

Franconia Elementary School
PTA Meeting Minutes
08-Feb-11

Attendees:

Carylin Waterval, Rebekah Everest, Paula Thompson, Jesse Ellis, Merrell Dade, Wiatta Padmore, Sofia Echaide, Cary Yarbrough, Heather Viehl-Yee, Cory O'Meara, Tracee Gartman, Renae Polovchik, Monica Allen, Maressa Taylor, Jack Lancaster, Brooke Hunter, Greta Loggins, Christina Quilaqueo, Jason Bachelor, Nancy Rothermel, Nouvedphine Chirchi, Arnand Karunakaran, Inda Panikkar, Dawn Champion, Soojin Henceroth, Syed Javid Akhtar

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Carylin Waterval.

The minutes from the 10OCT10 PTA meeting were presented. Motion to approve: Renae Polovchik
Second: Maressa Taylor. Minutes approved.

Principal's Report (Merrell Dade and Wiatta Padmore)

Announcements (Merrell Dade) regarding:

- Take your family to school week –families are invited to come into the classes or to the specials. A flyer will be coming home with students on 2/9.
- This was our first meeting in the new library space. A special thank you to Boy/Cub Scouts who helped move the library.
- More construction completed - New art classroom/New classroom spaces. The second grade is moving the week of February 7.

Announcements (Wiatta Padmore) regarding:

- The new Kiss-n-Ride wing is finally open. The procedure has changed. Parents are encouraged to use the kiss n ride line. If you must walk, use the sidewalk and crosswalk.
- This Friday is popcorn and pajama day. Volunteers are needed to help starting at 1:00 p.m.
- We are the throws of testing as follows:
 - LEDO testing (English Language Learners)
 - SOLs writing 3/8-10
 - SOLs – grades 3-6 (beginning of May)
- This week is National School Counselors week. Celebrate Sophia Echaide.
- Fairfax County Public Schools were recognized by the VA Board of Ed for the 2011 Excellence Award. Franconia received the 2011 BOE Excellence Award.
- Ms. Schickel recently received National Board Recognition for Art Teachers
- **New Faces:**
 - Ms. Carpenter 6th Grade Long-term Sub – Ms. Privass is gone.
 - Jose Lopez is the asst. building supervisor.
- Thank you for teacher workday treats
- PTA Movie Night was incredible
- Progress Reports are going home this week.

Teachers' Report

- Third Grade Team:
 - Math – Multiplication/Division Review (moving to measurement)
 - Language Arts – Poetry focus right now (using CETA training)
 - Science – They are continuing earth cycles unit

Treasurer's Report (Carylin Waterval)

- Financial Report presented (Treasurer's Report and Budget)
 - We are in great shape
 - Expenses – teachers names for supplies list (Box Tops program funded for teachers supplies - \$50.00)
- Motion from Cary Yarbrough – allocate funds to purchase another popcorn machine (\$300) (seconded by Rebekah Everest) – motion approved.

Old Business/Committee Updates:

- Letter of Thank you from New Hope Housing
- Edison sent a thank you letter for donations
- Thank you notes from teachers
- Retired staff – Robert Conrad; Lydia Hunter – Thank you for giftcard.
- Thank you for staff treats – food went over well on teacher work day.
- Announcement regarding Basket Bingo

New Business/Announcements:

- FCPS Budget proposing 2% pay increase for staff (review of Bottom Line).
- FLEX Program (10 week foreign language after school program – K, 1-3 Level 1, 1-3 Level 2, 4-6, Level 2 – cost is \$117.00)
- **Paula Thompson** – Discussion regarding a new fundraiser (“Original Artworks”) – will happen in March. Ms. Schickel is working on this with the kids. – Proceeds will go back to the Art Program.
- A presentation was made by Sophia Echaide regarding bullying in schools.

Upcoming Events::

- Basket Bingo
- Take your family to school week

This meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by: Rebekah Everest