

# PTO Board Meeting

January 13, 2017

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

**Principal's Report-Mr. John Coch**—thanked the PTO for their continued support

- 5 years ago we started the install of the projectors—now we have been able to buy the projectors for each classroom. There is only 1 company to install them. Navy has been waiting since September to have them installed and they are hoping to come to us at the end of the month. 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers are looking forward to it.
- We also are having trouble getting subs-teaching shortage, FCPS pay, Meals Tax didn't go through. Since the Meals Tax didn't go through FCPS might have to cut more things.
- 4 teachers going out for maternity leave:  
Mrs. Gleason-Yamoah, Mrs. Baptista-Tobin, Mrs. Ponsart-Kim, Mrs. Naughton-Lee
- Trying to get ideas for big ticket items—grade levels—investigate a possible track-for PE and runners club. The inside of track would be better than what the field is now. Boosterthon was successful and we have healthy reserves. Mr. Coch and the Navy staff is trying to figure out if they want to do a big project. They are also thinking of asking for more books for book room and math supplies. They are looking into asking for maybe 4-5 laptops for each classroom so that each classroom has about 10.
- Thank you to Uzma and her former company for donating the small projectors.
- SIIP—school report card has been posted for all of the schools. This is a 3 year history of SOL scores for all grade levels and you can compare to any school in VA.  
School Innovation Improvement Plan-set goals based on this.
- We have 180 6<sup>th</sup> graders—Promotion Ceremony June 21<sup>st</sup> 11am at Oakton HS  
Buses will pick up the kids at 9:45am and take them to Oakton. This will probably continue from now on.

**President's Report-Janna Wolff**

- Three of us—Mike Bush, Catherine Martin and Janna—met with Tom Wilson (school board rep) who took over for Kathy Smith. He represents elem, middle and high school. There were only 6 people there. It was very enlightening –budget is really a big issue. They are going to have a campaign similar as last year-Save FCPS—trying to stir parents to get involved to fund the schools. They will also have a say in what to cut. Make your opinion known.
- Question-Kiss and Ride Traffic has there been a change in flow? What is causing the long lines? This year there are 990 students so there are an extra 70 kid. Plus, on cold weather and bad weather days—parents use kiss and ride more. Eco Club is going to make pots—1-8 to show parents where to drop off. If you drop off between 8:20-8:30am—you're in and out quickly. Drop off between 8:35-8:48 and it is a mad house. Mr. Coch recommends dropping off your children earlier. Students can come into the building at 8:20am. Drivers are allowed to leave to the right of the parking lot this year too.

### **Treasurer's Report-Mike Bush given by Janna Wolff**

- Status Finances—Financially we are looking really good. Boosterthon was very successful- we haven't accounted for all of our outstanding bills, but we have a profit of \$43,000+ from Boosterthon
- Trying to figure out a Big Ticket Item to fund since we have the money. We now need to get a more solid idea of what we have and what we can use the money for. We should spend the money if we have it so it will benefit the children/school. Possible ideas are for an Electronic Marquee or a track. We need to figure out the pricing for both. Electronic Marquee is going to cost about \$15,000. Track—Gravel--\$40,000—would be a long term investment for everyone in the Navy community.  
We have to investigate all the factors. If you have an opinion/idea send Janna an email so we can figure it out. No decisions have been made at this point.
- Financials will be posted in the next couple of weeks for the specifics—check it out on the PTO website.

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

- Spring Fundraiser—We are starting to plan the Spring Fundraiser—we are not going to make it a huge event. We will be doing the Silent Auction again. The items that are most bid on are fun teacher donations—kids really enjoy it. Dana will need a committee to help her with finding vendors to donate, etc. If you are interested in helping out-email Dana.  
Last year the Silent Auction raised \$7,300 with it ending with a Dining For Dollars at Dogfish, which raised \$1700 Dining For Dollars
- This year the Silent Auction will start on March 1<sup>st</sup> and run for a 2 week period. It will end on March 14<sup>th</sup> at Dogfish for a Dining for Dollars.
- Next Year—Fall-Are we going to do the Fun Run again? We see no reason not to bring it back again. 81% participation rate for people who pledged. There has been positive feedback.
- Janna-half of the PTO board rolls off this spring—last year as president—the new board will ultimately make the final decision. If you have a strong opinion about what the fundraiser is going to be—let Dana or Janna know.
- Teachers and Mr. Coch have already said that they are all fine if Navy did the Boosterthon again. Plus parents don't have to do a lot of volunteering. We need something tangible to show the parents what we make from this fundraiser. Character Ed goes along with what the Guidance Counselors teach.

