

## **CAC Minutes – September 19, 2005 (corrected)**

**Next CAC meeting: Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at the Board of Education Building, 7:30.** Please advise Sherman Bishop in advance if you will be unable to attend the meeting.

Attendees (15): Sherman Bishop (presiding), Dr. Jim Costanza (Superintendent), Renee Wargo (Board of Education), Tom Mays (Board of Education), Carrie Tate, Andy Call, John Doucette, Kevin Kanareff, Garn Anderson, Jean Seasholtz, Lee Field-Starks, Linda Wade, Leslie Brusk, Christie Wiedt, Anne Pevnev.

Absent with notice: Marcia Columbro

Absent without notice: Kate Lowery, Polly Schumauch, Nancy Breckenridge, Eddie Williams, Bridget Ebenger-Balla, Dan Walsh

The following are the minutes from the September 19, 2005 meeting at the Board of Education building:

### **Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order by Sherman Bishop at 7:34 p.m.

### **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved with no additions or corrections by Sherman Bishop. The motion was made by Kevin Kanareff and seconded by Lee Field-Starks.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The August 22 meeting minutes were approved with no additions or corrections. The motion was made by Kevin Kanareff and seconded by Garn Anderson

### **Superintendent's Report by Dr. Jim Costanza**

Dr. Costanza discussed several topics:

- School opening went well. Transportation worked overall.
- Enrollment is 4,016 students, based on first week attendance. This may shrink somewhat. Class sizes are robust but not so small that it would drive up costs
- Budget is tight. May have to cut some field drips due to budget constraints and fuel costs. Overall \$900,000 was cut from the budget. This was kept away from classrooms but cuts in this area cannot be put off forever. Many expenditures are being deferred and these will catch up eventually.
- The Donor List for the PAC has been finalized. There are five levels of participation: Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum and Diamond. The list of donors by level was given to the CAC for review.

### **Board of Education Report by Renee Wargo**

Renee indicated that the Board is considering sales of the Bradley Road property to the City. She also provided Board feedback and suggestions on the project ideas submitted by the CAC following last month's meeting, as follows.

- Tobacco use. The Board thinks this is an enforcement issue and not worth the time of the CAC. Some changes have been made at the High School in terms of patrolling and enforcement by the Assistant Principal and a female DARE officer. To date there have been 18 citations for violations. Dr. Costanza did a spot check and the male facilities appeared OK.
- PAC programming to utilize the facility's potential. The Board thinks this is a curriculum issue. Given the current financial situation they are not going to invest in this right now but the topic should be held for future consideration.
- PAC staffing and marketing to make it self-funding and available to the community. The Board would like to pursue this. Andy Call contacted Heather Drago, who has the potential to become an arts resource for Westlake.
- Bus safety. The Board has a transportation Committee to handle these issues so concerns should be directed to them. The CAC does not need to duplicate this. Gary Slocum will meet to discuss specific issues or concerns.

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The Board proposed some topics for the CAC to consider:

- Levy. Address the impact on the City if the next levy vote fails. People with children in the Westlake schools will vote for the levy but those who do not may not. We need to consider the impact on this group in terms of property values and the image of a city with a history of levy failures.
- Partnership with the business community. How can the CAC work with companies to leverage their resources for student internships, donation of equipment, sponsorships and volunteerism? The action is to research what other communities are doing and to reach out to businesses with a format for participation.
- Endorsements. Is there a way to get sponsors or donors to generate income for the schools? The Board has opposed this to date, but what do other districts do and is it worth considering given the impressionability of children?
- High School image. The Board is concerned that WHS is not the "flagship" for the District that it could be. This is a PR image in comparison to non-public high schools. We need to define expectations from various constituencies and collect information regarding the perceptions of current and upcoming (middle school) parents. Based on this information the Board can decide how to respond.

#### **Committee Reports:**

No reports were presented as a new set of subcommittees is being created for the coming year. The potential topics were prioritized with the Levy and High School image ones being high priority, followed by PAC staffing and community participation and endorsements (combined to a single topic). Kevin Kanareff, Garn Anderson, Christie Weidt and Anne Pevnev volunteered for the Levy project. Volunteers for the other projects will be solicited at the October meeting. Renee will get more detailed proposals for them from the Board for circulation to the CAC.

#### **Unfinished Business**

None.

#### **New Business**

- John Doucette was appointed as Secretary. Motion made by Linda Wade and seconded by Jean Seasholtz.
- Dr. Costanza announced creation of a Wellness Committee and solicited a CAC representative. Marcia Columbro was suggested because of her role in the Healthy Foods report from last year. Sherman Bishop will contact her to verify her willingness to serve in this capacity.
- The Taste of Westlake event was announced. It will take place on February 11, 2006 with a goal of raising \$20,000 for the levy campaign.

#### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by Sherman Bishop at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by John Doucette

Corrections/missing items/amendments may be made during the next meeting as needed.

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