

PTO Meeting
March 17, 2017

Delegate Jim LeMunyon- Started off telling everyone to feel free to ask questions if you want

He was elected in 2010

He lives with his family in Franklin Farm-kids went to Crossfield, Carson, Oakton

Oldest Daughter is getting married in July

Brief Highlights from the Legislative Session in Richmond—In VA we have a part time legislature. They start meeting around the 11th of January and finish on 6th of February

During even years we go 2 weeks longer for the state budget

This current year we amend the budget and see how economic growth

Education side—FCPS will get a record size check for \$653 million 5% increase

Funding comes 70% from property tax

Remaining 5% is grants

We are pretty happy about that.

Bills:

1. Teacher retention—salary has impacted this

We have never had an exit interview so he introduced a bill to establish an exit interview program so we can get some feedback—what's working? what's not? Are you retiring, leaving?, etc

Get the idea of how the teachers are feeling straight from the teachers

Class Sizes—did not pass the bill—budget committee

Every elementary school class should not have a class size greater than 29-it passed the education committee but not the budget committee

We will take a run at it again next year because it makes sense

2) Administrative side of the job-teachers and administrators do a lot of paperwork. Last year he introduced a bill that became law—need to include all the reports that the school has to send in to justify that the kids are being educated, eating the right foods, etc. The report came out on Dec 1st. There are 151 reports required annually. Happily the state board got rid of 15 and Jim put in another bill that they have to require why they have to send in the reports to make sure they are still necessary. This will allow teachers to spend more time teaching and less time filling out paperwork

3)Data Collection Bill- collect a lot of data about class sizes, etc. We don't do it in 7-12th grades...we will extend this to 12th grade

4)High School redesign—legislation passes last year—take effect for the freshman 2018-2019 class. Anyone who is already in high school before than will not be affected. What are the high school requirements?, what are the SOL tests?, the SOL tests will come down to 5 for a standard writing, English, math, social studies, history. Right now it is 9. Advanced Diploma-colleges are more concerned about their SAT scores

This will delay the process for a year. They need to have a hearing in Fairfax County State Boards website—send email to offer comments or ask questions.

Last point—Legislation discussed the day that school can start in fall—can't do it before labor day unless you get snow.

FCPS got the exception and this coming school year will start before labor day.

This will be the last time that it will start before Labor Day for a while unless we get more snow. Since we didn't get a lot of snow this year we won't have it for the following school year.

Bill—gets killed in the senate education committee and it gets killed 6-9 and it's always the same people who vote the same way

2019 there will be a new committee and you can hope for more snow.

Travel and tourism people and VA Beach do not want us to go back before Labor Day. They are trying to have people come to vacation there.

The committee will go back on April 5th for 1 day—Governor has a month to sign, veto or amend the bills.

This is a good thing that he can amend and sometimes you will find errors. President can't do that. We consider the vetos, amendments and then we go home and accept it like everyone else.

Questions:

This is about Protective Orders—to allow people to carry concealed weapons

Why did you vote for this? You voted for this?

If you give me the bill number I will follow thru with you...I am happy to look it up. We vote on 1000 bills in 6 weeks.

How does the money funnel down to the counties?

\$653 million goes into the accounts on a quarterly basis. Looks at how many students we have, etc.

Local government decides which school gets the money. The state says FCPS will get a certain amount. There are very few strings attached. One is teacher pay. It is up to the county's discretion.

Funding for FCPS--most of it comes from the property taxes

Rest of our taxes go to the rest of our state.

Transportation

We do not get most of our money for education because of the state constitution—the state is required to insure you have a public education with textbooks. If the locality can't support that then the state has to fund it for them. We can fund up to 80% of the education for others.

FCPS only gets 25%

If we didn't fund them then the school would close

Put more money in the budget for K-12 is what Jim LeMunyon favors. We are headed in the right direction

Redrawing the districts in VA—What is your position on this? Is there going to be an independent panel after the 2020 census? What Jim LeMunyon has suggested—look at other states-Ohio, Iowa—what has worked and what hasn't worked?

We can pass that law at anytime. We are required to do it by 2021 after the census. One of the reasons it didn't pass is because people just assume that it is going to be partisan—just going to be gerrymandering a different method so we should just try something new. Adopt something from other states.

The question came up again about allowing people with protective orders to carry concealed weapons—the bill was pulled up that he voted for and he will follow up with her. The different issues—restraining order—is the wife allowed to get a restraining order for 45 days to protect herself. NRA rates the legislatures and he has never gotten higher than a C.

