



June 14, 2023  
Hybrid PTA Meeting- School Library and Zoom  
7pm

## Agenda

1. Call to Order: Jenni Hensley- 7:03pm
2. Attendees: Jenni Hensley, President, Kim Graham, VP of Membership, Angela Gaylord, PTA Secretary, Jeff Gossett- Treasurer, Jennifer Gossett- VP of VC, Bob D'Amato, Heather Hitz, Kelly Selecman, Debbie Franck, Diana Coss, Jessica Saldana- Perkins, Lynn Heick, Jacqui Kobil, Janna Mantilla, Sarah Holbrook,
3. Motion to Approve May PTA Meeting Minutes- May Minutes Approved by Unanimous vote
4. Bob D'Amato- Principal Report- Great job Lynn for making the videos!
  1. Cindy Jeter is leaving end of July.
  2. Dayna Flanagan- Bestsy Whiting- Liz Rauch- Precious Burger are all retiring, as well.
  3. New candidates are being hired regularly!
    1. Tomorrow a letter summarizing the great things for the year will go home.
    2. Thank you to the board, committees, and families
    3. 6th grade promotion is coming tomorrow!
    4. State accreditation SOL scores all in Green! 80's for reading, math, and science!
      1. More information coming in August.
    5. Have a great summer! Planning starts in February for staffing. Theme- ordering stuff. What to change and tweak next year. Taking feedback.
    6. Deb Franck asked about 9am 6th grade promotion- Doors open at 8:50pm- 2 hours-ish. 6th grade do a write up of their memories so everything is read out loud. All are welcome!
    7. Diana Coss- Questions about Library- when child checks out a book- Can the list of books checked out be sent directly to the families? Bob said to speak to Mrs. Farfan about this. He doesn't think that the list can be automatically sent over but she can email you. HE suggested that maybe next year they send Overdue book notices- Quarterly instead of yearly. Diana said she has had trouble with the missing book fees because her child's books are being taken from their school book boxes. This is frustrating. Janna Mantilla made a comment online and said Mrs. Farfan will send an email and list of books if you ask. Angela Gaylord said that she paid for a book, later found the book and returned it but Mrs. Farfan said she couldn't get a refund. Bob said You can get a refund! He said that he doesn't even agree with overdue fines and that if you don't get a refund you should follow up.
    8. Diana Coss asked about Fairfax county is clear about not tolerating bullying- What does that look like in reality? What discipline is done in school? Bob said the term Bullying is used too frequently but often they are not to that level. Common language and expectation of all staff are doing the same language and positive language use. Promoting good Characteristics and good traits. Behavioral person brought in- Megan

Jeter- to regulate so behaviors don't get higher. He stated that He said that for families- School finding out after the fact is difficult to investigate. FCPS has a bullying protocol- details and facts are needed- timelines and specifics. Once he has those he opens a bullying case- interviews witnesses and discusses with parents. Then you follow the Student rights and responsibilities and have that protocol as well. He suggested- Go to the teacher first- communication is the key. He said he has seen way less behavioral issues throughout the year. He suggested that a Positive Culture can help. that can be done at home as well. Diana said for her it seems like a "general sense of nastiness". Shocking what languages and communication is used. Bob said it is not tolerated and post pandemic is worse than before. He also said that Parents need to be involved Bob said sending kids home is proven not effective. Bob said due diligence is needed.

Communication is needed. If the teacher isn't seeing it it could be more he said/ she said. Diana thinks it's a lot on the playground- Bob said a child needs to be taught to deal with these situations- Tell the teacher, walk away, ect.. Jessica Saldana Perkins said she has a child who had some behavioral issues- she found that when a parent came to her to discuss an issue it was helpful so she could then discuss it with her child. Bob stated that they use things like Restorative justice. He also clarified that sometimes parents are only getting half the story. They aren't able to let a student know that they are disciplining another student. They will say "We are handling it". All student's in the office have their parents called. The "victim" also has their parents called. Both sides are informed. He said students have a general Impulsivity- Language- aggression.

Debbie Franck asked about a reading program that her son was talking about - Bob said it might be projectLit which is an ESOL and Literacy- below reading level, non english speaking. Project Lift- Schools will pay for it and books go to kids.

OR it could be the FCPL Summer Reading Program- Fairfax Public Library they talked at school on Wednesday. Kids earn prizes for reading.

5. PTA President Report- Anonymous comments-water bottle filling fountains, VDOE Learning Acceleration Grant, Plans for next year, Secretary needed for next year.
  1. Installing Water bottle filling stations- \$23,000 to replace 8 fountains. Not filtered. the 4 current water stations- are filtered and we will stick with those- Increase training on use for kids.
  2. 6 camera quotes- \$24k- Playground (4) and outside- have had trouble with Graffiti once school getting out. Dock and up by library and then 4 in back
  3. \$2800 to repaint the map
  4. Diana wants to know if we can resurface the blacktop. Bob said that was a great idea if we go forward with it.
  5. Jessica Saldana Perkins asked about a Shade structure. Bob said- Many schools are putting in requests - 15-18k. Board discussed that we found an ADA grant- educate on skin care and can get 8k grant.
  6. VDOE LEgrant-They have hit their max- No more applications are being accepted.
6. VP of VC- Jennifer Gossett- WE need volunteers!
  1. Making it committees instead of chairs for the more the merrier.
  2. Committee for Field Trip and Assemblies
  3. Bucky Committee- Be Bucky regularly. - Debbie was volunteered by Janna Mantilla
7. Help Wanted- Secretary Election will be help in Aug/September- If you would like to volunteer let us know. Duty descriptions- Social Media and taking the minutes at meetings.
8. VP of Membership- Kim Graham- We have 198 members! Please take the PTA survey. - it is Anonymous. Take helpful feedback.. We want more people!

9. PTA Treasurer Financial Report- Jeff Gossett-Over 62% of the money was spent on school investments. Teacher and Staff Support- 33%
  1. Fundraising- 63% of our fund came from Fun Run. Basketball Game 3%. Volunteers needed for Fun Run. Out portion of school investments- track, water bottles, school tech, movie license-etc.
10. TAW- Staff Supply Bar was great- Card Stock was a HIT!, We love the staff and appreciate them. Bob said Teachers have a pizza lunch friday.

11. Committee Reports-

1. EPI School Supply Packs- Buy from EPI- June 25 to buy them. Delivered to the school.
  1. Someone had issues in the past. Office is the one dealing with EPI
2. Bucky's Block Party- Janna Mantilla- Thanks to Debbie and Kelly for helping. around \$350 net profit. We appreciate all of our volunteers.
3. Military Families-Jessica Saldana Perkins- at recent event the kids made medals for their parents. Military Appreciation. Jessica is leaving due to lack of time. She said "Why should you work in this role?"- We have 18 families- Families get something from it. Families deploy and need the support. You get a little budget. Combined with Cub Run. Share the love with Cub Run.

12. Volunteer of the Month- Debbie Franck, Kelly Selecman, Ashley Shah, Jessica Saldana Perkins. Thank you for all your help! We appreciate it!

13. No faculty rep this month.

14. Adjournment- Motion to adjourn- Unanimous vote- Motion approved. 7:55pm