

**WAKEFIELD BUSINESS ALLIANCE**

**NOVEMBER Meeting:11/08/07**

Location: Embarq Headquarters

**Hosted by:** Wallace Agee and G. Tracy McCullen

**Members Present:**

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| James Bockelmann |                        |
| Janny Flynt      | Donna Maria Harris     |
| Carmen Carroll   | Jennifer Rounds-Bryant |
| Debra Stamp      | Beth Davis             |
| Rosemarie Newman | Mark Richman           |
| Becky Martin     | Kenny Norton           |
| Sandy Gasper     | Robin Ritchey          |
| Teresa Doring    | Teran Rankin           |
| Mary Ann Balbo   | Allison Potts          |

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| <u>Wakefield High School</u> | <u>Wakefield Middle School</u> |
| Mark Savage                  | Tripp Crayton                  |
| Barbara Wiggins              | Ellie Watkins                  |

- Dates to Remember:**
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| Dec. 13 | 3:30pm | Alliance Meeting/Focus Group<br>Hosted by NBC 17 |
| Jan. 10 | 8:00am | Alliance Meeting<br>Hosted by US Army            |

**Principal Reports:**

*Mark Savage, WHS,* presented statistics on the number of students at the high school.

- 2600 currently / next year projection is 3000 with over 600 at 9<sup>th</sup> grade center
- At risk student number is 757 students. These are students that may not graduate on time, may not graduate at all and special program students such as ESL, free & reduce lunch etc.
- As the Graduation Project comes into play, the Alliance and PTSA needs to assist in focusing our efforts to these students at risk.

Mark shared ideas and vision that the school is working towards. Continued work and partnership with Community Colleges (Wake and Vance), in school grants for teachers, technology academies, more internship programs and the tie with the Business Community and Business Alliance.

*Tripp Crayton, WMS,* reported the use of the book, 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens , by Steven Covey, this year as an ongoing part of Character Education at the middle school. The Fine Arts department helped with an assembly that tied into the 7 habits. The Student Council program this year is encouraging all students to get involved. The role model for the program is our US Government. The school received a “PC refresh” and replaced older computers with 67 desk tops, 24 new lap tops and 32 computers in the lab. This came from Wake County and the PTSA fundraiser, which was at \$37,000. WISH LIST: Still need 12 LCD projectors.

Teacher of the Year was India Williams, 8<sup>th</sup> grade English. School sports: Football team finished 4 and 4 and the Girls Soccer and Volleyball teams are undefeated.

WEB PAGE – *Robin Fred* is working to incorporate Moodle to assist in helping the Alliance Members have access to direct communications with a more “interactive” website. This will help to have key documents available and teacher/staff needs can be posted on line. This program will be built in the next few months. Also, updated/added tabs and information on the current website. Please review the website for information on upcoming events. Also you can review the Graduation Project documents and information on the school's website under its own tab.

Addresses: Moodle: [www.QTLMoodle.org](http://www.QTLMoodle.org)(user name, sign in and administrator rights)

Business Alliance: [www.wakefieldhs.net](http://www.wakefieldhs.net) (Business Alliance tab)

Graduation Project: [www.wakefieldhs.net](http://www.wakefieldhs.net) (Graduation Project tab)

**NEW BUSINESS ALLIANCE MEMBER PACKETS:**

*Barbara and Ellie* passed out a sample of the new member packet available for recruiting business community members. Suggestion was made to include: Student stories and how the Alliance has benefited them.

TEEN FEST: *Donna-Maria Harris* presented the program. TeenFest foundation promotes safe and drug free communities through an annual talent contest and showcase of original performances with a substance-free/violence-free theme. High School students are invited to participate through the media, their schools and through community groups. A packet of information was passed out for review.

Two goals: To develop a brochure for teens that will go out nationally  
Develop a website with marketing materials made available

The program is designed to help students realize:

- decisions made today will affect the rest of their life.
- get involved with your community and develop leadership skills.
- involve high school students and parents in the awareness of good decisions through workshops and performances.