

Navy PTO Meeting

1/31/18, 6:30pm

Call to Order: 6:30pm

PTO Board Reports

- **President: Hagan Donaldson**-The Navy/Crossfield Basketball game has been a difficult thing to plan over the last few months. As of today, we have officially rescheduled it so it does not fall on the 4th grade field trip. It will be on Friday, April 20th at Oakton High School... they are delayed on construction.

Friday, April 27th is the new date for the 5th-6th grade dance. It will be updated on the calendar and the PTO website

Movie Night-People have had a lot of questions about. CYA has reserved the gym before we could get to it so that is not available to us this year. We only have the cafeteria and the library. Both of those rooms have capacity issues. RSVPs are flying in and we are close to capacity for both the cafeteria and the library. We need to vote to give movie night \$400.

Hagan proposed that we vote to give the Movie Night Committee \$400, Mike motioned it and Catherine seconded it. The vote was approved.

Spelling Bee-The registration date that was originally given out on the flyer was incorrect. Registration closes on Feb 7th. It has been extended. The Spelling Bee will take place on March 5, 2018.

PTO Blast—it was mentioned that we need chairs for certain events and committees. Jessica Cooley will do Apparel. We are very excited about that! We still need someone to take over the Back to School Picnic. Emily and Hagan met with Debra Angell today to talk about the Back to School Picnic and they are going to start planning it and start putting it in place. It will be much easier for the person who takes over

Directional Signs—They will be put up throughout the school to show people where to go. No one knows where to go. Hagan got permission from the county and they are a go. They can be changed at any time. Hagan wants to get 7 signs and is asking for them to be approved tonight. It will cost \$256.49 and they will be here in 2 weeks. Mike motioned the vote, Catherine seconded it. The signs were approved.

- **1st Vice President:** Dana Rosensweig Spring Fundraiser will run from March 12-20 culminating at Dining for Dollars at Dogfish Head

If you have things to donate let Dana know. She has letters on Navy letterhead to get more donations. Things that are donated: Camps, teachers and Mr. Coch donate neat experiences, Restaurant gift cards, etc. Please let Dana know if you have a contact or are able to donate any items.

- **2nd Vice President: Emily Albelda** No Report

- **Treasurer: Mike Bush** Navy has \$118,000 across checking/savings--\$25,000 in reserves
\$2200 in uncleared payments, \$5000 in bills, \$2700 in deposits that will hit the bank

Mike addressed Mr. Coch to tell him that there are a lot of grade levels who have not used their grade level money yet. There is more money than usual so please remind the teachers to spend it for things in their classroom. Mike would like to have it spent as soon as possible so that it can benefit their classrooms this year.

A group of students won a grant to do something nice for the school. We are holding \$5000 for them, but if they don't use the money it will have to be sent back to the grant provider.

Class Size Counts-Mike Bush is the liaison for our school. They are hoping to cap elementary class sizes at 29 students from 35 students for grades 4-6. Please write a letter to say you are in favor of this and send it in. More information on the PTO website. Mr. Coch does not have a lot of space in the school for more classes.

- **Dir of Student Activities-No Report**
- **Financial Secretary-No Report**
- **Secretary-No Report**

New Business

This is the time for new ideas and open communication

Request PTO monies for wall mounted hallway signs-Vote Required and approved

Request PTO monies for movie night-Vote Required and approved

Committee Chair Reports-No Reports

Principals Report at 6:45 Hagan is turning the meeting over to Mr. Coch

1:1 Technology Presentation--Digital Transformation

Thank some of the staff members for joining us. Ms. Workman, Ms. Henderson, Ms. Gural, Mrs. Delaney and Ms. Sinclair our tech specialist.

Why is Digital Transformation important? We are responding to society. We are in the Conceptual Age —Navy is focusing on helping the students use what they have available and be creators with that information. Use it in a meaningful way. There are schools that are already participating in the 1:1 technology...in the Chantilly Pyramid. Learning can be personalized and individualized so that it is differentiated and engaging for all students.

