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2. Welcome
3. AAS Overview (Ms. Scartz)
    a. Engage and challenge each student everyday (goal)
    b. Three tiers of services
        i. One- access to AAS curriculum and strategies for ALL students
        ii. Two- Differentiated lessons using advanced curriculum and strategies in the general education classroom (open honors, young scholars, and general intellectual aptitude) (middle school)
            1. Anyone can take honors in middle school; kids in AAS may be grouped together in these honors classes
        iii. Three- Specific Academic Aptitude services in reading, math, social studies, and/or science (pull out in fourth and fifth grade for reading and math; serviced in general education classroom for social studies and science)
        iv. Screening Timeline
            1. GIA (K-3): 9.1-11.20; eligibility notification by 3.19.27
            2. SAA (3-8): 9.1-11.20; eligibility notification by 3.19.27
            3. New students to ACPS in 4-8: first day of entry through 30 days of enrollment; eligibility notification within 90 days of receiving permission to screen
            4. Note that parents do not need to submit a referral for an area your child is already eligible for services
        v. Process for screening
            1. Referral: automatic and person-submitted
            2. Obtain data: ability scores, achievement scores, progress reports, work samples, rating scales
            3. Committee meets: finalize rating scales, score work samples, determine eligibility
            4. Parent notification: sent from school, permission to place, appeals process information
            5. Appeals: parent submit, committee meets, appeals for final
        vi. How to submit referral forms
            1. Log into PowerSchool Parent Access account
            2. Chose the child to refer
            3. Click on forms

4. Choose 26-27 referral forms and permission to screen for AAS
5. Select your language
6. Complete the form
7. Click the blue submit button

vii. Screening lead: Tiffany Scartz (tiffany.scartz@acps.k12.va.us)

viii. Suzie: a full AAS position was cut last year from GMES; this is a tremendous amount of work for Ms. Scartz (and the school is growing again next year)

1. Our K-2 students are not getting an push-in services right now, which is what ACPS prescribes for us
2. Please join Suzie during budget season to help advocate for another AAS season
3. Suzie can share letters to has written; pay attention during budget season

4. GMES Vision Statement (Mr. Finan)
    a. The Golden Circle: what-how-why
        i. Every organization on the planet knows WHAT they do. These are the products they sell or the services they offer.
        ii. Some organizations know HOW they do it. These are the things that make them special or set them apart from the competitions.
        iii. Very few organizations know WHY they do what they do. WHY is not about making money. That's a result. It's a purpose, cause, or belief. It's the very reason your organization exists.
        iv. They WHY makes a difference
    b. Road map to our vision and mission
        i. Gather staff voice, gather student voice, gather family voice, synthesize, refine, and finalize
        ii. Goal to have this ready by the end of December and reveal in early 2027
    c. Three dimensions of our vision: feel, do, learn/know
        i. Affective (feel): how do I want people to feel as a result of being at Geroge Mason
        ii. Behavioral (do): What do I want people to do as a result of being at George Mason?
        iii. Cognitive (learn/know): What do I want people to learn or know as a result of being a part of George Mason?
    d. Group activity to brainstorm these items for staff, students, and families

5. Updates from VPs and Committee Chairs
    a. Alex Robinson: Treasurer (out)
    b. Stephanie Casway: Secretary
    c. Elizabeth Mallon: Fundraising
        i. Bingo coming in December
        ii. Working on a fundraiser with Nothing Bundt Cakes
    d. Tiffany Del Rio: Community Outreach (out)
    e. Kate Eltrich: Programs
    f. Racquel Hawk: PR and Memberships
    g. Jess Thunes: PTAC Rep
    h. Amanda Narod: PTA President Elect
    i. Suzie O'Brien: Past PTA President
    j. Ms. Mary Pollard: Teacher Rep
6. President Final Remarks
    a. It's never too late to join the PTA!
    b. Walking Wednesdays (10.21 [K-2] and 10.28 [3-5])
    c. Reflections deadline (10.30)
    d. Election Day Bake Sale (11.3)
    e. Next restaurant night (11.18 at the Silver Diner)
7. Next PTA Meeting: Monday, 11.16 at 6:30, TBD topic
8. Q&A