

Louise Archer PTA Meeting 2/26/18

7:34 meeting convened:

Principal report:

FCPS reevaluating safety plans. This is always the top priority but in light of recent events reevaluating plans. Two issues in particular focus on is Parent reunification—how do we handle that. Should the school try a drill and block a hallway. Reassured everyone that the interior doors are locked right away as a daily occurrence.

Question from parent: About playground being open and securing from public.

Another parent said afterschool they were able to walk in through the gym door.

Question from parent: Where are cameras and said we should make them more prominent. Signage that says you are getting video recorded. They also made the point that High schools and middle schools have more cameras as a deterrent.

The Principal also said she would be updating everyone on National Schools Walk Out Day which is scheduled for March 14th—county is sending additional information on the policy.

Parents also shared that they thought the idea of arming teachers is insanity—

The issue that during the day kids need to be encouraged to politely ask adults wait to be buzzed in --especially internal doors. Kids are aware but hard for kids to tell parents they can't come in without a pass.

The new Website new is launched. The purpose of the new website is the county is trying to link so that you go to the same place if you have kids in multiple schools (middle, high, etc) Understand that Dreambox is hard to find.

Good news 1:1 technology –100 lap tops donated so all 5th graders will have 1:1 computer usage. Parents will be receiving a contract. Computers are on mobile lab and its their own lap top for the classroom –they are not bringing them home. Looking for 50 at a time and would like to do them for 6th grade next. We got these from Computers Through Learning.

Louise Archer Day—show casing the day what is in a name—30 minute show that show cased three different links.

President's Report:

We need to form a nominating committee for the following year. At the end of the year Liz will fill her fulfilled her second year as Secretary--so we need to nominate a new Secretary. Interested in serving on the nominating committee or in being Secretary please contact Liz.

Treasure's Report: Significant receipts (income) from afterschool programs but don't have the invoices so haven't paid out for afterschool programs yet. We are Tracking close to budget.

Move to approve January meetings.

Committee Updates:

Lisa discussed Pizza Bingo we raised about \$4500 dollars. The same team of volunteers has agreed to do again next year.

Science Olympiad – our team qualified for the state> At regionals in Maryland went to LA came in 6th of 40 teams the majority were middle school.

Kristin Herrmann was nominate to be Vice President. Mary second nomination. Was agreed to by voice vote..

Volleyball is March 10th (a week from Saturday) We are over budget spending 270 for teacher t-shirts and we need an extra custodian this year at Madison so its \$321 for rent. There are food cost up to 500. We need to publicized that they will have pizza. Going out in Tuesday folders next week. If you need something on WLATV email Simpson for LAES News—

Have Shannon hotline SUG for volunteer opportunities related to the Volleyball game.

Science Showcase: March 13th—Sign up sheets are in the classroom. This year there will be a science bowl team exhibition during the showcase.

International Night is on the 16 of March.

Spirit Wear fundraiser is ongoing if you want free shipping.

Church Street pizza dining for dollars is on March 5th.

Box tops ended on Friday.