Mr. Coch went to New Tech Schools in Indiana. They had both PBL and 1:1 technology and students had their devices at all times. At the time to move to the school to both of these it would cost \$450,000 a

year for 4 years. We didn't have that money so we started with PBL. Now Mr. Coch is hoping to continue to work on the 1:1 transition.

The main thing that we wanted to see was the students really collaborating with other students. It is hard as adults so we want to teach the students to collaborate at an early age. We are trying to have the students grow so they are ready to move on to middle school, high school and college and be able to collaborate with others. This is a part of developing the Portrait of a Graduate approach.

The staff members in the Chantilly Pyramid have 1:1, but they are not collaborating so Mr. Coch is happy we did the collaboration (PBL) first.

7-8 years FCPS is hoping that all school will have access to 1:1 technology. They will start with high schools and move down to elementary schools.

There was a survey given to all 3rd Grade Parents, Students and Teachers a few months ago. There were about 80 parents who completed the survey. There were 3-4 negative comments out of the 80. Some of the feedback was that parents were interested in having more feedback about what is going on in the classroom. We went over the survey results. The graphs will be posted on the Navy website.

There were several slides and videos of the children working collaboratively in the classroom. These items will also be posted on the Navy website.

Administrators and other teachers have been observing the classrooms. The teachers are open to allowing parents in the classrooms to see how a typical day is spent.

Student Comments: The students want more work on their laptop, it is helping them stay organized, they want to do more work in general when they are working on their laptop. The kids feel that they are learning how to type quicker.

What are the kids doing on the computer? The answers from the parents and the kids are different so always communicate with your child to see what they are doing. You can scroll over the graphs online to see exact results.

Parent Comments: The children are more engaged in their homework and school activities. Helpful on a sick day.

What does it look like in our Navy Classroom? We are still using paper, the students still work with partners, they are still working with their teacher. The computers are incorporated throughout the day, but they are not using it all day.

There was a video on how the 1:1 and PBL work together. Ms. Sinclair did not plan her visits when she was coming in to videotape the students working—she just stopped in the classrooms and asked the kids questions about what they were working on.

How are our teachers prepared for this new way of teaching and learning? There are classes within the county that they can attend. They are going on site visits with other schools. They are getting ideas from those other schools and they are also seeing how they can improve on these areas.

Online Courses, FCPS Professional Development, In Person Networking

Mr. Coch will make his decision on what grade level will get the 1:1 technology based on which teachers are attending the training and the teachers will have to apply to have it in their grade level.

What are our goals for Digital Transformation? Our goal is to prepare our students for future success especially in jobs that don't yet exist! We also want to make sure that the kids can do creative thinking. We want to make the children successful for the future. This is designed to support both the Portrait of a Graduate Attributes and the 21st Century living.

3rd grade students all receive a laptop to use at home and at school. Our goals—next year we would like to add another grade level for the 1:1 program. Navy is hoping to add another grade level each year. We need to make sure the teachers are trained and ready to start implementing the 1:1 teaching in their classroom.

We are very fortunate at Navy. The PTO and parent community has already given us so much. We are way above 2:1 right now. We have about 5-6 laptops in every classroom, plus all of the classes have access to mobile carts with laptops. The different grade levels have to share the computers on the carts. Our goal is to add a grade level each year. If we buy about 70 new laptops for a grade level then we will no longer need the carts for that grade level which means the other grades will have more access to the computers in the carts. The only difference is that the other classrooms will not be allowed to take the computers in the carts home.

Chantilly Pyramid is already 1:1—FCPSon

FCPS is working hard to lead this journey for 1:1 technology and the superintendent wants to keep this going.

What do the students/teachers think of this program?

Ms. Gural: The teachers spoke about liking the program because it allows students to work at their own pace. The road map on the computer will let them know what to do next. Children can move ahead if they are ready. They can take quizzes when they are ready.

