationally
 - iii. They will competing with schools such as Georgetown Day – Let's celebrate that day!!!
- g. The student Government is sponsoring a toy drive
 - i. Need toys or monetary donations
 - ii. Need parent donation
- h. Blood Drive Sponsored by the Men and Women of Distinction
 - i. Saturday, December 19, 2009 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
 - ii. Please donate blood
- i. Pay It Forward
 - i. Developed to assist with the discretionary funds which were cut by \$15,000. The County did not support the schools proposed budget.
 - ii. Funds will assist with the Homeless, Honor Roll, and Materials and Technology for the Teachers
 - iii. It is an excellent way to support the school. **It is an ongoing effort.**
- j. The last three (3) days of school before the end of the year there will be math Enrichment. Instructors will compute sales tax, surface area and percentage while creating products and selling.
- k. Winter Packets are online.

Adjourn Meeting 7:00 pm