

FHES PTA Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. Gayle Schlueter, PTA President, conducted the meeting.

The minutes from the May 10, 2016 meeting were approved without change.

Principals' Report (Sal Rivera & Allison Hoak)

- **Kiss & Ride (SR):** To improve the flow and safety of morning and afternoon Kiss & Ride process, 3 new signs have been installed. Parents are adjusting to the new routine:
 - No cell phone use in Kiss & Ride line
 - No left turn from Flint Hill Road into the Kiss & Ride line
 - Parents must stay in their vehicles
- **Back To School Night (SR):** Received many positive comments from parents about efficiency and effectiveness of revamped BTSN program; instituted new approach so as to be more considerate of parents' and teachers' time.
- **Courtyard and Green Matters (SR and Karen Fischer):**
 - FHES won second Green Flag and is on track to complete process to win third;
 - New staff member Karen Fischer (IA, master gardener) has put interior courtyard and plantings in order and is helping teachers use courtyard and FHES' other outdoor classrooms on regular basis for instruction.
 - Instructional goal: one hour of outdoor instruction per class per week.
 - Gardening goal: Feature only plants native to Virginia
 - Call for PTA volunteers:
 - to help maintain courtyard plantings;
 - expert on water features needed in order to repair pond.
- **Code 7 Challenge (Allison Hoak):** Every student has received the Brian Johnson's book, **Code 7**, and has been challenged to discover a "code" word to live by.
- **STEAM Project (AH):** Continues to inspire students; projects displayed in library vitrine:
 - October theme: What can you do with a paper bag?
 - November theme: What can you do with a leaf?

Teachers' Report: None given

Committee Reports (in alphabetical order):

- **Family Events (Jess Snow):** *Pumpkin Bingo Night* on October 21 is sold out. Families are encouraged to spend at the SCA Bake Sale before going to play Bingo.

- **Rebate Programs (JS):** Parents still have time to register Giant cards and to select FHES as their school beneficiary. Giant allows parents to support up to two schools.
- **Staff Appreciation (JS):** FHES marked School Safety Week with treats for the bus drivers.

Treasurer's Report (Dana Worek)

- **2015-16 Financial Audit:** Dana presented audit and announced that FHESPTA's finances were found to be in order. Revenues and expenses were about equal. A vote was taken to accept the audit without change; the audit was approved by voice vote.
- **2016-2017 Budget:** The proposed budget as formulated by the FHESPTA Executive Board has been posted on the PTA website, www.fhespta.org, for several weeks. DW presented the proposed budget and summarized salient features. The proposed budget was approved by voice vote without change.
- **Current Spending:** Expenses will exceed revenues this year as the goal is to spend the money provided by the school community for the immediate benefit of that community, leaving a smaller balance to carry over into the next year.

Fundraising Report (Meaghan Molinini)

- **Current Fundraising**
 - **Friends of Flint Hill (DW):** fundraiser is on track and continues into the fall.
 - **Readathon (Gayle Schlueter):** will continue but is no longer a fundraiser
 - **Schoola Clothing Drive (MM):** new this year, runs October 19-21; donated clothing is sold online and FHESPTA receives a portion of proceeds; there will be second drive in January.
 - **Parent Party & Silent Auction (MM):** will be on March 18, 2017 at Westwood County Club; meeting for those who wish to help will be held on October 24 at 9:30 a.m. in the school library. Many opportunities for parents to become involved.

New Business

- **Meals Tax Issue:** Jane Miscavage, representing the *Vote Yes Meals Tax* campaign, argued in favor of voting for proposed meals tax on November ballot, adding that both Virginia PTA and Fairfax County Council of PTAs have endorsed the measure.

The next FHES PTA meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on November 17, 2016 in the cafeteria, followed by a program for parents about literacy.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Meeting Attendance

Pamela Erickson

Paula Foley

Michelle Fortsch

Katie Geiser-Bush

Allison Hoak

Lauren Lipton

Sarah Lundquist

Cathy Matchette

Jane Miscavage (guest)

Meaghan Molinini

Eliza Morss

Sal Rivera

Karen Sandelman (guest)

Gayle Schlueter

Rajiv Sharma

Jessica Snow

Amy Williams

Dana Worek

Hsaio-Ting Yang