

**I. Attendees:** Catherine Yagle, Leslie Conroy, Cathy Hardman, Kerry Blankenship, Stephanie Bollini, Elena Golub, Michelle Makrigiorgos, Priya Chenthil, Jennifer Condra, Mary Franceschini, Tinelle Davies, Elizabeth Toledo, Mona Amer, Julie Nickols, Chery Cass, Emily Korff, Stephanie Laubner, Daniele Somers, Reshma Eggleston, Ceci Campbell.

**II. Principal's Report.** Provided by Principal Makrigiorgos.

1. LA5K was great, 20 staff members participated;
2. Sock Hop and Book Fair were great events;
3. Announced meetings with specialists in the LAES;
4. Veterans Day celebration included a special event in school with veteran pictures collected. Please, submit more pictures. The daily videos are available for parents to view on the Blackboard under the Library tab.
5. The LAES is awarded a FCPS Golden Apple Wellness Award. The award will be given at a reception on Monday night. Some of the PTA's activities such as the LA 5K and Girls On the Run contributed to the school winning the award, so thank you to the PTA.
6. All students got an access to the IXL web resource – math opportunity directly tied to SOL standards (students have already 540 hours spent on the site). The school-wide membership was paid for with part of the \$10,000 grant that the PTA gave to Louise Archer in May 2013.
7. Mini grants awarded, thank you very much! The teachers are very excited.
8. Fairfax county schools budget reduction....Please, provide your solutions. No decisions about specific reductions have been made yet. Dr. Garza is still holding meetings with the public. If you have input, try to attend or send your recommendations to Dr. Garza.
9. Thanksgiving lunch is at November 21.
10. Principal Makrigiorgos provided the final invoice from the FCPS for the track installation to the PTA. There is a refund for \$22.60

**III. President's Report.** Provided by Stephanie Bollini

1. LA5k was very successful. We had over 500 runners.
2. This year we have a very successful Box Tops for Education Program. The fall session earned \$772. There will also be a spring Box Tops collection. Robin Nguyen did a wonderful job.
3. Sock Hop and Book Fair were great, thank you.
4. The PTA Audit Committee finished their work, thank you.
5. Walk to School day was a success.
6. Directory came out yesterday. The mobile application is excellent. Thank you to Catherine Yeagle for everything she did make the directory successful.
7. The PTA Mini Grants Committee awarded grants, thank you for the work.
8. Sunshine Committee works very successfully. Thank you to Cheryl Cass for all of her hard work.
9. Please, go to Amazon.com through the PTA website. There is an Amazon link on our PTA homepage. When families shop through this link, Louise Archer will receive a portion of the money spent.

10. Registration for the French class started today.
11. Louise Archer's student's art work will be displayed in the Vienna Post Office from December 20th –January 2nd.
12. The President frequently receives solicitations for new programs or fundraising opportunities for the school. While the PTA cannot implement all of them, if there is something a parent would like to see offered at the school, the PTA will do its best to support it if the parent will lead the program. A place will be found in the office where these solicitations will be placed for parents to access if they are interested. A parent mentioned anew opportunity for fundraising. Silver Diner has a Loyalty Reward – Silver Diner Program,. It focused on health and wellness and last year gave a grant to the Stenwood PE department.
13. There is concern about larger classes next year in the FCPS community due to the projected budget shortfall. In order to advocate with the FCPS, a petition to cap class sizes is being circulated online. It will be communicated through various Louise Archer parents to the remainder of the parents.
14. The LAES 75 Anniversary – the PTA is exploring giving a gift to the school in recognition of the 7th Anniversary. If you have ideas about what should the PTA give to school, please, share your ideas.

#### **IV. Treasurer's Report.**

1. Numbers look good; the PTA has more than \$100K in the bank. There are expenses that have not been received yet.
2. The treasurer asked that program chairpersons inform her about incoming checks and disbursement request in a timely manner;

#### **V. Old business**

1. The PTA October 2013 meeting minutes approved without changes.
2. In May 2013 \$10K grant was given to schools, but was not posted in the April 2013 MM. The general membership voted to ratify the gifting of the \$10,000 gift. A motion to ratify the gift was made and seconded. The ratification was approved by the general membership. \*\*\*

#### **VI. Program Announcements:**

1. 2013 School Bond: 2013 School Bond passed with almost 74% in support.
2. Reflections: We had 31 art entries submitted for the school's reflections program. The judging at the school level has been completed and on November 7th the outstanding entries (which is the equivalent to first place) were delivered to the county level for further judging against the winning entries from other Fairfax County elementary schools. On November 25th at 6:30 p.m. we will have a family-friendly reception for the students who participated in the program this year at Louise Archer. All participants will receive awards at the reception. The Reflections Committee is brain-storming ideas to implement in 2014 to try to have more participation next year.

3. Hip Hop: The hip hop dance class will end on the December 6th class. Since it has been a successful program for the last few years, I will plan on putting it on again in the Spring of 2014.
4. Bridge Club Report: The Bridge Club is in its second year. About half of the students are first timers and we developed an advanced section for the second years. Two students competed in a championship Bridge game in Arlington on Election Day.
5. Thanksgiving Lunch: Please, turn in your forms and sign up to volunteer.
6. International Night will be on April 4th, 2014. Please, volunteer
7. School sculpture presentation – mobile sculpture installation in school. General membership voted to bring Kevin Reese in LAES to talk about it with no cost.
8. The French afterschool program was just approved and is open for registration.
9. The last Walk and Wheels Wednesday will be next Wednesday, 11/20/13. The program will resume in March.

\*\*\* After the meeting ended the complete notes from the May meeting were found by the secretary. They included the vote to approve the grant. The secretary had the webmaster post the complete minutes for the May 2013 mtg.