

March 8, 2023
Hybrid PTA Meeting- School Library and Zoom
7pm



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Agenda

1. Call to Order: Jenni Hensley, PTA President-7:03pm
2. Attendees: Jenni Hensley, President, Kim Graham, VP Membership, Angela Gaylord, PTA Secretary, Jeff Gossett, Treasurer, Heather Hitz Vice Principal, Bob D'Amato, Principal.
In person- Debbie Franck, Kelly Selecman, Megan Durst, Bekka Fontanilla, Jessica Saldana Perkins, Lynn Heick,
Online-Jennifer Gossett, Sarah Holbrook, Jennifer Stewart, Janna Mantilla, Naveed Shah, Ashley Shah, Julie Kim
3. Motion to Approve Previous (February) Meeting Minutes- Kim Graham motion- Jeff Gossett second- Unanimous vote- motion approved
4. Bob D'Amato- Principal Report
 1. Bob and Heather are dressed down due to practicing basketball 2 times per week with about 14 staff preparing for Friday's basketball game
 2. Lynn made a great video with pictures of students
 3. Lexia challenge- We totalled- 223,707 mins
 4. Joe Romano- Math and Magic Assembly- paid for by PTA
 5. March Madness ST math challenge. classrooms advancing- more info coming in NYC
 6. Testing-Heather Hitz
 1. WETA testing- ESOL testing
 2. 1st grade- Nalgeri- tomorrow
 3. 5th grade- Integrated reading and writing- trial- march 21
 4. 5th Ecard- Horizon- March 28
 5. last 2 weeks of MAY- SOL 3-6 grades
 6. VGA results- 3-6- fall and winter-shows growth through the school year. the central office sent both scores together and remember not all the content has been taught yet. Mar 6- remember its just 1 tool. reach out with questions
 7. 3rd quarter is half over.
 8. 17 school days until spring break
 9. monday- crisis team- yearly security tabletops goes over procedures and crisis plan- Focused on lockdowns and weather- made up of retired police officers- each room has a red book that is the crisis plan. Bob likes that it's now every 1 year to review instead of every 3 years like in the past
 1. Tornado drill friday this week
 2. Keep eye out for NYC
 10. Anti Bullying assembly march 22 from Healthy Minds Grant
 11. 3/20 ribbon cutting- moving monday from 8:10am-8:30am ends June 5.

5. FCPS Transportation Presentation about Job Opportunities in FCPS Transportation

1. Jay Corwin- FCPS Transportation

1. Drives out of Oakton- 7 year bus driver
2. Fairfax County Fire previously
3. great hours, good \$, benefits are good too. can make a great difference
4. All walks of life can be a bus driver.
 1. Can be retired anything.
 2. corporate america jobs have left to drive bus
 3. We have all types of people working in transportation
5. starting pay \$23.83
 1. 5 weeks of training will get you CDL- 40 hour weeks- paid training- no benefits until you start full time.
 2. assigned to area
 3. given route
 4. morning, afternoon- but can work all day.
6. Desperate for recruitment
 1. Going everywhere to discuss jobs
7. Young children can be brought on bus with you
8. Questions-
 1. Yes you get a county Pension- gov't employee package
 2. 401 plans available too
 3. Can you do a partial shift?
 1. Ideally no. 3 hours am- 3 hours pm
 4. Question from parents- What can we do to help our bus drivers?
 1. communication gaps cause problems. Communicate

6. PTA President Report-

1. DEI committee still needs a chair
2. Prismatic laser assembly at March 22
3. Farsi and Arabic translation for Healthy Minds
 1. Questions posed about the worth of spending the money toward those languages.
 1. I was clarified that these are the 3rd and 4th most prominent at DPES
 2. Bob discussed that the Talking Points App is used at school and they will research more on its reach.
 3. translation devices discussed
4. Ms. Jeter will do Bucky Rest Stop with rest of \$

7. Nominations for open PTA board positions- Treasurer and VP of Volunteer Coordination

1. Floor opened for nominations
 1. VP of Volunteer Coordination
 1. Megan Durst nominated- Janna Mantilla- Bekka- 2nd- Janna accepts
 2. Jenni Hensley nominated- Jennifer Gossett-Kim Graham-2nd- Jennifer accepts
 2. Treasurer-
 1. Debbie Franck nominated- Jeff Gossett-2nd (3rd and 4th) by Bekka Fontanilla- Jeff accepts

Nominations are closed for the meeting- a google form will be sent out for more nominations in case people missed the meeting.

