

WAKEFIELD BUSINESS ALLIANCE – MINUTES APRIL 18, 2007

DATES TO REMEMBER AND REQUESTS:

APRIL 28 The Gardens will hold first annual Spring Fling
Fundraiser for the residents – Flyer passed out

APRIL 27, 28 Tarzan (performing arts at high school)

MAY 5 Festival of Arts – visual and performing arts – all 3 schools
Held at high school – 9 - 5

MAY 16 – Business Alliance Meeting (location tbd)

MAY 16 – Wakefield Middle School – World Finals – Odyssey of Mind
Competition. The team needs to raise: \$5 – 6,000

MAY 23 – Internship Presentations during school day
Over 70 students – Contact Barbara Wiggins if you can help that day

MAY – Review Business Alliance website and give feed back on how to improve
for next year. The Strategic Plan /School Improvement Plan was passed out for review.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS:

Wakefield High School:

Xtreme Beginnings held April 25. Students were given a schedule to follow that
required them to be involved with roundtable workshops, higher education fair,
employment fair and practice job interviews.

Skills Needed for Your Future
Work Based Learning
Getting Your foot in the Door
Person Choices Can endanger Your Future
Career Technologies – actual businesses participated
JobLink Career Center
Higher Education and NC Companies

Graduation Project – Continue to model how program roles out next year. Business
Alliance members, PTSA members and entire community will need to help students with
research or provide support/mentorship. Challenge will be to get more students in their
classes involved in Friday Fairs. This program provides an opportunity and can address
the career choice/research piece to the projects.

AP Exams, Award banquets, senior day, and graduation all coming up in May.

EOC exams will be 1 per day instead of 2 with a review day in between. All high schools will follow this schedule.

Skills USA - 1200 attendees in Greensboro. WHS had 7 students competing. Wide array of 45 organizations.

Wakefield Middle School:

- Career College numbers grew – over 80 speakers.
- Scheduling for next year is number 1 priority
- 8th Grade Celebration day – in May
Dance, awards, field day with PE classes.

Other Reports:

The Gardens: Average 80 years of age resident. Independent living facility
Students at WHS help to volunteer in various ways at the facility:

- Recycling
- Serving and clean up at events
- Game Day held their (great energy by students from Student Gov't.
- Murder Mystery Theatre – Thespian group
- Mock interviews (our residents participated in)
- Barbara Wiggins is speaking at Resident Association Mtg.

PTSA:

A series of parent/student meetings called Wake Up Wakefield have been held in Feb, March and April. Each meeting had a different panel of experts. Law enforcement, legal teams and Brain researcher.

The video documentary: JUST THINK FIRST.Choices count was previewed at the March meeting. It has been well received. Students viewed the video in school in April before prom. Website will be up June 1. www.justthinkfirst.com

First Lady, Mary Easley kicked off her Drive to Live campaign for seniors,

Juniors viewed national MADD video presentation.

January, Poe Health Center came to 9th grade health classes for a program Called Think First, React Second in regards to smart decisions.