Some other subjects brought up:

Internship program—especially for those who are not college bound—get them into areas that they might be interested in.

Education—public education funding for tuition for college?

Tri-mester schools have the exception—these schools are usually challenged areas that need more help than FCPS. You can apply for an alternative school.
People are saying they want another TJ school.
His portion of the meeting is over--you can go to Jim LeMunyon's website: www.lemunyon.com
you can get a lot of info there.

Call To Order 10:09am

Principal's Report—Mrs. Cofer

Shared what Mr. Coch had to

March 31st we are very excited about the 6th grade basketball game and staff game.

Mr. Coch will play, Jennifer Rau is one of the teachers who has volunteered to play.

April 5th—PBL community night. We implement it in all grade levels. Wonderful info session from 6:30-8:00pm

April 7th--2 hr early release Spring Break will be from April 10-17th and we resume class on Tuesday, April 18th.

President's Report-Janna Wolff

Skip my part

Treasurer's Report-Janna reported for Mike Bush

Financially we are doing great

Income has been wonderful and we are going to have some money at the end of the year. We are going to send out a Survey Monkey at the end of the year to decide what to do with it.

Our goal was to get overhead projectors for each classroom for the past 4-5 years. They set this goal with Jennifer Condro to be finished in 2019 and we hit that goal 2 years early. It is because of you all and congrats to the school and to the students. Great news! Now we have money to spend for the students and the community. We have had conversations with Mr. Coch and we want your opinion too. Be on the look-out for a survey monkey and please answer the survey.

1st Vice President's Report-Dana Rosensweig

Spring Fundraiser

Auction is finished. IT was very successful. We raised \$8709 and our goal was \$5000

107 participants

It seems to have been a hit.

Thank you to Megan Shontz for being my helper.

Dining for Dollars—supposed to be on Tuesday, March 14th, now it is on Wednesday the 29th of March—changed because of the snow. 11am-11pm at Dogfish Head Alehouse. They give 15% of all sales for everyone that day. Last year we got \$1700 from Dogfish and we are really lucky that they rescheduled for us.

2nd Vice President's Report-Catherine Martin

Volunteers needed

Committee Reports—go to today's blast—ton of information in there and you will find everything out there.

Before and After School Activities

STEAM Fair

Original Works

6th Grade Basketball Game
Yearbook
5th and 6th Grade Dance

New Business—Every year we have a new slate for the following year PTO board. Those people will be your new board for next year. If anyone is interested please let us know and we can campaign

Slate for PTO Executive Board for 2017-2018
President- Hagan Donaldson
1st Vice President-Dana Rosensweig
2nd Vice President- Emily Albelda
Treasurer-Mike Bush
Secretary-Kristen Calder
Financially Secretary-Ryan McCarty
Director of After School activities-Uzma Geloo

End of Year Event-to hold or not to hold? We don't have one planned. Last year we had planned the picnic and it got rained out. Do we want to have one fun social event? It will definitely be outside because Navy is too large. It is nice to celebrate the end of the year, but there are also class parties, and a very busy time. I am opening up the floor—we have money to do it.

Parents don't want it, but the kids will look for it. Ice Cream social. We won't have anything until September

Fall is better because you're not drained and the weather is better.

It is more like a Field Day part 2—Feedback has been it is hard to get the volunteers in June. Our children will want them. I think we need to remember the kids aren't hurting for parties—they have field day, class parties, and the Eco Fair.

Vote—raise hands 4

Don't want to have one—5+ votes

Announcements—Yearbook-Hagan Donaldson—April 16th you can still order

Remind the parents one last time. We need to get the orders in. We will not have a surplus this year. PTO are not going to carry it. You can contact Hagan to make sure that you signed up for the yearbook.

5th-6th grade dance—Permission slips are going home today.

Please make sure the Room parents are sending the emails out.

Eco Fair—we have all of our vendors, send Vikki an email if you still want to do it and you can be put on the waitlist.

Kids are growing plants and planting, face painting, cupcakes, eco craft and dinner. All money will go to Navy Eco School. It is in the PTO Blast. Send Catherine the link so that she can send it to the room parents. April 28th.

Website was glitching yesterday. Janna will resend it. Catherine will send it out to room parents
School Supply Kits—does make money for the school and saves the parents time.

Old Business

Adjournment-10:30 am