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

- Volunteers Needed—We have had 2 parents volunteer for Family Movie night!! They are aiming to have it in late Feb/early March. It is for grades K-4 and the date is to be determined.
- April 21<sup>st</sup> New this Year-- 5 & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Dance

## Committee Reports

- Before and After School Activities—started this past fall with morning activities. The morning activities were very popular in the fall. For winter the morning activities participation dropped. We will keep that going for the spring and decide if we will keep doing morning activities. Basketball was cancelled for morning because there were only 4 sign ups. The rest were at capacity. The STEM classes were filled right away. STEM activities after school are desirable. Uzma will be seeing how the classes go and re-evaluate for the spring activities. There are several new vendors this winter- looking for feedback. Please contact Uzma with any feedback. There has been some concern that the activities are geared towards younger children—Uzma might try to get some activities that target the interest of the older kids in grades 4-6.
- STEAM Fair-Melissa Ahn and Patricia Kruep—March 20<sup>th</sup> this year. Open to grades K-6 They want it to be a collaborative experience so the children can explore something in science that interests them. It was started 5 years ago—60 students the first year. Last year there were 220 students who participated. It has really grown a lot over the years. Registration is now open. Link is on the PTO website. This year they changed the name to make it more all inclusive. Melissa and Patricia are looking for volunteers with kids in 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> grade to take over for them in the future. Things are a lot easier to do now. They are asking that you think about someone you might recommend—probably 2 people to run it.  
1<sup>st</sup> Part of the Science Fair: Competition Part, Set up, Judges, Rubrics, Registration  
2<sup>nd</sup> Part-STEM presentations for the whole school—1000 students with enough presenters to have the students rotate through 2-20 minute sessions. Arrange a schedule to have each class go to 2 presenters.—Hospital Coming, Design and Research on Internet Interactive, Forestry, Engineer Mom designing a Water Plant, Chef-chemistry of sugar, etc.  
They still need volunteers for this year.
- Spelling Bee-Kicking off now. Registration is open now and will close in 2 weeks. Spelling lists are on the website. Pre-test the week of Feb. 7-10<sup>th</sup> and Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> is the Navy Spelling Bee.
- Original Works-Happening again this Spring-Elizabeth Gleason is running it again. The Art work is being completed now then it will be sent off to be scanned. Flyer will come home on Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Ordering will be online this year. All orders will be due by Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Gifts will be here in time for Mother's Day. We do make money on this fundraiser and it all goes to the Art Department and all the supplies the children use in art.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Game-March 31<sup>st</sup> playing Crossfield Elementary School again. Last year we swept Crossfield. Committee is meeting today and they will arrange to have sign ups and practices set up, etc. The game will be at Oakton High School this year and the concessions have been set up. Last year they didn't have enough people working the concessions. Hopefully they will make sure they have enough staff this year. Geri Clawson is in charge and we will make sure we talk to Oakton to make sure they have enough people working the concessions. 6<sup>th</sup> graders can play—anyone can play. Last year everyone could play 1 quarter—they had 6 quarters. This is a great School Spirit event.

- Yearbook—you can buy them on the website right now. Almost all of our events will make it to the yearbook because almost all of the events take place before the yearbook deadline in mid-April.
- 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance-April 25<sup>th</sup>. Casual, fun night to have fun with your friends. There will be a DJ in the gym at Navy. Drop off with permission slips. Snacks will be served. Time 6-8pm  
This is a group thing—not ask a date  
Is there a theme? Not yet. Hagan Donaldson is in charge of that.
- Eco Schools-Earth Week is April 24-28<sup>th</sup>. Working on what we are doing. Individual projects—this year a school project. End the week on April 28<sup>th</sup>—try to have a flea market-the idea is to bring used items to recycle.  
Pots are being made for the kiss and ride.  
Recycling Challenge is going on right now. Bring your plastic to the school. Trex Challenge ends in April and we could win a plastic recycled bench.

### **New Business**

- Dana Wozny—Nominating Committee. Looking to replace Janna Wolff (PTO President), Catherine Martin (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President) and Beth Arnz (Financial Secretary). Currently forming the committee. If you are interested in helping Dana-let her know. Committee would meet with the candidates and let them know what they are taking on. There are lists of people who have been nominated and Dana will be reaching out to you.
- Thanks for doing such a great job to those that are leaving. Everyone will still be at Navy next year so they will help out next year and be a great resource. Joining the PTO is a 2 year commitment.
- Web Person—need a new one. Catherine’s position looks for Committee Chairs, etc. She will look into finding a new person for this position.
- Teacher Appreciation Committee will be meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup>—Ryan McCarthy is the head of this committee. Teacher Appreciation Week is the first week of May. This is a big week and it takes a lot of volunteers to help.
- Sweet Shoppe—A Big Thanks—it was very successful. Ryan did a fantastic job. Everyone got an ice scraper. Thanks to all of the families—there were lots of donations of cookies.

### **Announcements**

- No School Next Week on Monday and Friday

### **Old Business**

- None

### **Adjournment-10:29am**

Starbucks Cards Drawing—Parent winner--Kia Taylor and Teacher winner--Mr. Simonds