

# Parent Partnership Committee

3/21/2011

6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

WHS Conference Room

Meeting called by:  
Janelle Yanni

Facilitator: Janelle

Timekeeper: Janelle

Type of meeting: Parent  
Partnership

Note taker: Veronica  
Bedard

Attendees: Janelle,  
Veronica, Michelle  
Rosario, Jennifer  
Sawyer, Becky Williams,  
Andrea Hughes, Paul  
Hughes Jr., Donna  
Kenny, Laurie Kinnicutt,  
Wayne S. Cannell, Rori  
Wood, Heather Soroka,  
Tina and Tad Spenard,  
Karen Fumarola, Nicole  
Rohenaz, Mark  
Zakrzewski, Kathy  
Bisceglia, Deborah  
Shevy, Marypat Murtagh,  
Tracey Heacox, Alison  
Santiago, Meg  
Ebenhock, Janice  
Sogoian, John and Kim  
Munhall, Barbara DiPofi,  
Todd Giagni and Mark  
Spain

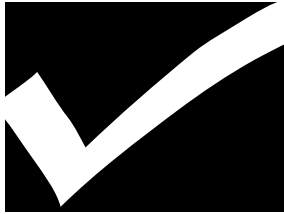
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Welcome	Janelle	5
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## Other Information

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Discussion: Janelle welcomed everyone to the presentation. The background of the parent partnership committee was discussed. The topic for this meeting was decided on by the parents of the committee. This was the second parent partnership meeting focusing on bullying. Bullying has become an important topic in our schools. Recent surveys have highlighted this as a concern with our student body and their parents. Sgt. Mark Spain was then introduced for his presentation.

Conclusions: NA

Action items: NA	Person responsible: NA	Deadline: NA
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**Bullying**

**Sgt. Mark Spain**

**35**

Discussion: Sgt. Spain has been the SRO (School Resource Officer) for five years for the Watervliet CSD. There is a great relationship between our school and the Watervliet PD. Sgt. Spain and the police force are able to keep an eye on issues both in school and on the street. Cyber bullying has really become an issue. It has eliminated the boundarie – kids can't escape because the bullying is on the computer, phone, etc. Very easy to hide behind the computer or phone. Interactions online have become immediate thus increasing the frequency of interactions. Facebook has been the forum for the majority of bullying at our school. Overview of Formspring – this is just bad news. One Facebook, specific pages focused on "I hate..." A page dedicated to bullying one specific individual. Gaming Sites - Call of Duty, Club Penguin. Smart phones – beware of staying signed in on Facebook. If others take your phone, they can change your status. Differences between bullying and cyber bullying discussed. People can now be arrested for cyber bullying as of last year – first time offense is a Class B misdemeanor. Review of the SRO's procedures in school. Review of repercussions in school.

Conclusions: Bullying is a huge issue that must be addressed. Parents need to be informed and must discuss this issue with their children. Parents must know where to turn for help.

**Action items:**

Janelle will send out minutes from the meeting to everyone at the meeting and place minutes on our website. Presentation was filmed and will be placed on our website.

**Person responsible:**

Janelle will send out minutes and ask Jill Aurora to place video on website

**Deadline:**

3/22/2011

**Victim's Impact Statement**

**TBD**

**15**

Discussion: Person was unable to attend.

**Conclusions:**

**Action items:**

**Person responsible:**

**Deadline:**

Questions	All	5
<u>Discussion: Several questions were asked regarding what the legal ramifications are for bullying.</u>		
<u>Conclusions: This was a timely topic. Parents would like more information.</u>		
Action items: Minutes will be sent out and parents were asked to send in other topics they would like discussed at future parent partnership meetings to Janelle	Person responsible: Janelle and parents	Deadline: 3/22 for minutes parents requests for topics ongoing

**Other Information**

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