



Washington State PTA Legislation Committee

Committee meeting summary

September 8, 2007

This is a summary report from the September 8, 2007 WSPTA Legislation Committee meeting.

The meeting opened at 8:30AM with introductions and the scheduled public comment session. Paul Cheek, WSPTA Legislative Director, announced that the Legislation Committee added a “member forum” to allow members and the committee an opportunity to participate in a two way dialog. Committee members expressed their thanks to those members who attended and participated in this forum. Members shared concerns, suggestions, and advocacy experiences during the forum. Participating members included Marjorie Dickson, Leah Gillis, Mark Laurel, DeAnna Winterrose, and Jerri Wood.



“Simple Majority” ballot measure – EHJR 4204.

Kelly Munn, WSPTA Simple Majority Campaign co-chair and Region 2 Legislation Chair reported that many PTA units and councils have joined local grassroots efforts on EHJR 4204. Kelly stated that more communication is needed to help local units and members learn how they can become involved. The committee agreed to help by utilizing the WSPTA “leadershipnews” e-mail listserv to help get this information into the hands of PTA leaders and members as soon as possible.



Legislative Assembly – October 5-6, 2007.

The first timer’s orientation will be held prior to the issue education sessions this year and a facilitators/issue educator orientation will also be added.

WSPTA will now produce two handout sheets for each proposed legislative issue. An informational and persuasive handout will be printed for each issue. WSPTA staff will review these materials in advance and will produce all paper copies. Kim Howard, WSPTA Community Relations/Advocacy Coordinator noted that

an Open Forum time has also been scheduled after the issue education sessions, and this time is for delegates to discuss the proposed issues and distribute approved persuasive handout materials.

Other actions taken by the Legislation Committee.

- Reviewed the Legislative Assembly agenda.
- Discussed Legislative Assembly issue educator and facilitator assignments.
- Discussed ideas for Legislative Focus Day.

Legislative Issues process is under review.

The committee reviewed and discussed the current process used for proposed PTA legislative issues. This included a review of the existing issue submittal form, current association policy, and past committee practices. The committee identified conceptual ideas on process improvements, and will continue this work at future meetings.



2007-2008 Legislation Committee Meeting Schedule.

The tentative WSPTA Legislation Committee meeting schedule for 2007-2008 is as follows:

<u>Meeting date</u>	<u>Meeting location</u>
December 1, 2007	TBD
March 8, 2008	TBD

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