

PTO Meeting  
May 19, 2017

**Call to Order: 9:35am**

**President's Report: Mr. Coch**

There will be a Volunteer Breakfast on June 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-10:00 am. We appreciate all of the great things you do.

There is a new Librarian-Emily Litz. She is a former reading teacher at Poe.

We have hired a new Music Teacher-Lucy Rehn from Nashville, TN. She is just moving here.

The placement letters went home. Requests are due by June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Track Update: Janna, Hagan and I went to Flint Hill to check out their track. It is an asphalt track. Looking at tracks at different high schools in the area, too.

**President's Report: Janna Wolff**

We are wrapping up the year. Catherine, Janna and Beth are done with their PTO positions. Thank you for everyone for your support.

**Treasurer's Report: Mike Bush**

Mike couldn't make the meeting so Janna gave his report. We are in superb shape. The Dining for Dollars Fundraiser raised close to \$2000. That is so great. We have healthy reserves and that is why we are looking into buying a track, more laptops or a marquee. We have money so we can purchase a big item. We are finalizing a survey that we will be sending out. We are hoping to have it out in the next 2 weeks. We are asking for you to take a few minutes to answer the brief survey. Right now we have flexibility with our money.

We will close our books on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Please submit your receipts by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Report: Dana Rosensweig**

Navy Fun Run-Next Fall, Oct 18-27-we are bringing the Boosterthon back. This is a little later than usual, but it will allow us to get settled into the school year first. Character theme this year is Castle Quest.

They will be going through true heros characteristics: trustworthy, respect, etc. It is a positive experience for the kids.

Thanks to everyone this year. We had a really successful year for fundraising.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's Report: Catherine Martin**

Volunteers will be needed for committee heads for 2017-2018

Right now we are seeing who will continue to be a committee chair. Open positions and they will be listed in the upcoming newsletter. We are filling Ryan McCarthy's position for Teacher Appreciation Week. This is a big one we need to fill. She has given me great notes. Let me know if you know of anyone interested in this position.

Appreciate everyone signing up for things.

## **Committee reports:**

**Yearbook:** Yearbooks are here!! They have arrived 2 weeks early. We are going to distribute them mid-June. We will have people sort them and label them and distribute them to each class. There are a few extras that we will sell on a first come, first serve basis. Next school year--Oct 4<sup>th</sup>-Fall Pictures.

**Bike to School:** This took place last week. 255 students participated-this is up by 75 students from last year. Very successful.

There were 6 different bike trains from the different neighborhoods.

The weather was great.

Thank you to GS troop 56002 for volunteering to hand out prizes and secure bikes. Thanks to the parent volunteers who helped with this event, too.

Thank you to Ken and Kristin Mahieu

**Eco School:** Mrs. Drost is coming to give her report.

Currently in Eco School we just finished up the Earth Week activities. Energy conservation with wind energy and we hope the kids are having some conversations at home. Great parents helped make that successful. We are hoping to conserve next year. We are a Bronze award school and to move on we need to work on Energy. The county controls what we do so this is difficult. We hope to move forward and earn other awards. The Eco School is focusing on the school garden and outdoor spaces. An Eagle Scout will do a project next year. He will be working on seating and a removable chalkboard to create more space in the courtyard. We are going to work on the main garden—by the playground. Work on the puddle and why it is caused and coming up with a solution to get rid of it. This is a big task. A lot of it has to do with the erosion and the bad field design. We get a lot of run-off water.

We are focusing on the main garden area. We also have a GS troop-working on their Silver Award—they are working on the garden.

Memorials: that we still need to figure out what we are going to do with those. They are broken and we are trying to see what we should do with that. The Memorials are for a teacher who passed away from cancer and another one is for Katie Hand's husband who passed away. The teachers plaque is covered in weeds. Should we reinvest in the items that we are broken? This will be a big project. Asking the community to build or fundraise to get money for shade. This will be a long process. Sun shades are an option but we need to get approval. There is a liability if someone gets injured.

There is an application for the Eco School for next year. Younger school 2-3 grades Upper club 4-6. The applications are due June 9<sup>th</sup> to Mrs. Drost.

**Food Donation Program:** Kids who do not eat all of their lunch then the kids can donate the food into a refrigerator. This food is delivered to a food bank at Western Fairfax Christian Ministry.

So far we have donated 1,630 lbs of food.

Thank you to Sirnran Pamnani for running this program for Navy.

**Screenagers:** Thank you to Mrs. Marshall. One week ago we hosted the parents and students to see a movie called Screenagers. Mrs. Marshall brought it to the PTO and we had a discussion afterwards. Good turn-out. It was helpful to see the impact of screens on our kids. The teachers are dealing with this and how it is impacting our students. Cyber-bullying is a problem. Thank you to Mrs. Marshall for bringing to the school.

If you did not get to see this go on the FCPS website to see what other schools are hosting this movie. If you missed it you can see it at another school. Definitely for older kids—sexting and addictive nature of screens.

**After School Activites:** Student Activities—we are on track to make \$10,000. We average about \$3500 per session. We budgeted \$3000 so we are far over. Stem excel—2 afternoon activites has 40 slots and they fill up quickly. Next year add on a 3<sup>rd</sup> stem class. Kindergarten parents are asking for stem. Winter—add K for Stem classes. Uzma is predicting these will fill up quickly. Flag Football will continue.

**New Business:**

Election—PTO Board for 2017-2018 We need to vote on the new PTO board.

2017-2018 Slate

President: Hagan Donaldson

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Dana Rosensweig

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Emily Albelda

Treasurer: Mike Bush

Financial Secretary: Ryan McCarthy

Secretary: Kristen Calder

Director of Student Activities: Uzma Geloo

Janna started the vote. Catherine seconded the vote.

The new PTO Board was voted in.

**School Supply Kits:** for the 2017-2018 school year are coming. It will go live by May 30, which is the Tuesday after Memorial Day. You do not need to get the school supplies this August.

**Announcements:**

Teacher-Starbucks card went to Ms. Ponsart-Kristen Calder's name was called.

Parent-Emily Albelda won the Starbuck's gift card for herself.

**Adjourment: 10:05am**

