

- Called to order at 9:37 a.m.

Principal's report:

- Thank you for coming to LA 5K. 15 staff members and 189 runners.
- A lot of Field Trips this month. 6th graders finished Camp High Roads and Jamestown Field trip.
- November 4th early release at 2:00. November 7th and 8th student holidays. Will have option for parent/teacher conference on the 7th. Conferences are optional. 8th is a work from home day due to election/polling site for all Fairfax County Schools. Break is end of quarter. Book Fair won't be open on the 8th. Same for every school in the county whether polling site or not.
- Twitter account created for LAES. 30 followers so far. Posting current activities in real time. Way for parents to stay up to date on kid's day. @LouiseArcher. Also streamed through the LAES website. Will consider sharing twitter posts to FB Page.
- Thanksgiving lunch will still happen for students but we will not host parents. Last year, food services announced this would be the last year unless a special request from a school. Due to challenges, decided to invite parents in during the whole month of November. So many people bringing in outside meals that it took away from the Thanksgiving feast school offers. Want to encourage bringing people together still. Parent picks a day that he/she would like to come. Still bringing in canned goods to benefit the community. Will have a thankful activity and decorations in cafeteria. Still serving the Thanksgiving lunch to students but not having a Thanksgiving luncheon.

Salad bar potential - one school selected per pyramid. VES is the pilot school. Was introduced last spring. One additional staff member required to work salad bar. LAES not slated to receive it yet. Considering cost perspective and schools will be allocated fairly. So far, kids aren't taking advantage of salad bar but many staff members are. November 15th, the county will grill food to offer a fresh food option for students.

Vice Principal:

- COGAT this week for 2nd graders and students new to the county. Quantitative, verbal, and non-verbal sections. Upper grades are timed. 2nd graders have unlimited time. Paper and pencil test. Negliari has moved to the computer. 2nd graders practice how to bubble before test.
- Thank you for Cathy for cultural arts assembly. One of the best ever at our school!

President's report:

- Displayed pie chart to show where money comes from and goes to. Good start to the year.
- LA5K performed as expected. Fewer expenses than in the past and a good number of sponsors.
- Purposefully planning to over spend PTA budget and run on deficit due to high balances.
- Reflections have been submitted.
- PTA providing vouchers for students in need for the Book Fair. Up to 1 book under \$10/per student in need. Spending up to \$500. No vote required since under \$500.

Treasurer:

- Doing better with memberships and donations this year than last year.
- Before and after school activities - a pass though item. Only money going to PTA pays for Paypal fees. Should reconsider how we show Paypal fees built into activity p&l statement.

#### Jane Miscavage - Meals Tax:

I am FCPS. Met with supervisors and helped fully fund schools for first time in 10 years. Tax would be passed through restaurant meals and prepared foods only. Would generate \$100M each year. Will reimburse restaurants for fees incurred for administering taxes. 70% goes to schools and 30% to county funding like first responders. Endorsed by Washington Post and PTAs. We don't have enough money to pay our teachers and fund our schools. Our school system isn't as competitive as it once was due to lack of funding. Our kids are missing out. Took 24 years to bring it to ballot. If it loses, it won't come back any time soon. This is the only funding option available to us this year. State will give us less this year. This will become a state law to help provide funds for schools. Towns that already have taxes won't be affected. If it passes, it starts July 1st.

Old business minutes from September - passed.

No new business

#### Science Fair:

-On Tuesday, March 14th. Will not be mandatory for 6th graders this year. Doing more project based learning this year. They can still choose to participate. Working with principal to help promote in school for lower grades.

#### Membership:

-Oldest and only children received directory last week. Membership - where we were at this point last year. Donations and membership fees are different. You have to include membership to your donations. Some people may have made a donation thinking they were also joining the PTA. Needs clarification.

#### Fundraising:

-Spirit Wear sales open until November 7th. Hoping people will purchase on-line by the 7th and get free shipping. Link to website (online ordering) on PTA site.  
-Original Artworks coming back in Spring for Mother's Day.  
-Certifikid - will advertise for money. Generally, we will receive 20% back to PTA.  
-Boosterthon - group that does fundraising for schools. Would have students to run laps and ask people to sponsor you. If we do it, would help with computers.

#### Dining for Dollars:

-Lombardi's Pizza today. Must call for delivery.  
-November 16th Cava.  
-December Italian Gourmet and Molly's Yogurt.

#### Reflections:

-Entries in.

10:45 close meeting