



PTA Meeting Minutes October 11th, 2022

Called Meeting to order Via Zoom: 7:03 p.m.

In Attendance: President- Anissa Willis, Treasurer- Tania Wadhawan, Secretary- Melissa McGee, Principal Sherryl Loya, Courtney Hunt

Approved the September Minutes. Melissa made a motion to approve the September minutes and Anissa seconded the motion. All in favor.

- **President Report**
 - No President Report at this meeting.

- **Treasurer's Report**
 - PTA has **\$20, 412.92** in cash in the accounts as of today.
 - Tania is still waiting on EPI supply kits invoice.

- **Principal's Report - Mrs. Sherryl Loya**
 - 1st quarter ends on 10/28. There are many fun events planned for end of October and November.
 - First dance will be on Friday, 10/28 from 4:30-6:30 p.m., put on by the SAC.
 - Halloween Strings Concert 10/27 at 6:30 p.m.
 - In November, Farmwell is doing something new and having teacher conferences on 11/5 from 9-12 in the morning.
 - Teachers will be grouped by teams and set up in the auditorium. Parents will be able to stop by anytime in that 9-12 window and talk to any teacher they want to.
 - Principal Loya asked the PTA for **\$1000** to pay for some events in November (most of the money will go toward the Parent Breakfast).
 - Parent Breakfast on 11/18 at 7:30 a.m. during American Education Week.
 - Coffee and cookies will be offered for staff on 11/1.
 - On 11/14, Schools to Watch event will be held.
 - It will start with breakfast in the library. We will need volunteers.
 - This is the 6th time Farmwell Middle School has applied for this prestigious award.
 - There are 4 criteria that must be met: 1. Academic Excellence 2. Diversity 3. Organization/Structure 4. Social/Emotional Structure
 - Anissa asked if we could vote on the money at a later date.

■ Rezoning

- The first rezoning meeting will be held on Thursday, October 13th.
- Parents need to pay attention to these rezoning meetings, as they could potentially affect Farmwell Middle School.

Committee Chairs updates:

- Falcon's Nest- [Cindy Harrison](#)
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- Fundraisers- Anissa Willis: *The Yard, Oct 19th*
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- Giving Tree- Charlotte Ferrigno
 - This will start up at the beginning of November.
- Hospitality- Suzanne Pavlus
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- LEAF- Hemant Biswal
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- Membership- **OPEN**; 88 New Members; 28 Staff
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- MSAAC- Hansilla Alaigh
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- Odyssey of the Mind- Ashley Brody
 - The fee has gone up from \$150/165 to \$250; Ashley will send a formal request to lower the cost.
- SEAC- Todd Fielding
 - Tedra Richardson, Director of Special Education, lead the SEAC meeting.
 - She reported that there are 9,351 students eligible for special education services in LCPS, with 2,195 eligible at the middle school level (or 11.5%) of the total student population.
 - Brambleton Middle School is 22% over capacity and a new middle school is being built nearby.
 - SPED passing rates on SOL's are all above state averages at the district level.
 - 40% Reading
 - 45% Math
 - 42% Writing
 - 48% Science
 - 53% Social Studies

- Efforts will continue to be made to reduce the achievement gap between SPED students and the general population.
- There are more than **50** TA and teaching vacancies in SPED still open.
- School Supply Kits- Suzanne Pavlus
 - Leftover supply kits will be sold next year.
- Spirit Wear- **OPEN**
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- Volunteers- Melissa Householder & Hanane Idrissi
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- Volleyball Game- Lisa Moses- Beginning Planning stages
 - The volleyball game was moved to Saturday, Feb. 4th at 6:00 p.m. at Broadrun High School.
 - Weather contingencies were discussed in the case of snow.
- **New Business** – open additional topics for consideration/discussion
 - Tania asked Principal Loya if there is a way to garner more student participation at basketball games sponsored by the FSBL.
 - Principal Loya encouraged Tania to email her a list of the game dates and she would announce them on the morning news show.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, Nov 15th