

Whitman PTA Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 10, 2007 (unofficial)

Attendance: Laura Startz (Co-President), Sue Banghart (Co-President), April Greenman (Associate Principal), Christie Toye (VP of Volunteers), Jon Simons, Michele Simons, Karen Zimmerman, Angel Rice (VP of Membership), Debi McNaughton, Teresa Pratke, Jeff Keranen (Principal), Ann Gardner, Tracy Smith, Maelynn Morzinski, Jeff Morzinski, Liz White (Historian), Mark Weaver, Susan Salamone, Beljit Kae, Bob Sebastian, Jennifer Biefield. Excused: Judy Hart (Treasurer), Joan Snyder (Secretary)

Call the Meeting to Order: Co-President, Laura Startz, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Whitman Library. Members of the Whitman PTA Board were introduced and appreciation was expressed to Mr. Z's fundraising company for supplying the pizza and food for the meeting.

Budget: The PTA Budget for 2007-08 was presented. **Motion:** *"I motion to approve the Whitman PTA Budget as presented"* Maker: Liz White. Seconded: Karen Zimmerman. **Motion approved.**

Principal's Report: Jeff Keranen encouraged parents to stay involved with their children's school/homework regardless of how much they might appear not to want their parent's involvement. Jeff also spoke of the difficulties of these junior high school years as the children are generally more self-centered and sometimes lack empathy for others. Junior High School is a good time to encourage your children to try new experiences such as drama, musical instruments. Jeff also expressed his appreciation for the efforts of the teachers to work together and provide the best environment as possible for the students. The Web-based Grader software is being implemented in the school and should be up and running mid October early November.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Laura Startz