**Haycock PTA Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, January 20th, 2016

Number in attendance – 12

Classes Represented (K – 3, 1st – 1, 2nd – 3, 3rd – 1, 4th – 4, 5th – 4, 6th- 1)

1. Call to Order – Alison Symons calls the meeting to order at 7:35pm.
2. **President report** – Alison Symons
   1. Forming Nominating Committee for Board and Committee Chairs positions next year. Will be looking to fill many positions.
   2. 60th Anniversary Co-chair needed
3. **Secretary report** – Katie Pisocky
   1. Kate O’Donnell moves to approve the November Minutes, Alison Symons seconds, approved.
4. **Treasurer report** – Heather Kimmel
   1. Update regarding the playground: Cost was slightly less than expected so we have a little surplus!
   2. The PTA budgeted income is still running a little short, but there are still some fundraisers before the end of the year.
      1. Please note! We are removing ReadAThon as a PTA Fundraiser.
   3. Matching donations are still a possibility – check with your employers!
      1. Heather will work with the matching gifts coordinator.
      2. Suggestion to add to the Hotsheet and website about the matching gifts.
   4. General reserve is a line item in the budget that represents the $45,000 that we pledged to put towards the playground - we try to carry $20- $25K from one year to the next.
   5. Amazon – Susan Thomas is the Amazon chairperson. Amazon deposits are like 2 months behind, so the December earnings have not come in yet! There is no way to confirm that your Amazon purchase is going to Haycock. You just have to make sure you use the Haycock PTA link on Amazon (found on the PTA webpage on the hotsheet).
5. **VP General report** – Alison Seddon
   1. Looking for volunteers for Copy Committee – one or two additional volunteers. It is pretty straightforward. Alison will send the sign up genius to those interested.
6. **VP Social Events report** - Kate O’Donnell
   1. Bingo Night moved to February 19th due to inclement weather.
   2. Looking for volunteers for 60th Anniversary Party
7. **VP Curriculum Enhancement report** – Alison Seddon (for Alicia Hoadley)
   1. After School Activities (ASA) is coming back after spring break in a limited fashion, with only chess and dance class. This is small because of renovations (fewer kids around after school hours). Chess will be conducted through Silver Knights.
8. **VP Fundraising** - Monica Kumar
   1. Two restaurant nights coming up– Pulcinella and Flippin’ Pizza
   2. Square 1 Art – made good money
   3. Innisbrook wrapping paper sales are still on going
   4. Want to start preparing for Auction next year
      1. We are looking to do this in Spring of 2017
      2. Plenty of volunteer opportunities for this fun event!
9. **VP of Community Affairs** - John Kosco
   1. No Report
10. **Principal’s report**
    1. Boosterthon – April 7th – Pep Rally kick off on March 29th
       1. This is not officially a PTA Fundraiser so does not affect our budget but (most importantly) the money does go directly to the school
       2. Goal to raise $48-$50K this year
       3. Kids ask family members for sponsorship per lap or lump payment for running
       4. Will be held inside in the gym – All grade levels participating
       5. Additional Fundraising with sponsors for the t-shirts during the run – good opportunity if you own a business or know someone who owns a business!
    2. Renovation to be completed by March 1st (latest March 12th), including playground
       1. Beautification could be a great scout project! Courtyards etc,
       2. Might be easier to find parent volunteers when it is specific & one time volunteering
    3. FCPS Budget
       1. Dr. Garza proposed no cuts for the budget and a 6.7% increase
          1. Salary increases for teacher (90% of budget is Personnel costs)
          2. Over 200 open positions in Fairfax because we do not pay well enough!
       2. Garza asking for an additional $40M to go into the teacher scale (1% market scale adjustment and step increase for everyone)
       3. Food Service, Bus attendants, and others are not making a living wage
       4. Class size – not over 30 is Dr. Garza’s goal. She wants to put $10M into class size reduction, but there is still a space issue.
       5. Enrollment in Fairfax is slowing down
       6. Since 2008, $500 million cut from the budget
       7. #IAMFCPS - WE NEED PARENTS to be involved – please make an effort to show up in person at Board of Supervisor Meetings. BoS sees that and should listen. Send letters, show up, make a difference.
    4. Science Specialist
       1. Putting together a committee of parents and staff members. If you are interested, let Mr. Donnelly know.
          1. Supplement with parents involvement or something paid at the hourly basis
          2. Maybe parent volunteer, we may be asking too much, so weary of requesting this too much
    5. Thanks for the teacher’s lounge water by the PTA!
11. **Questions from the Floor**
    1. ASA question from parent – A request for the Girls on the Run program. Unfortunately, without a field currently, this would be hard. Kathyrn Ramchand would be interested in the program when the field situation is resolved. Is there a similar program for boys?
    2. Boosterthon questions from a parent who wanted to know more about the event.
       1. Positive aspects of the fundraiser
          1. Raised a lot of money in a relatively short period of time.
          2. Kids get involved and have fun
       2. Negative aspects of the fundraiser
          1. Concerns about the % of money Boosterthon takes
          2. The push for the kids to ask people for money
    3. POD
       1. Working on the lighting and we are looking for risers that fit and a curtain
       2. They are working on ventilation and lighting and microphones. Fund a need from auction raised a little money for this.
    4. What kind of field space will Haycock have after the renovation is complete?
       1. Will we be able to have Movie Night back at Haycock?
       2. We should have an idea by March 1, and they will start looking at the fields
12. Move to adjourn at 8:30PM.