



PTA Meeting Minutes December 14, 2021

Called Meeting to Order via Zoom: 7:02 p.m.

In Attendance: Anissa Willis (President), Carolyn Shuster (Vice President), Linda Gopal (Treasurer), Melissa McGee (Secretary),

Approved the November Minutes. Melissa made a motion to approve the November minutes, Anissa seconded the motion.

President -

- **FMS VS TS Volleyball Game-** Michelle Reff has volunteered to help as Chair/ Co-Chair; Planning is in motion for early 2022 game
 - Anissa is hoping to get in touch with the PTA President at Trailside soon.
 - Mallory Glass has put together a team and sent over t-shirt sizes, so we are waiting for more information from PTA Trailside President.
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - PTA has **\$ 25, 268.25** in cash in the accounts as of today, December 14th, 2021.

Principal's Report - Mrs. Sherryl Loya

- We have had all of our concerts. It has been nice to see all the parents coming in.
- On Tuesday, on Twitter and other social media sites, someone who works for Twitter called 911 and stated that a threat was made against FWSM.
- We decided to go into "Secure the Building" Mode. This all happened within 30 minutes.
- The photo on social media was determined to be a false photo taken in 2013, which leveled the alarm.
- The FBI was able to pinpoint the IP address.
- The perpetrator attended FWMS from 6th-8th grade. Principal Loya knew him well and worked closely with his parents at that time. He was receiving all the services the school

could provide. He is a senior at a high school in Fairfax. That is all the information she can provide.

- All day FWSM had 5 police officers patrolling the school.
- We tried to keep the students calm and to keep the building running as usual.
- It was a teaching tool.
- We had extra security all through the night because we were waiting for the perpetrator to be apprehended.
- The perpetrator was arraigned and denied bail and his hearing will be on January 11th.
- We are returning to normal, but we are all being more vigilant and making sure we follow all security procedures strictly.
- This perpetrator does not have any weapons in his home, nor do his parents.
- Principal Loya is still working with Loudoun Police and security on this situation.
- During COVID, cameras were installed around the building.
 - The security officer and police officer are in the front office with the cameras.
 - There is a new camera at the front of the office. It is a better one for people's ID's.
- Principal Loya noted a few things that need to be improved upon:
 - 1. She said that there needed to be more communication with the students about what is going on.
 - 2. The cafeteria workers need to be notified as well, because they go in and out of the building and were overlooked during this security issue.
 - 3. Principal Loya will ask what the protocol is for notifying parents more quickly about any updates to the security threat. She noted that she has to go through a hierarchy before she can put out any communication, so that impedes her ability to get communication out as quickly as she may like to.

Committee Chairs updates:

- Falcon's Nest- Nichole Keller
 - No update
- Fundraisers- Anissa Willis: *AR Workshop- \$68; Manhattan Pizza- \$123.53*
 - Looking ahead, we have McAllister's Deli on January 20th.
- Giving Tree- Nichole Keller: *Reached goal of \$3,000; \$2850 + PTA \$200 Donation= \$3,050*
 - The Giving Tree exceeded our \$3000 goal, with **\$3050** donated!
 - The PTA made a \$200 donation to the \$2850 donated by parents and supporters of Farmwell, bringing the total to \$3050.

- Hospitality- Suzanne Pavlus
 - We want to spread some holiday cheer and keep people's spirits up, so we decided to do a pop-up beverages and breakfast on Thursday morning.
 - We have an option to offer monetary donations, and the PTA will fulfill whatever is needed.
 - This is a way to say "thank you" to the staff.
- Membership- Savitha Seshadri
- Odyssey of the Mind- Ashley Brody
- SEAC- Todd Fielding
 - The following took place at Wednesday's (Dec. 1) SEAC meeting
 - *SEAC had members take part in the Strategic Planning Process on behalf of LCPS. Members provided input on practices that should remain, be removed, or added to special education. *Members urged for additional funding for staffing and services for special education. They also urged outside county agencies to work more closely with LCPS.
 - *SEAC reviewed policies regarding student discrimination and harassment (Policy 8030) and Trained Service Animals (Policy 3050). SEAC did not recommend any changes to the policy on service animals
 - Regarding policy 8030 on harassment and discrimination, SEAC is asking for having an appeals process for short term suspensions on student harassment and discrimination. SEAC also wants to have the policy reviewed by LCPS PBIS in efforts to reduce and discriminatory practices.
 - *There was not a quorum at SEAC to vote on any policy recommendations Wednesday.
 - Anissa read through this SEAC update at the meeting.
- School Supply Kits- Suzanne Pavlus
- Spirit Wear- Nichole Keller
- Volunteers- Savitha Seshadri

New Business – open additional topics for consideration/discussion

Meeting Adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Next Meeting is Tuesday, Jan 11th, 2021