

## **PTO Meeting & School Board Member Kathy Smith**

November 13, 2015

**Call to Order**, 9:33am, Janna Wolff called the meeting to order

### **Principal's Report -- Mr. Coch**

- Thank you to the PTO for the fall fundraiser. All donations are appreciated and help with our technology investments.
- Thank you also for a great Fall Festival.
- VA Department of Education released school report cards -- compares schools within the County. We will post results next week and make a school improvement plan. Will send out a KIT next week.
- We continue to do very well academically. Congratulations to teachers, parents, and students on a job well done.
- George Mason partnership continues with PBL. They come out to observe and we will be an example for PBL going forward.
- Awarded Energy Star building award. We are in the top 25% of energy efficient buildings in the US.

### **President's Report -- Janna Wolff**

- Kathy G. treasury report -- checking account balance looks good right now. We have \$50,000 available now but all of it is earmarked for expenses. We are short \$19,000 so will continue fundraising efforts.

### **1st VP Report -- Sue Martin**

- Fall Fundraiser -- No Fuss Fall Fundraiser raised \$28,000 or so. Need to go back to the same well (parents) to collect more money. March 15th is Dogfish Head Dining for Navy, an adult only event. May combine that with a silent auction. May also do a fun run.

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- Handout given -- walked through each page.
  - Wednesday, November 18th is Sully District Community Budget Meeting at Rocky Run MS
  - Schools are first to come out with the Budget so they estimate what their revenue will be but won't actually know until state and county budgets are approved. Deficit may be as high as \$70M. Supervisors give guidance based on estimates. Growth is down this year, not sure it is an anomaly. Don't find out our revenue until the end of May. Kids select classes and we staff ES prior to knowing the budget.
  - Last night's meeting discussed next year's calendar, will vote on it in December.
- FCPS Website
  - School Board Tab -- highlighted School Board, Board Docs tab as place to track what is happening and upcoming meetings
  - 2016-2017 School Calendar

- Proposal to start after Labor Day -- if we get 5 days off we can start school before Labor Day next year. The School Board can vote to change this calendar to start before Labor Day if we get 5 days off before February. Not sure they will vote for that but it is an option.
- Two weeks off at Holidays, plus January 2, Last day of school June 23rd. If we start after Labor Day, everything stays the same but moves up one week.
- Veteran's Day -- several Board members want this to be a day off. If that happens, students will only go to school 2 days that week. Will be up for discussion.
- Boundary discussion
  - Capital Improvement Program -- Community meetings in January/February. School Board has policy and regulation on how to handle boundary changes. Expedited boundary process would apply to us because it is only two schools -- Franklin Farm committee brought up split feeder situation, we would go Crossfields ES but back to Franklin for MS. What is driving the change -- overcrowding at Navy, island sections such as Franklin Farm.
  - How is overcrowding determined? Navy's overcrowding seems small in comparison to other schools (eg, Hunter's Woods)
  - What is the timeframe for the discussion and decision process? If Board votes in March/April, may be too late to make change for 2016. The change may occur in 2017.
  - 27 students from Crossfields attend Navy for AAP. If those students return to Crossfields we would be under 100% capacity. The decision about busing for AAP Centers will factor into the discussion.

### **Announcements**

- Minecraft is running early registration in December. All other after school activities will register in January. Will try to sync up registration for all activities.
- Dolphin Depot up and running.
- SCA Blanket and Coat drive, November 23-December 3.
- Sweet Shoppe will happen in December.
- Amazon smile -- login through PTO Website and PTO gets more of a kickback.

Meeting adjourned.