

## **West Carteret High School Advisory Council Issues for Discussion with Board of Education**

Issues for Discussion at the October 25, 2010 joint meeting of School  
Advisory Council Chairmen and the Carteret County Board of Education.

Present:

Carolyn Heller	Cecilia Pfaff
Tony Smith	Ashley Henry
Bert Pearce	Pattie Maxwell
Donna Getty	Jane Newbern

Minutes from September meeting were approved.

### **I. Curriculum:**

- a. Academic Blitz started November 4<sup>th</sup> after Interim Reports were issued. Students who received a D or F are required to attend these remedial sessions.
- b. Students who are passing their classes with a C or better are invited to participate in Enrichment activities that take place during Academic Blitz. These activities also started November 4<sup>th</sup>. Examples of activities are SAT prep, jewelry making, jazz band, etc. Activities are posted on TV monitors throughout the school and change periodically.

### **II. School Activities:**

- a. The WCHS Patriot Band came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the band competition at Sanderson High School in Raleigh. Congratulations to our award winning band!
- b. Congratulations to our WCHS girl's golf and girl's cross country for placing 1<sup>st</sup> in their conference!
- c. Our girl's tennis, boy's cross country and boy's soccer teams finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the conference. Congratulations!
- d. WCHS girl's volleyball team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the conference. Congratulations!
- e. Congratulations to the WCHS Varsity Football team for their 1<sup>st</sup> winning season since 1992! This is the 13<sup>th</sup> time in school history that the Patriots have won more games than they have lost during season play in the program's 47 years.

#### **f. Scheduled Events:**

##### **Monday, November 1**

All day

3 pm - 4 pm

Girls' Golf State Championship

Faculty Meeting

##### **Tuesday, November 2**

7:15 am - 8:15 am

3 pm

Senior Speak Out - Large Conference Room

NHS Applications Due

**Wednesday, November 3**

All day

Advisory Schedule

**Thursday, November 4**

7:30 am - 10:30 am

WCHS Employee Flu Shots - Health Room

All day

Academic Blitz Begins (runs through 11-23)

7 pm

JV Football - at Washington

7 pm - 8 pm

Jazz Concert - Newport & WCHS

**Friday, November 5**

7 pm - 8 pm

Football Senior Night

7 pm

Varsity Football vs. Washington (WCHS)

**Saturday, November 6**

All day

Cross Country State Championship

11 am - 12 noon

Beeson Park - Kernersville

7:30 am - 1:30 pm

Band - Veteran's Day Parade - MHC

**Sunday, November 7**

3 pm - 4 pm

Jazz Band - NCMEA Conference -

Winston Salem

**Monday, November 8**

3 pm - 9 pm

Talent Show Rehearsals - Auditorium

6 pm - 8 pm

Athletic Booster Meeting - Media Center

**Tuesday, November 9**

8 am - 11 am

ASVAB Test - Senior Cafeteria

7 pm - 8 pm

Band Booster Meeting - WCHS

3 pm - 4 pm

Leadership Team Meeting -

3 pm - 9 pm

Large Conference Room

Talent Show Rehearsals - Auditorium

**Wednesday, November 10**

All day

FCCLA Meeting - Room 405

7 pm - 8 pm

Talent Show - Auditorium

**Thursday, November 11**

All day

Holiday - No School

**Tuesday, November 16**

7:15 am - 8:15 am

Senior Speak Out - Large Conference Room

6 pm - 8 pm

Cross Country Banquet - Media Center

**Wednesday, November 17**

All day

NJROTC Inspection

**Thursday, November 18**

7 pm

Wrestling - Red, White & Blue Intrasquad

Tournament - WCHS

**Friday, November 19**

10:20 am - 11:20 am

Good Patriot from 2<sup>nd</sup> Period - Auditorium

2:15 pm - 3:15 pm

Jr/Sr Powder Puff Game - Football Field

<b>Sunday, November 21</b>	
3 pm - 4 pm	NHS Induction - Auditorium
<b>Monday, November 22</b>	
All day	End of 6 Weeks
2:15 pm - 3:15 pm	Powder Puff Game Rain Date
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Parent Advisory Meeting - Media Center
7 pm	Wrestling at Croatan
<b>Tuesday, November 23</b>	
All day	Academic Blitz Ends (last day)
4 pm	Basketball vs. Croatan - WCHS
<b>Wednesday, November 24</b>	
All day	Early Release for Students
10 am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grades due to Ms. Dunn
<b>Thursday, November 25</b>	
All day	Holiday - No School
<b>Friday, November 26</b>	
All day	Holiday - No School
<b>Saturday, November 27</b>	
All day	Wrestling at Dixon - Bulldog Meet
<b>Tuesday, November 30</b>	
7:15 am - 8:15 am	Senior Speak Out - Large Conference Room

