

Navy PTO Meeting

10/18/2017

Call Meeting to Order: 6:32 pm

Principal's Report: Mr. Coch

Quick report because he has to head to a meeting.

Thanks again for the track and everything the PTO does to support the school. I live in Loudoun County and they have a track at the local school and it is great for everyone. We continue to do well academically. We received the Board of Excellence Award last week. It is achieved based on SOL scores.

The newest SOL scores are posted on the website.

Open up for any questions:

1 to 1—he saw this first in Indiana. They try to do it in Middle School and High School. We have accomplished a lot with PBL over the last 4 years and we are switching gears to do 1 to 1. Mr. Coch gave a presentation to school principals and he mentioned that was our next step. Asked if the county is going to fund it—he said it will eventually happen, but it will start in high schools in a few years. It will probably be 6 or 7 years down the road before they reach the elementary schools. He spoke with the Tech Specialist today—you can have these devices for years. Fairfax County will help fix them and has the parts. This will not be an additional cost to us or the PTO. Instruction is so much more efficient. The kids are more organized. They have easier access to games when they are finished with their work. There are a lot of positive changes. Apply for a grant to get our 3rd grade teachers in a co-hort to get the professional development that they need.

How worthwhile is it to pursue for our next grade levels? Work can be tailored to the individual student. Right now we have 608 laptops and they are constantly checked out. FCPS was trying to do this, but the funding fell short. Very creative, enthusiastic and motivated staff and they are going to use it the correct way to instruct their children.

PTO Board Reports:

President's Report: Hagan Donaldson

Big News—We are putting in a track. Awesome. The check has gone to the county. It is scheduled to go in the weekend in November when we have the 2 day break. They are ready to go. Maintenance is covered by the county. We will not pay a cent for maintenance. Every year we could put in a ticket. They will pull out weeds, fill gravel areas. It is on us to put in the ticket, but otherwise that is all we have to do. Ideally, I would like to have it done by November 8th for the Runner's Club. It is happening!! IT is going to be great. It will give the kids something else to do at recess—actively walk around...Runners club, Girls on the Run. A positive addition to Navy. A wonderful treat for our children.

Question:

Will the County maintain the gravel on the field and remove the rocks that might get on the grassy area? Hagan is not sure, but she will look into it.

1st Vice President's Report-Dana Rosensweig

Boosterthon Fun Run kick off was today. Pep Rally was today and was amazing. They do a great job with the program. The kids are encouraged to get pledges and reach out to family members and friends. There are a lot of things the kids can do on the website. The program goes every day. They will have daily character lessons in the cafeteria for 15 minutes per grade level. They go through positive messages and they take care of everything for us. Next Friday is the run and parents are invited to come. Hopefully it won't rain so we can have it outside.

The times for the run are:

K-2 9:00-10:00 am

3 & 5 10:15-11:15 am

4 & 6 11:30-12:30 pm

If you chose not to participate that is totally fine—everyone will still run and do the daily activities. You can submit a donation directly to the school too.

You can submit money online—donate now directly to Navy PTO website.

Funrun.com to get the information that you need. The website is very easy to use.

2016-2017 profit was outstanding.

2015 \$28,000 doing the armchair donations

Our goal is \$40,000—we won't turn down more. We are hoping it is as successful as last year!

2nd Vice President's Report-Emily Albelda

I have met with all the Room Parents and Committee leads. Everything is running smoothly so far.

We are still in need of a Welcome Back Picnic Committee for next year. If you are a party planner you can do it—just let Emily know.

Treasurer's Report-Mike Bush

\$98,000 in our checking and savings accounts.

\$25,000 in reserve so we don't spend it

We have spent some money so those purchases still need to go through.

\$76,000 in cash—balance sheet \$4000-5000 that we owe to people.

P and L sheet--\$15,000 loss this year--\$18,000 track came out of money we have in our account.

New forms on the website—google forms

Teachers need to log out of FCPS to get the forms under PTO documents and forms and you will see the forms. If there are adjustments- please let Mike know.

Deposit forms give to Ryan

There is a form to get cash boxes

Form for requesting payment reimbursement—paypal, square cash and check in the mail

The PTO gives a large check to the school each year, but now we are going to have Mr. Coch give us what he wants so then we can pay for specific items. You can see the Budget and the reports on the website.

Student Activities' Report-Uzma Geloo

Winter Planning has started for Winter Activities—the activities will start the week after you get back from Winter Break—2nd week of January and registration will start end of November.

If you have any vendors that you use for your child and you really like the way they run their programs—send Uzma an email and she will reach out to them.

Send Uzma comments about the activities. Registrations are open for Enrichments—Debate Club, Odyssey of the Mind, etc.

Enrichments:

If you are joining them we are asking for parent volunteers

Debate is open—4,5,6 grades only, not connected with any debate league—no competitions, but we have a great coach, public speaking/debate and will be a great benefit for your child.

We did find someone to run FLL (Lego League) Junior Ms. Yillapeddy, Erin Coleman and John Schoop. We hope to have registrations up in November. We are looking for parents to coach these teams

Committee Reports:

Dining for Dollars—we did really well for the 1st one at Chipotle—over \$800
The next one is on Thursday, November 9th—Jersey Mikes in Fair Lakes. It runs from 11:30am-8:30pm. They are giving Navy 25% of the sales.

