

**Louise Archer PTA
General Membership Meeting
February 10, 2016, 9:30 am, Teacher's Lounge**

Minutes

Attendees: Kerry Blankenship, Sarah Bohn, Heather Buescher, Ceci Campbell, Jennifer Condra, Tinelle Davies, Rebecca Huffman, Gergana Jostova, Elizabeth Lucca, Michelle Makrigiorgos, Abby Shannon

I. Call to Order – at 9:30am by Kerry Blankenship

II. Principal's Report by Michelle Makrigiorgos

The PTA Luncheon last week was great. The teachers were so appreciative and the food was fantastic. It really helps bring everyone together.

We had a number of snow days a few weeks ago. I think it was a good decision for FCPS to close school for those seven days. I came by LAES on Wednesday and there was no way we could have safely come into school that day. I think that our teachers did a good job getting the children re-acclimated after the days off. It was nice not to have any issues this week.

FCPS got feedback from the principals and community regarding a before-Labor Day start next year and they decided to not start for the 2016-2017 school year but are continuing to consider for future school years.

The Listening Tour at Madison last night was canceled but it will be rescheduled. If you signed up, they will send you the new dates.

Please continue to stay active and involved in the FCPS budget process. There is a Rally for School Funding on Tuesday, February 16th.

The SOL testing schedule is continuing to change. Jennifer is trying to make sure that the schedule will work with our school. It is likely that there will be tests on the Friday before and the Tuesday after Labor Day. She is hoping to release the schedule in the next day or two.

III. President's Report by Kerry Blankenship

Thank you for coming to the meeting today. Even with the snow we managed to pull off some great events. We had Skate Night on January 30th and the Luncheon last week. We have Pizza Bingo coming up.

IamFCPS has come to us and asked us to be a supporting PTA and donate \$100 toward the cause. The Executive Board discussed it and our initial thoughts were that we haven't yet met our fundraising goals, so it would be hard to support another effort.

We are looking at doing a Read-a-Thon fundraiser since we did not meet our goal with our Armchair Fundraiser. It will most likely happen in March and we will be tagging onto an effort by our Reading Specialist Claire William.

Everyone should have received a paper in the Tuesday Folder yesterday announcing that we need a nominating committee. We are looking for a President, Vice President and Secretary and we haven't yet had anyone volunteer for the committee. If anyone has ideas or thoughts on how we can get some volunteers, please let me know. We have positions open in addition to those on the Executive Board.

IV. Treasurer's Report by Gergana Jostova

Our Armchair Fundraiser is at \$13,642 and our goal was \$25,000. We have had a lot of contributions to the Yearbook Booster Ads in the past month.

V. Old Business

a. Minutes approval of December and January meetings. Motion made by Heather Buescher. Second by Ceci Campbell. Approved by quorum.

VI. New Business

VII. Program Announcements

a. Pizza Bingo – Elizabeth Lucca

Announcers are in place. A lot of donations have come in for raffle prizes. Thanks to Stephanie Bollini for getting 8th grade volunteers.

b. International Night – Sarah Bohn

The event is March 4th. There is a meeting tonight with the participating families that was rescheduled from the snow. There will be 20 countries represented and it will take place in the cafeteria. We are looking for ways to get the word out that this event is coming up because we'd love to have a huge turnout.

c. Sunshine Times – Sarah Bohn

I received a lot of articles, stories, cartoons, etc. We are thrilled with the participation level. It will come out this month.

d. Science Fair – Laura Plante

The science fair is on April 5th. The PTA website has registration information and volunteer opportunities.

e. Loyalty Rewards – Robyn Nguyen

Our Giant Rewards 2015 - 2016 Program YTD total earned is \$2223.99 which is double the amount since last month. Our Amazon total for July 1 through February 7 is \$1774.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, March 9th at 7:30 pm. Adjourned at 10:35 am.