Ms. Henderson: The computer lends itself to differentiation. Only the kids know what is being assigned to them. It gives them the confidence to know they are all working, but at their own pace.

Ms. Workman: I really like the ease at which the kids can get their laptops out of their desks/backpacks. No time is wasted to log in and get the computer set up. Even to get the laptops from the carts are a lot more work. The kids take pride and responsibility in their laptop. The kids are ready to go when they need to get them.

Mrs. Delaney: Having a laptop allows the teachers to quickly input different types of information in their computer. They can add videos, games, other materials to help them learn for all different types of learners. There is a lot more variety now.

There are a few options to give feedback about what you think of the 1:1 technology. This will be posted on the Navy website for any parent to give their feedback.

You can also find 1:1 Frequently Asked Questions on the Navy website.

Questions that will impact everyone:

It has come to from several parents: When you are in the classroom is the child able to click on things that they shouldn't be able to? Are they experiencing things that they shouldn't be allowed to? This is a major concern for parents. Are they using it in a focused way?

Ms. Gural-in her classroom the screens have to be facing the middle of the room. That is the way she can see that the kids are staying focused. The kids are sometimes trying to change the settings or the color of the background. They would have to sign the book if they are goofing off at that point. FCPS does filter websites for teachers, students, everyone. This is the 9th largest school district in the United States-they are very protective. They can filter it at school, but they cannot filter at home. Videos are shared by Safe Share so they are not able to see any pop ups or advertisements.

Are you required to do Safe Share? No, but everyone at Navy is using it. The teachers are filtering a lot of it. There are probably students in high school that have worked around it. We have had a discipline issue this year, but it was something that happened at home when they were not on FCPS wifi.

You can get outside of the FCPS protection quite easily. How can you stop that? That is part of digital citizenship that we are teaching and there will be consequences for those students. We are monitoring their usage very closely.

We are allowing kids to communicate electronically without just talking to each other or going through their teacher. It is great to teach the students now how to use it and learn digital citizenship at an early age. You can opt out of this program if you are really concerned about it.

Have you thought to disable the communication option? Some kids who have abused their communication will be muted in the system, but we want the students to be able to email their teachers.

I've noticed that my daughter brings her laptop home every day, but she doesn't have homework on it. Does she have to bring it home every night? Yes, that is where they charge their computers because we don't have enough plugs in the classroom.

What happens if their computer breaks? We can give them all their work in google classrooms while their computer gets fixed. There have been very few computer issues this year.

What version of Windows are you using? 10

We signed a Laptop agreement at the beginning of the year. What happens with upgrades? Is that a responsibility that falls on the school or the county? We purchase the laptops so FCPS will cover all the costs to upgrade and fix the computers. Our tech specialist will fix them, re-image them, etc for our computers.

There were issues with parents feeling that Navy is giving the students too much technology too early. There are studies being done about the impact this has on the children. Mr. Coch addressed that they are trying to teach the students Digital Citizenship so that they can know the right way to be on the computer and know that their digital footprint will stay with them.

Questions that just impact your own child please see Mr. Coch and the teachers after the meeting.

Right now, we have 640 laptops for about 1000 kids.

Any plans to address the social issues that the kids have and appropriate behavior? The 6th grade teachers have given lessons about Instagram. The teachers have given some suggestions to the Guidance Counselors about discussing the issue of bullying online.

Google Classroom is a core tool. It is available to teach in the whole county. They have a number for each child they don't have any other information for the kids. If a younger grade would get the laptops they would not be able to bring it home.

We are only looking to provide laptops for a grade between 3-6.

The link to all of the information that was presented tonight will be posted on the Navy website.

Wrap up for the tonight. Hagan thanked Mr. Coch and the teachers for putting this presentation together. Hagan found it very helpful. Mr Coch—we appreciate your time tonight.

Old Business- No Report

Announcements

Upcoming Navy Events:

Spelling bee: 3/5/18

Silent Auction: 3/12-3/20

STEAM Fair-3/12/18

Meeting adjourned: 8:07 pm