### III. Transportation:

- WCHS is still looking into ways to improve traffic flow during morning drop off and afternoon pickup. The obvious solution is better utilization of bus transportation. Academic Blitz days does alleviate some of the morning congestion as school start times are staggered. Any suggestions should be sent to Mrs. Heller at [carolyn.heller@carteretk12.org](mailto:carolyn.heller@carteretk12.org).
- As a basis for comparison, ECHS has approximately 10 drop offs and pickups while CHS has approximately 50 drop offs and pickups.

### IV. Facilities/Maintenance:

- HVAC Phase V is at a standstill due to a lack of insulators. This phase should now be complete by mid-December. Ms. Edwards and Ms. Piehler have moved back to the 600 hall.
- The lighting tower in the auditorium was destroyed due to the recent storm. This damage was not covered by insurance. The cost to replace the tower will be approximately \$11,000.
- The math hall (900) is reported to be hotter than usual. This is due to the chiller not working properly.
- Follow-up was made from last month's PAC meeting to investigate repaving the parking lot, repaint the handicap signs as well as the numbers for parking spots. The cost for these projects is approximately \$3,400. This project is currently on hold pending a decision on traffic flow. The Parent Advisory Council discussed the possibility of increasing the parking pass fee which

would allow for these and other Buildings & Grounds improvements. The yearly fee is currently \$25.

- e. WCHS is looking into purchasing new cafeteria lunch tables. The current (folding) style table with separate chairs or bench type tables are being considered.
- f. The press box for football and soccer needs updating. Funding for this project will come from the Athletic Boosters and Buildings & Grounds. It was suggested that Lowe's Home Improvement be contacted for their support in the form of a grant.

#### **V. Policy:**

Nothing to report

#### **VI. Other:**

- a. A new School Improvement Plan (SIP) has been written and will be implemented if approved by stakeholders on Tuesday, October 26, 2010. The three goals WCHS will be working toward are:
  - 1. Improve graduation rate. The dropout rate is on the decline with 24 students dropping out last year, 27 students dropping out the previous year and 54 students dropping out the year before that.
  - 2. Increase scores for Economically Disadvantaged Students (EDS).
  - 3. Increase writing scores.

Strategic action to attain these goals include Academic Blitz and Differentiation.

- b. The senior class overwhelmingly voted to have and support "Graduation Celebration". The specifics of the evening are still being discussed among senior planners and sponsors. Among things being considered are a boat ride, midnight movie, door prizes. It was suggested that the event be in honor of Dr. John Knelson who was the catalyst in organizing the first celebration.
- c. The ASB cookbook "Patriot Pride and Potluck" is in production and scheduled to be delivered in mid-November. The hardcover cookbook has over 850 recipes from alumni, faculty, staff and friends. Proceeds from all sales will be used for the ASB scholarship fund. The cookbook is \$20 and will make a perfect Christmas gift. Reserve your copy today by calling 726-1176 ext. 1300 or emailing [donald.johnson@cartertk12.org](mailto:donald.johnson@cartertk12.org).
- d. The next scheduled meeting for WCHS Parent Advisory Council is Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 pm in the Media Center.

#### **VII. Old Business:**

- a. Personnel Updates:
  - 1. Jim Nolan - social studies teacher - retired but rehired until June 2011
  - 2. Mary Hartman - part time math teacher - retired October 6, 2010
  - 3. Karen Gardner - math teacher - hired full time, in part because of Patriot Academy, October 7, 2010

- b. WCHS will continue with Senior Projects although the state no longer requires projects for graduation.
- c. The sportsmanship displayed by the Patriot Militia, fans, football team and Jacksonville Cardinals was exceptional during the recent “blackout”.

**VIII. New Business:**

- a. Concern was expressed that athletic banners are not being hung in gym. It is the responsibility of the coach to approach the Athletic Boosters with details so banners can be ordered. Regional (not conference) titles are hung on one side of the gym with State titles being hung on the other side. Four banners were updated last year.
- b. WCHS has once again won the “Wachovia Cup” for athletic excellence. It was suggested that this title be posted on our new electronic sign.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned until November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 pm in the Media Center.

Submitted by: Cecilia Pfaff

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