



PTA Meeting Minutes June 6th, 2022

Called Meeting to Order Via Zoom: 6:03PM

In Attendance: President- Anissa Willis; Vice President- Carolyn Shuster; Treasurer- Linda Gopal; Sherryl Loya, Andrew Hoyler, LaVerne Hemingway

Approved the May Minutes.

President -

- **Chair positions for '22/23-**
- We have big shoes to fill for next year. Let us know if you are interested or have suggestions for who would be great for the following:
 - Falcon's Nest
 - Treasurer- Mentioned our partnership with Heritage Treasurers
- **What a great year!**
 - Thank you to everyone for your time and effort in making this year such a success!
- **Thank you!**
 - A special thank you to our amazing volunteers, Committee Leads and Executive Members that are moving on to High School! We couldn't have done it without you and we would like to give a special thanks and honor to the following:
 - **Linda Gopal-** for her help, leadership and volunteering as our Treasurer over the past 3 years! We would like to honor you with The Award for Distinguished Service!
 - **Nichole Keller-** thank you for your service on our Executive Board, volunteering for hundreds of hours, leadership and all that you have done to make Farmwell a better place for the staff and students! We are presenting you with the President's Honor Award.
 - We will meet with these two ladies at the school with Principal Loya to give them these well deserved awards and thank you them for their service.

- **Treasurer's Report**

- \$17, 456.95
- We went line by line through the budget from this year and proposal from last year.
 - Noted that Square fees were high; continue to offset those with pricing strategies with spirit wear and items we sell through Square.

- **Principal's Report - Mrs. Sherryl Loya**

- Loya shared that we will be dropping in student population by about 60-70 students. The incoming 6th grade class is about 310 kids- we normally have around 400.
- Shared that we had an event for "Girls for Engineering"; very positive and had guests come in to discuss career opportunities for girls in engineering.
- 8th Grade Events coming up: Shared historically how awards were done with the Teacher (Special Awards) & Presidential Awards and how they have broken it up this year by House/ Team. Tuesday evening is the Teacher Awards and is by special invitation only.
- Field trip on Thursday, June 9th to the Dulles Golf; lots of athletic & outdoor activities. Food will be provided by Ford's Fish Shack
- Loya shared how much she has enjoyed this 8th grade class- said they are awesome. All nice & kind, it's been a hard year and she truly couldn't have done it without this class of students.
- We've had emergencies at the school this year (Feb threat) and a weird smell- motor burned out (last Friday). Very appreciative of the response from the emergency responders; wants to recognize LCPS & transportation authority. Thankful for everyone's swift response.
- 7 days left, great year in terms of getting students back to normal. Excited about next year
- Summer school will take place and parents should reach out to counselors if they have questions.
- The 1st 2 weeks of July the school will be closed as they are installing new chillers.

Committee Chairs updates:

- Falcon's Nest- Nichole Keller- Core group will be coming back; Biggest part of Committee lead is overseeing and managing at the start of the year and periodically throughout the year.
- Fundraisers- Anissa Willis: *Five Guys was on May 17th: \$524.64*
- Giving Tree- Nichole Keller
- Hospitality- Suzanne Pavlus
- Membership- Savitha Seshadri- need to help in getting more in memberships; Loya mentioned that she would like to send out an email to families just before BTS and the start of school
- Odyssey of the Mind- Ashley Brody:
- SEAC- Todd Fielding
- School Supply Kits- Suzanne Pavlus- ordering period through all of June- Sherryl to send out a link to purchase.
- Spirit Wear- Nichole Keller (2022/23- Steve Ahlberg)
- Volunteers- Savitha Seshadri:
- Volleyball Game- 8th Grade Bake Sale at Volleyball game: earned \$280
- **New Business** – open additional topics for consideration/discussion
 - Andrew Hoyler- School Board Representative was on the call and said that Farmwell will be discussed for review in the boundary discussion in a couple of weeks. Most of the growth is One Loudoun and the Brambleton area. They continue to struggle with finding bus drivers and are trying to have more walkers go to school. We are over capacity in almost all of our schools.
 - Loya shared a concern about having lockers and students lingering after school; we get calls from the neighborhoods because they linger and hang out around the school and the trails.
 - Loya asked for an inspection into drug use, vaping, etc. Since disciplinary rules have lessened, they are having a massive increase in drug and behavioral issues. The penalties to the kids aren't impacting them to stop these behaviors and uses. She is asking for some help and a deeper look into it.
 - We want to welcome our new PTA Board for 2022-2023
 - President- Anissa Willis
 - Vice-President- Carolyn Shuster
 - Treasurer- Tania Wadhawan
 - Secretary- Melissa McGee

Meeting Adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Next Meeting will be announced in August! What a great year, thank you everyone!