



# WALTER JOHNSON BOOSTER CLUB

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## Walter Johnson High School Booster Club

### Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2024

### WJ Media Center

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

### Funding Requests:

**Media Center:** WJ Media Specialist Naomi Gelfand requested \$4750 toward carpet, tile flooring, shelving, new student workstations, and modular tables. Additional funding may be requested in the future. Contributions will also come from the Foundation and PTA

**Spectator Magazine:** WJ's award-winning literary and arts magazine, published annually, featuring student poetry, stories, and art. The Spectator staff is requesting \$1,000 for printing costs.

**DECA:** WJ's DECA chapter prepares students for careers in entrepreneurship, economics, and business. The team, with 60 paid members, seeks \$2,990 for registration fees for the 2024 DECA International Career Development Conference (ICDC) in Anaheim, California, from April 27-30, 2024.

**WJ Production Club:** Jamie Mulhorn addressed the meeting participants, requesting funds to replace the auditorium's lighting system with a professional setup, addressing issues of heat and complexity. The total cost is \$33,600. The club is seeking \$6,720 to fund one row of lamps. The lighting system is used by various school and community production.

### Updates:

### Administration (Terry Heintze):

- Next year's student enrollment is projected at 3,075, up by 75 students from this year. The school, built for 2,400 students, will add three more portable classrooms.



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- Excited about the spring season.
- Successfully conducted a staff-led evacuation drill this week, gaining valuable insights.

## **Athletics (Larry Hurd):**

- Future Booster Club meetings will discuss major projects, including a \$7,000 shotput sector for track meets.
- The scoreboard, fully repaired at a cost of \$7,500, is now fully functional.
- The sports console repair cost \$3,000.
- 500 athletes tried out for spring sports.
- Mike Willard is the new softball coach.

## **Treasurer's Report (Shannon Dietric):**

- Shannon was not present. Membership (reported by Mary Bittle Koenick for Michele Wisniewski):
- Michele was absent due to leading the National Honor Society's "binder night" for the mulch sale.
- Current Booster membership stands at 150.
- Banner sponsorships are progressing well, with banners now moved to the tennis courts for better visibility. Eight more banners are expected. A volunteer is needed to oversee banners next year, with plans to print new banners three times a year.

## **Committee Chairs:**

### **Concessions (Dawn Harris):**

- This past winter season was the highest-grossing since 2016, with all volunteer slots filled. WJ Choir and WJ Wrestling were the top volunteering teams.
- Shannon has obtained a new food license.

### **School Store (Becky Sher):**

- Made \$900 at the Used Book Sale.
- Continues to make a few hundred dollars a month during lunch.



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- Considering new items to stock for the fall.

## **Mulch Sale (Mary Bittle Koenick)**

- Mulch trucks will come Thursday
- All mulch will be out Friday morning
- Pink t shirts this year....
- We are OK on volunteer truck drivers but low on chase drivers.....

**Dining Outs (Leslie O'Malley):** Working on California Pizza Kitchen Dining Out, Chipotle Dining Out and Mimi's Ice Cream Dining Out.

## **New Business:( Mary Bittle Koenick) :**

### **OPEN POSITIONS:**

Wildcat Sponsorship (OPEN)

Membership Chair: (GRADUATING)

Wildcat Sponsorship (OPEN)

Graphic designer for ads in Pitch (OPEN)

## **Voting:**

**Meida Center:** Linda motions to approve \$4,750 for medical center. Linda Harrington Baker motions to approve Jen Doran seconds motions. Motion passes with 13/13 votes of approval.

**Spectator:** Becky Sher motions to approve \$1,000 for Spectator. Dawn Harris seconds motions. The motion passed with 13/13/ votes in approval.

**WJ DECA:** Amantha Linkie motions to approve funding \$2,990 for registration for 2 conference. Ciara Durkan seconds motion. The motion passed with 13/13/ votes in approval.

**WJ Production Club:** Linda motions to approve funding \$6,790 toward purchase of new lighting for auditorium. Cheryl Hughes seconds. The motion passed with 13/13/ votes in approval.

## **Attendance**

Ava Heydanan

Addy Teetos

Allison Xu

Sara Karbowski

Mahlet Tuge

Sara Liu

Marcy Harper

Grace Chulapakorn

Julian Isaac



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Becky Sher  
Janice Marks  
Mary Bittle Koenick  
Ciara Durkan  
Cheryl Hughes  
Terry Heintze  
Harra A Hurd, Jr.  
Linda Harrington Baker  
Howard Mann  
Dawn Harris  
Meghan Zampardi  
Akbar Hedyacian  
Leslie O'Malley

**Next Meeting: April 10, 2024 in the WJ Medica Center**