

# Westfield Friends

## Parent Council Meeting Minutes

23 March 2010 7:30pm

The meeting began with a moment of silence.

*Headmaster*  
*Bill Probsting*

*Clerk*  
*Tracy Gaffney*

*Co-Clerk*  
*Beth Lorenz*

*Treasurer*  
*Suzanne Baldwin*

*Secretary*  
*Steve Kasperson*

### Treasurer's Report:

Class Balances:

8th grade:	\$1,663.28
7th grade:	\$1,741.18
6th grade:	\$2,470.68
5th grade:	\$1,763.35
4th grade:	\$2,184.53
3rd grade:	\$1,938.74
2nd grade:	\$1,189.10
1st grade:	\$1,096.72
Kindergarten:	\$639.55
Pre-K:	\$270.00

Income:

Interest:	\$23.12
Scraps:	\$12,100.00

Expenses:

8th grade Holiday Party:	\$78.31
7th grade Holiday Party:	\$78.30
8th grade Spirit Cruises:	\$980.38

### Headmaster's Report:

Family Fun Night was a success, with 139 people responding to the invitation. The refreshments were accurately estimated, and the event was considered less chaotic than previously.

The Williamsburg trip went well, and the weather was good for walking around. There are some other upcoming trips.

The storm damage has been cleaned up, including the eight trees that were lost. A ceramic kiln has been donated to the school, and is being installed.

The new kitchen by the auditorium has been rewired to eliminate tripped breakers, which happened frequently during the pancake breakfast last year.

The School Committee is working on the strategic plan, which encompasses 5 and 10 year goals for the school.

The number of inquiries regarding enrollment is up at least 20% from previous years, probably due to the dramatic funding changes announced by the state. There is no expectation of this causing a change in the makeup of the student

body.

The playground mulch still needs to be finished, but should be shortly. There is a swing at the PreK building which had the wrong length of chain, which will be corrected over the next few weeks.

There have been some incidents of vandalism around the meeting house recently, which is an annual occurrence in the Spring. The candy company and the meeting have been discussing putting up some fencing to help curb this. In addition, the meeting will probably install a security camera to deter or catch the vandals.

There was a lengthy presentation and discussion of the production of the printed school calendar. Last year, the calendar ended up losing around \$500, which was an anomaly. The printing of the calendar has been put out for bid, with four printers submitting bids.

There will be three prominent changes made to the calendar:

1. Change to a full 12 month year.
2. Print prior to Back-To-School Night, to allow people to see and purchase the calendar at that time.
3. Allow discreet advertising on the pages, along the lines of "October has been brought to you courtesy of Holman".

#### Upcoming Activities:

Internet Safety Meeting - 13 April 2010 at 7:00pm

This meeting will be for the parents of all students, even the youngest. At least one parent from each family is strongly encouraged to attend.

Parents Forum Meeting - 27 April 2010 at 7:30pm

This is a way of informing parents of school-related issues. For parents who are unable to attend the Parent Council meeting, please submit concerns so they can be addressed. Parents are encouraged to participate, as a way of engaging with the school. Please submit questions for Mr. Probsting to answer, prior to the meeting date.

Chick-fil-A Night - 29 April 2010

Rescheduled.

Mothers Day Plants - 9 May 2010

A selection sheet will go home with the students.

Pancake Breakfast / Barnes & Noble Night - 27 May 2010

If a parent works for a company that purchases books for whatever reason, please recommend that co-workers purchase their books that night.

#### Upcoming meeting date:

Monday, 26 April 2010 at 7:30pm.

The meeting was closed with a moment of silence.