Directory—wrapping it up right now. You should have received an email verifying the information and it takes about 60 seconds. It closes tonight and then they are ready to print. We should have them shortly.

Eco Club—Boy Scouts completed benches, chalkboard, etc for the Courtyard. Hoping the teachers will use it more often. Treks competition starts on November 15—last year we came in 4th for our region.

We have recycled over 2 lbs per child...we are hoping for more this year.

Whole Foods—Nickels for Non-Profits—let them know you want to donate your 5 cents to Navy that you get off for bringing your reusable bags. This will go thru the holiday season

March 16th -Eco Fair—forms for the kids to sign up and vendor forms

Yearbook—Rolling sign up.

November 15th-Make up picture day

Veterans Day—We have a special ceremony every year—Jean Shaw has been in contact with Maren Simon who is leading the event. It will take place on November 10th—family members who are military or retired military can attend the breakfast and the event.

Teacher Appreciation- No Report

Others:

Apparel—Should come in next week and we will start distribution

Pumpkin Contest- Halloween Day—flyer will be home this Friday in the Friday Folders and it is also on the PTO website

Lots of flyers this year—because of the beginning of the year. We will move away from all these flyers.

New Business:

This is the time for new ideas and open communication—things that we need to discuss further

Class Size Counts—Mike Bush will be a Navy liaison for this.

<http://classsizecounts.com/>

*[Class Size Counts \(CSC\)](#) is a volunteer organization with a reach to over 5,000 parents, teachers, and other community members who advocate for [quality class sizes](#) for all VA students and teachers. Over the past five years, **CSC Liaisons** have worked with state and local legislators, teachers' associations and others to reduce the number of excessively large class sizes. Those efforts resulted in changes to Virginia law that require disclosure of class sizes at all middle and high schools, guidance from the state Department of Education to improve compliance with the state's class size laws, an FCPS staff regulation that caps elementary school class sizes, and increased transparency about the FCPS processes that affect class sizes, including enrollment projections, principal trades of teacher positions, and allocations of teacher positions from the countywide staffing reserve. **CSC Liaisons** serve as contact person/s for their school parent community in advocating for quality class sizes.

Log on to the website and register to get their blasts so you can get involved. Your opinion matters.

The information will be in next week's blast.

Shade Structures—Meredith—on the playground—it is really hot and sunny. The teachers and students are hot and also skin cancer prevention. The children are out in the hot, sun at recess.

Canvas top-Canopy—you have to take it down in the winter. Can't withstand snow and ice.

\$75,000 South Run—huge one

Picnic shelter—big cost difference between the 2 and we need to see what is feasible for our playground

We will talk to Mr. Coch and see what we need to get the ball rolling. We are not making any decisions and we want to get more concrete numbers. Is it worth our money to build something larger and more permanent? Hopefully by the December meeting we will have more information. Colvin Run has one and it is smaller than what we were thinking.

Where do we want to go as a PTO—1:1 computers. Do we need more information? Do we like it, do we want to do it? We need to tell Mr. Coch that we are on board or we are not. 1:1 computers—we can probably do 1 more grade for the fall \$60,000 per grade. That is a lot of money. We currently have \$51,000 in our savings...\$33,000 sitting in our savings and does not include what is in our reserve. Mr. Coch has already said he is trying to earmark part of his budget to fund this—He will be using the instructional money for the school...which is used to buy things for the school, hire more teachers, etc.

Hagan is asking for feedback—we should try to make the decision by December—There was discussion from a few parents--that is the reason why they are here—they don't like them—it takes away a lot from their imagination. I know this is the direction the world is going towards, but there are still concerns: security—instructional time—assessing the individual kids and their needs.

The computer time seems to be a very important element in their day—they are on the computer all day.

Are they addressing the different styles of learning—they are young and they are supposed to be exploring different areas.

The computers can be very frustrating to a child who doesn't know how to type. They have to write it first and then type it. The work is not getting done.

Hagan suggested that we have an open, casual presentation with Mr. Coch and the teachers? Is this something we should really be investing in?

We just want to make sure we are using the money for instruction.

Another 3rd grade parent had an opposite view. He is very pleased by it. We will make a decision later in the year and have a meeting for this specifically. We can wait to make the decisions until the January meeting so we can evaluate, ask the teachers what they think.

Another parent said he can't stand it. Terrible that we are using google apps. This can create anxiety in the children and interrupt their personal interactions. He is worried that when they are in interviews the kids won't be able to look people in the eyes and talk to them.

In PBL the children are encouraged to buy their own devices. Is that going to happen anyway?

How much time are they using it during the day? The amount of time depends on the day/teacher/etc.

The teachers post messages for the kids to look at videos and sometimes Pop Ups come up.

Hagan will put something together so we can ask questions to Mr. Coch and the teachers to see how the computers are working in the classroom.

Old Business:

Announcements:

Please come to the PTO meetings so we can make decisions for our kids as a group.

Navy SCA "Pink Out" Day is this Friday—have students wear all pink in support of breast cancer awareness.

Adjournment: 7:47 pm