

**Wake County PTA Council
Executive Board Meeting
8:00 p.m. May 15, 2003 Centennial Middle School**

Present: Renee Chapman, Melanie Fuller, Sharon Gupton, Paula Lipford, Virginia Parker, Cindy Smith, Lillian Stroupe, Jill Touchberry, Felicia Washington, Bonnie Mayer, Christopher Smith, Bob Brauer, Mia J. Green, Barbara Garlock, Bill Poston, Terry Smith, Lisa Yelmini, Amber Sagester, Julia Lee, Nancy Caggia, Beth Slate, Kimberly Williams, and Liza Weidle.

Call to Order: President Liza Weidle called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions: President Weidle welcomed the Board Members to the first 2003-2004 Executive Board Meeting. After introducing herself, she invited other Executive Board members to introduce themselves.

Inspiration and Best Practices at Centennial Middle: These were reviewed by Julia Lee and Cindy Smith.

President Weidle established a quorum for the meeting. President Weidle then called for the vote on Felicia Washington as the 2nd Eastern Area VP and Bonnie Mayer as the 2nd Western Area VP. They were elected unanimously.

Lisa Brown just had surgery and a card was distributed to sign and to be mailed to her.

Program of Work Review: The Board reviewed the Council's Standing Rules and expectations of each Chair in their job descriptions. President Weidle reported that the Executive Committee tweaked these roles and expectations.

The following modifications were discussed and added to the job descriptions:

Legislative: Added *Candidate's Forum* to job description

Changed Parent Participation Committee to *Parent Partnership Committee*

Changed Safe Schools Committee to *Safe School/Healthy Students Committee*

Added these special committees:

Bylaws

Special Needs Committee (Chaired by Derrick Byrd)

The Board discussed the Project Graduation Committee and a motion was made by Ann Rollins, seconded by Cindy Smith, to form a special committee to review the Project Graduation Event and the standing committee (Project Graduation Committee) in order to evaluate the best organization (s) to oversee this event in future years and whether Wake County PTA Council is the organization to do it.

The motion passed. President Weidle then reported that there would be a meeting of all interested parties to discuss this on June 11 at Wake Education Partnership.

The following PTA Council Liaison positions were determined:

NC PTA District 3 Director: Doreen Burke
Kids Voting: Paula Lipford
Communities in Schools: Classy Preston
Board of Education: Amy White
Wake Education Partnership: Leslie Maxwell
ParentScope: Phylis Sharpe
WCPSS Cabinet: Danny Barnes
Wake County Human Services: Regina Pettitway
Junior Achievement: Bob Brauer
WCPSS Communications Dept: Bill Posten
United Arts Council: Tracy Taker
Poe Health Center: Pam Kohl

President Weidle reported that the Wake County PTA Council was selected from a large pool of non-profits to receive assistance (valued at approximately \$4,000) from Segars Communication to update its website. President Weidle has been working closely with Segars and expects the website to be functioning by May 1st, which will coincide with the school system's Connections initiative.

Calendar Review – President Weidle outlined the calendar on the agenda and the committee quickly reviewed it. She emphasized that at this time many of the dates are tentative. She encouraged committee members to assist with securing host sites for upcoming meetings. The calendar will be posted on the website and updated regularly. Additional dates reviewed not on the agenda, May 22: Meeting with Danny Barnes in Council Office about the NCLB (No Child Left Behind) District Level Task Force, May 19: Martin Luther King Points of Light Ceremony and July 19: Camp PTA, Leadership Conference by NC PTA at SE Raleigh High School.

Open Discussion: President Weidle announced there is a Decision Lab Session scheduled for June 16th.

President Weidle then reviewed the Council's Goals and the members had the opportunity to express feelings on PTA Council. The members were given post-it notes to place responses on key areas outlined on poster boards and encouraged to reflect on how the events related to our 3 goals:

- To strengthen our role as advocates for all children and youth.
- To provide effective means of communication between local units and WCPSS, our local and state government and the greater community
- To develop successful partnerships among parents, schools, and the community.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Rollins,
Recording Secretary