

Franklin Middle School PTA

Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2009 – FMS Library

I. Call to order

Maggie Avedisian called to order the regular meeting of the **Franklin Middle School** at **9:36 a.m.** on **January 13, 2009** in the FMS Library.

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Copies of the minutes from the December 9, 2008 meeting were distributed. The minutes were approved as read.

III. Open issues

- a) Book Fair- report given by Sara Ortiz. Book Fair went well. Profited \$ 1788.83 Money to be donated to the FMS Library Fund. Scholastic would like FMS to schedule now for next year's book fair.
- b) Fair Grade- Announcement was sent out about the meeting- it was decided that the FMS PTA would send out information concerning the meetings but would not endorse one way or another without a consensus of the members.
- c) Kathy Smith, school board representative will be a guest speaker at next month's PTA meeting. A discussion followed on how to get the word out to parents and get a larger audience. Joan Carboni has already posted a reminder on the school's website. An email reminder will be sent out to the list of PTA members that have listed their email addresses.

IV. New business

- a) Lori Manik-cluster 7 PAC representative gave a report on the Oct. 22nd meeting lead by Assist Superintendent Ms. Linda Burke. The meeting focused on Math & English literacy, including the E-Card assessment to guide instruction. Goals included closing the achievement gap, encouraging honors and learning how to cope with life skills. Speaker Gale Ritchie-an instructional coach spoke about trust in learning relationships and communication skills.
- b) Parent volunteers are needed for the Junior Achievement Finance Park- An educational field trip for all 8th graders March 5th-18th. Currently 8th graders are involved in *JA Finance Park*, a financial literacy program that provides both learning in the classroom and hands-on experiences.
- c) Treasurer's Report- Leslie Tillman reported \$1,000 in deposits were made in Dec. –no checks were written and the balance is currently \$19,600.00
- d) Mrs. Junco spoke about the proposed change to a later start time for high schools in Fairfax county. She discussed that it is still being evaluated but that if implemented it would change the start time at Franklin to 9:40 a.m. - a discussion followed concerning some of the disadvantages of this time change.

V. Adjournment

Maggie Avedisian adjourned the meeting at **10:30 a.m.**

Minutes submitted by: Mina Vasquez