

## Louise Archer PTA

### General Membership Meeting

#### *Minutes*

March 12, 2014, 7:30pm

#### I. Attendees:

#### II. Principal's Report:

Kerry Blankenship, Stephanie Bollini, Elena Golub, Jennifer Condra, Priya Chenthil, Ceci Campbell, Ken Campbell, Teralyn Carlson, Tinelle Davies, Tulika Mehra, Courtney Johnson, Reshma Eggleston, Cathy Hardman, Elaine Cudney.

- LAES 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration went really well. Thank you very much for your help and for the gift;
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Faculty Basketball Game at Madison HS was a success, thank you for attending;
- Summer school schedule is not certain yet, it depends on the FCPS budget;
- Please, park only use the spaces marked "Visitor" in the school parking lot. All other spaces are reserved for FCPS staff who arrive throughout the day. Parking in the bus lane is permitted as posted. If the visitor spaces are full, you may park in the back of the First Baptist Church parking lot or on Nutley Street;
- Testing: The 5th grade SOL in writing is on March 18-19. Other SOLs will be on May 19-June 6. Schedule for them coming next month.

#### I. President's Report:

- A huge thanks to Jane Anne Satterfield and Sarah Kurcina for a great faculty basketball game and to Patrice Scheyer for a fun skate night! Also, thank you to Cheryl Bredehoeft, Rupi Stepniczka, and Judy Mann for organizing the Science Fair. Many thanks to our 75 committee for all their hard work: Cathy Hardman, Rebecca Huffman, Karen Landwehr, Debra Geraghty, Robin Tingley, and Stephanie Bollini;
- LAES 75 was a great celebration. It was covered in Vienna Connections. PTA "75 for 75" fundraiser raised about 9K. The collected funds go to the cost of the mobile laptop lab in the LAES;
- The Technology Committee will work with the PTA in creating priorities regarding technology donations and support for LAES. It will work with the LAES library and Principal as well. (Elizabeth Toledo is in charge). The Committee is hoping to create a technology plan for the PTA;
- The PTA Standing Rules Committee met last week to discuss PTA policies and procedures. It is being considered in the PTA's plans to add additional Vice-President positions to cover part of the duties of the PTA President;
- The PTA is still looking for candidates to participate in the Budget Committee;
- The PTA is looking into new procedures to recruit new people for PTA activities; for example,
- Old business is to approve the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will find candidates for the President, Vice President and Secretary positions for the 2014-2015 school year;
- The PTA is starting another round of Box Tops collection;
- Pizza bingo is rescheduled for March 21st. Everything you expected of Pizza Bingo will continue on in March--bid on the silent auction, win raffle prizes, volunteer to help out, and of course eat lots of pizza and play bingo!
- The PTA was notified about parents interruptions: please, be respectful during a school day;
- Deadline to submit materials to a Sunbeam is Friday 5 pm. Please, do not submit anything Monday or Tuesday. The layout of the Sunbeam is determined by the PTA President;
- Walk and Wheels Wednesdays are back;
- We are considering a new location for the PTA board in a visible place instead of cafeteria;
- Registration for Mad Science started March 12;
- The PTA asks to label everything in the PTA closet if it is your program's stuff;
- The PTA is looking for the Audit Committee members;

- Friday, Mar 21 5:15 pm - 8:30 pm - Pizza Bingo;
- Friday, Apr 4 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - International Night;
- Monday, Apr 7 - Snow Makeup Day for January 22;
- May 5 - Kindergarten orientation;
- May 12 - AAP orientation;
- Date for the 6th grade basketball - March 28
- Last day of school is on June 24.
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the PTA picnic could be held the same day as Back to School Day (August 28). The PTA could start recruiting there instead of the open house; Ice cream social is discontinued;

#### I. Treasurer's Report:

- The PTA works with the Budget Committee to put together a draft budget;
- New PTA budget for the upcoming year will be drafted. Chairs, please, present your program's budgets;
- Program's Chairs - please, submit all your expenses ASAP.

#### I. Old business:

- Motion was made to approve the February 2013 General Meeting Minutes; the motion carried.

#### I. New business:

- The TJ School asks to support their graduation party with a donation. Motion was made to donate \$25. Motion was seconded and approved;
- The motion was made to approve the PTA Nominating Committee that includes Reshma Eggleston, Cathy Hardman, Kasia Hutoron, Kenny Campbell and Teralyn Carlson. Motion was seconded and approved.

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#### II. Program Announcements:

1. International Night: International Night to be celebrated on April 4th 2014. Information is on the website with details. Sign up for this event is in the Sunbeam by next week. If anyone wants to a part of planning this event please contact Tulika Mehra. We need volunteers for table display, variety show, international food & cultural activities .If any group would like to perform let us know. We have heard from Vienna Jammers to perform at the event so far but more are welcome. Please sign up for the event.
2. Odyssey of Mind: 3 LAES teams participated. One team came 3rd. All kids did an excellent job.
3. Cultural Arts: All kids made their mobiles. There will be an assembly held to learn about a scientific foundation of the sculpture (next Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>). The day of actual sculpture installation is under consideration.

#### III. Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm