

WALTER WILLIAMS HIGH SCHOOL
ACADEMY OF FINANCE
2007-2008

Finance Academy Business Advisory Board met on Tuesday, September 24th, in the teacher's dining hall at 7:30am.

Members in attendance: Jeff Blaser, Rhonda Farmer, Cynthia Bradshaw, Charles Pressley Daphne Parker, Dr. Bob Pavlik, Lance Sockwell, Mark Clapp, Dan Bowman, Nancy Whitfield, Cynthia Winters, Larry Wright, Vicky Wheeler and Susan Turner

ABSS Academy updates were presented by Vicky Wheeler. Williams has a sustained Finance and Freshman Academy. Southern High School will be implementing a Bio-Science Academy this school year.

Mark Clapp reported that there are currently 45 students enrolled in the Finance Academy. 13 Seniors, 14 Juniors, and 18 Sophomores

Susan Turner presented suggested NAF guidelines of the overall makeup of the advisory board. Sub-committees have been added and current board members have been assigned accordingly. (See attached list). Vicky suggested that parents and students be a part of the committees.

Daphne Parker is chairing the Mentorship Program. The mentorship is a formal relationship between a worksite employer and one to four students. Worksite mentors support, encourage, and help students become accustomed to rules, behaviors and norms and expectations of the workplace. We have 14 Juniors that will be in the program this fall once business career models are confirmed. Students will meet with their mentors one a month, after school hours.

Needs for fundraising are great as the grant money is no longer available. Needs this semester include: field trips, shirts for new academy inductees and the inductee dinner November 1st.

Surveys will be sent to the '07 graduates to see where they are what they are doing. The intention is that an alumni group will form that will lend support to the academy in the future.