

**Louise Archer PTA  
General Membership Meeting  
June 8, 2016, 9:30 am, Teacher's Lounge**

*Minutes*

*Attendees: Hank Arrington, Kerry Blankenship, Sarah Bohn, Stephanie Bollini, Tinelle Davies, Christine Fehd, Mary Franceschini, Cathy Hardman, Rebecca Huffman, Gergana Jostova, Karen Landwehr, Elizabeth Lucca, Michelle Makrigiorgos, Abby Shannon*

**I. Call to Order at 9:33 am by Kerry Blankenship**

We're going to go out of order today. We are voting on our officers again because the bylaws state that we need to have 30 days between the identification of our candidates and when we vote.

**a. Approval of officer candidate slate for President, Vice President and Secretary.**

The nominees are Emily Korff for President, Abby Shannon for Vice President and Elizabeth Lucca for Secretary. Motion made by Mary Franceschini. Motion seconded by Hank Arrington. Motion approved by attendees.

**II. Principal's Report**

I hope that you've had a chance to look at the May newsletter. We have a lot of events over the next two weeks. The biggest event is Field Day on May 14th. The rain date is May 15th. Your teachers should have shared other end of year events with you.

We're in the makeup phase of SOL testing. The results will come home on the last day of school in report cards in a sealed envelope.

The Parent Survey was out for about a month and it has now closed. We had about 150 families participate. If you didn't participate, that's fine too. Please don't feel badly if you missed it. We still feel that we know where your child is best placed. The results from the survey are shared with the Assistant Principal and the committee making the placements.

**III. President's Report by Kerry Blankenship**

The only outstanding event is Field Day. Thank you to Karen Landwehr and Mike Parutti for helping to plan the day.

Please get in all receipts as soon as possible to Gergana.

Thank you to everyone for all of your help throughout the year.

**IV. Treasurer's Report by Gergana Jostova**

We had a big check from Giant for \$3200. Thank you to everyone who registered their Giant Card. We're at \$41,000 for fundraisers, which is over our projected of \$35,000. We had income of \$2600 for Teacher Appreciation and expenses were around \$2000.

## V. Old Business

### a. Minutes approval of May meeting

Motion to approve May Minutes made by Karen Landwehr. Motion seconded by Gergana Jostova. Motion approved by attendees.

## VI. New Business

### a. Computer purchase funding

We have some excess cash this year and the school would like to replace some laptops. I'm proposing that we contribute \$7,500 to the school for the purchase of laptops. We are replacing netbooks that were bought five years ago. Their shelf life isn't as long as that of laptops and we're at point where teachers are choosing to not use them because they take so long warm up. The school purchased 30 laptops a few months ago and we need to replace some more. As long as we purchase them from the County, the County covers the maintenance.

Motion to transfer \$7,500 to the school for the purchase of new laptops made by Mary Franceschini. Motion seconded by Hank Arrington. Motion approved by attendees.

## VII. Program Announcements

### a. Sixth Grade Celebration – Stephanie Bollini

The celebration is on June 17th. The theme is luau. We aren't doing a dinner because the sixth graders didn't want a formal event. We're having a DJ, a photo booth and light snacks. We have \$1200 that the PTA gives us, but we're working hard not to spend that money.

### b. Sunshine Times – Sarah Bohn

The newspaper will come out next week. The work is phenomenal.

### c. Walk/Bike Challenge – Cathy Hardman

Next week, all of the public elementary schools will be competing for the largest number of walkers and bikers. We haven't been pushing to have the largest number; we just want people to be out walking and biking. I'll be posting things on the Facebook page as well as the Sunbeam. I'll also be giving out little tokens with safety next week. There's going to be a banner that the Safe Routes to School group paid for over Maple Ave at the bike trail. I'll be sending out a Sign Up Genius to see if anyone wants to help next Wednesday.

### d. Math Camp – Tinelle Davies

We have a few spaces remaining in Session 1. Registration will close on the last day of school.

### e. Reflections – Keira Schwartz

We had more than double the amount of students participating in the Reflections program this year than in any prior year. The PTA's program chairs received numerous comments from parents about how much their children enjoyed the program, and especially the art show. Once the Virginia PTA provides the updated forms for the 2016-2017 program, we will update the Reflections page on the PTA's website.

f. Schools Supplies – Mary Franceschini

This closes on the 15th. We are funding 36 kits for students in need. This is a little higher than in previous years.

g. Cultural Assembly – Cathy Hardman

The flamenco assembly is tomorrow. The group comes highly recommended from Fairfax County. They will dance and teach the children about the history of the dance and clothing.

Adjourned at 10:13 am.