April we vote

May we announce winners.

8. PTA Treasurer Financial Report-

1. Motion to approve new updated budget reflecting changed spring events.
 1. can move \$520 from movie nights and approved funds for thanksgiving luncheon \$100
 2. Formality vote really as no new money being asked for
 3. Megan Durst. discussed Swank spending- Correction- Asked if movie night revenue covered the cost of the movie license.
 1. Jeff Gossett responded saying the movie license comes out of a separate line item and is not included in the movie night line item
 2. Swank has been used by teachers as well and movie nights are community events so often they do not make much money by design.
2. Vote for budget changes- raise your hands- 11 in person 4 online- Majority- Motion approved
3. Skate night- \$676, Winter glow- \$711, Merchant rewards- \$230, TAW-\$825 on top of \$1600 allocated.

9. VP Membership, Kim Graham- 196 members- no change from last time

10. Committees Reports-

1. Faculty Rep- Lynn Heick-
 1. 2 big boxes from Crumbl cookies today was really great
 2. Full use of track now and kids love it.
 3. Many events have happened in last year
 4. It's been a great month- how to work through bad days is what kids are learning
 5. Reflecting on testing scores- perfect score is finished- and they are NOT finished
2. Spring Spirit Wear- Sarah Holbrook
 1. Spiritwear sales earned \$60.90 profit
 2. suggestion for future- Consider Fall -more samples
 3. Bekka idea- non year t-shirts-spirit wear exchange
3. Teacher Appreciation- Megan Durst
 1. Feb sunshine cart with snacks and drinks
 2. March Mailbox-Gold Candy
 3. Friday 17th- PTA dessert snack
 4. Birthday snacks still happening
 5. Allison Wilding- TAW committee member- obtained Crumbl cookies- every other wed cookies not sold before and donating for TAW
 6. Thank you to donors- save your receipts for tax rebate
 7. Teacher shortage- make sure we keep our teachers. Helps Morale.
 8. TAW- May 1-5. Sponsored by PTA and Admin team. Donate for supplies later. more details in april.
4. Spirit Night- Megan Durst- March 15. 10-9pm order online, phone, or person.
5. After School Clubs- Angela Gaylord- 4 new clubs coming after spring break- Sign up starts monday flyer in thursday folders.
6. Donuts- Sale ends Saturday 3/11. Helps PTA to purchase. voucher does NOT expire.
7. Deer Park VS Coates Basketball Game- Natalie Shaban absent- Jenni Hensley spoke- \$2 admission- different games- staff participation- free popcorn. Come out for a fun time. Door 11.
8. Bull Run Winery Silent Auction- family event. outdoor pavilions. 10% of sales that day donated to the PTA. Donations coming in regularly check the website for silent auction donations.
9. Savers- Start your spring cleaning. Pick up the week before and at 4/28 movie donations are also collected. adult books needed- pta is collecting books for kids.

11. Volunteer of the Month- Natalie Shaban-stepped up to plan basketball game.
12. Next Meeting- April 12 at 7pm in the library and on Zoom.
13. Jessica Saldana Perkins wanted to discuss-Next month is month of the military child- April 19- Wants to hear your ideas- wants new ideas- FCPS is selling purple up shirts.
14. 3rd school is joining Military Family Club- Deer Park, Cub Run, and Bull Run
15. Jessica Saldana attended the SEPTA meeting- Dr. Reid was present. Includes families who are struggling.
 1. Wants us to do better.
 1. Kim Graham said DEI is helping with that
 2. Bob states that he is not aware of families leaving over special needs issues and that their Door is open
 3. Bekka asked about school resources after hours- Clinical Team is more than happy to schedule stuff according to Bob.
 4. Angela Gaylord reported that SEPTA sends our PTA a list of resources monthly and the Resources are online on our website but that we are open to ideas.
16. Adjournment- Bekka Fontanilla- motioned- Lynn Heick-Second- Adjourned at 8:28pm