

Louise Archer PTA

General Membership Meeting

September 26, 2016, 9:30 am, Library

Meeting Notes

I. Call to Order at 9:37 a.m.

II. Principal's Report:

Welcome. Great start to the school year. 29 classrooms. Class sizes are lower than usual with 2 classes at 28 students and these classes have an extra assistant. 665/670 students at the school. 1 additional 6th grade classroom. Kept art room. Steam lab moved to trailer. 100 vacant positions in the county. LAES has 1 open position for special education. Madison Homecoming is on Friday and our students will participate. 12:00 pep rally and 2:00 parade. Parade route from Vienna Pres to Madison. October 7th is a student holiday/teacher workday and the 10th is a holiday. Camp Highroads for 6th graders next week Tues – Fri. Parents welcome to volunteer. Stay for principal's coffee today. Vice Principal, Jennifer Condra 2nd graders taking CogAt October 25 – 27.

III. President's Report:

PTA works with the school to help provide enrichment opportunities. Before and after school programs. Lead Reflections program. Science Fair. Cultural Arts assembly. Social events like sock hop, Int'l Night and Pizza Bingo to name a few. Provide direct support to teachers. Each teacher gets a stipend for his or her out-of-pocket purchases. Teacher Appreciation. Current open PTA positions: Hospitality Chair, Communications Chair, Garden Club, Nominating Committee Chair, ESOL Rep, and Fairfax County Budget rep, and New Parent Liaison.

IV. Treasurer's Report - proposed Budget presented. We are running high reserves. Plan to spend reserves down to benefit current students. Mary moves that we approve 2016/17 budget. Kerry 2nds. Motion passes.

a. Audit Committee – Met July 28th to review PTA records. Found in good record. Issue found that 1 check was not accounted for. Stop payment should be considered. Review of disbursement requests should be more thorough. Move to approve audit. Committee recommends PTA consider an assistant Treasurer to help review requests for disbursements. Mary moves that we approve budget Catherine 2nd. Motion passes. Audit approved

IV. Old Business

a. Minutes approval June meeting - Minutes from June Mary moves and Catherine 2nds. Minutes approved.

V. New Business

a. Amend standing rules - Standing Rules proposed amendment: move meeting day to last Monday of the month (from Wednesdays) with no meeting in December and only meeting 8 times/year. Sunbeam now sent on Sundays – a change from Tuesdays and information sent to editor by Thursdays. Mentoring program no longer active so remove. Many motions that we accept changes to standing rules. Abby 2nds. Motion passes

VI. Program Announcements

a. 6th grade celebration and gift – 6th grade gift will celebrate 35th anniversary of Camp Highroads. 6th grade celebration being worked on

b. Cultural arts assemblies

c. Fundraising - spirit wear promotion in fall and spring. Original Works made \$3,000 last year. Will promote OW earlier this year. Boxtops and loyalty rewards continue.

d. International Walk to School Day – on Wednesday, October 5th

e. Before & after school programs - Registration closes Thursday the 29th at 9:00 pm. Some classes are filled; some classes at risk of being cancelled;

f. Directory and membership - Directory is a fundraiser. Verify data for directory. Deadline is this Friday the 30th to verify data. Takes 5 – 7 business days to print and we will receive books mid-October. You can opt out of the directory if you choose. PTA Membership currently at 135 members with 17 family cheerleaders. School has about 500 families.

g. Sunshine Committee – no update

h. 5K - October 15th and registration is open. Price goes up Oct 2nd. T-shirt contest closes Friday the 30th. Volunteers needed and older students can get service hours for volunteering. Family Cheerleader program lets you get name on t-shirt.

i. Sunshine Times – Parent meeting on October 12th.

- Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

October Events

5 – International Walk to School Day

15 – LAES 5K

20 – Picture Day

24 – PTA Meeting at 9:30 (Meals Tax Presentation included)

24 - Dining for Dollars at Lombardi's Pizza