



WALTER JOHNSON BOOSTER CLUB

6400 Rock Spring Drive, Bethesda MD 20817

www.wjboosterclub.org

Minutes: WJ All-School Booster Club Meeting

October 12, 2023

WJ Media Center

Welcome: The meeting was called to order by President Mary Bittle Koenick.

Funding Requests:

1. WJ Poms

- Recently moved to Division 1 and requires new competition uniforms for a professional image at competitions.
- Plans to raise \$500 on Snapraise; total need is \$11,000 with an average uniform cost of \$400 each.
- Requesting \$5,500 from Boosters, and the uniforms will remain with WJ year after year.

2. WJ Robotics

- Meets on Mondays and Wednesdays after school.
- Open to everyone with no tryouts.
- Needs funds for materials, including a new battery, brain, and controller for 2 robots this year.
- Will fundraise through concessions and a pinata sale.
- Membership increased to 26 from 16 last year.
- Requesting \$545 for competition fees for 5 competitions/tournaments this school year.

3. Computer Science Honor Society

- A new club aiming to partner with other computer science clubs for recognition and opportunities.
- Prerequisite to join is enrollment in AP Computer Science 3 at WJ.
- Will offer tutoring.
- Requesting funds for national recognition fee (\$150), sponsor fee (\$50), and covering the membership fee for approximately 5 students who may not afford the \$20 fee (\$100 total).



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Updates:

- *Administration:* Terry Heintze (Not present)
- *Athletic Director:* Larry Hurd
 - Discussed possible locations for hanging banners and use of velcro hooks.
 - Considering stenciling "WJ" on a hill as part of landscaping.
 - Exploring the idea of a pop-up concession stand at the upcoming WJ/Churchill football game.
 - Plans to continue using A.J.'s ice cream truck at games.
- *Treasurer:* Shannon Dietrich (Not present)
- *Membership:* Michele Wisniewski
 - 115 members currently.
- *School Store:* Becky Scher
 - Merchandise is somewhat sparse.
 - May consider one more round of hoodies.
- *Used Book Sale:* Amanatha Leinke
 - Discussed drop-off dates.
- *Mulch Sale:* Mary Bittle Koenick/Michele Wisniewski
 - The Used Book Sale will be the first weekend of March, and the Mulch Sale will be two weeks later.

New Business:

- Identified open positions and expressed the need for grade-level representatives.
- Highlighted the potential future existence of two Booster Clubs when Woodward High School opens.
- Booster Club meetings will continue the 2nd Wednesday of each month.



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Voting:

- *WJ Poms*: Linda Harrington Baker Motions to approve \$5500. Michele Wiseneiwski seconds. Approved \$5,500 unanimously (10 votes).
 - *WJ Robotics*: Melissa Forburger motions to approve \$3,045. Dawn Harris seconds. 10 members voted in favor (unanimous) .Approved \$3,045 unanimously. Confirmed that this is the correct amount with Mr. Menchukov via email on October 12, 2023.
1. *Computer Science Honor Society*:
Linda Harrington Baker motions to approve \$300. Amantha Linkie seconds. 10 out of 10 members vote yes/approved unanimously!

In Attendance:

Liam Barrett
Allison Xu
Elli Karishina
Mallory Striplin
Daniel Greene
Nebiyu Masmms
Mark Rosenbaum
Togzman Zhumapiz
Gael Chaxej
Becky Sher
Linda Harrington Baker
Elli Karishna
Lena Sbaschnig
Dawn Harris
Michele Wisniewski
Mary Bittle Koenick
Janice Marks
Melissa Forburger
Siena Fluega
Alexa Steinberg
Danielle Trachtenberg
Hannah Salerno
Lucia Feliciano
Tanya Ang
Larry Hurd

Next Meeting: November 8, 2023