

FHES PTA Meeting
Tuesday, April 18, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 9:41 AM. Gayle Schlueter, PTA President, presided.

The minutes from the March 21, 2017 meeting were approved without change.

Principals' Report (Mr. Rivera)

- **Vote for Garden Grant:** Ms. Kuykendall applied for grant for the school courtyard. Community may vote through April for FHES to receive the grant.
- **Kindergarten Orientation** (March 24): 80+ children came; pace of enrollment is well ahead of previous year.
- **FCPS Budget Shortfall:** Class sizes raised by 0.5 students for system-wide cost savings. Implications for FHES: if student population remains steady in '17-'18, will have 22 classroom teachers, not 24 as have now.
 - Parents can contact School Board and Board of Supervisors to protest, but there appear to be no further areas to cut.
- **Staff Retirements:** Significant number of possible retirements; teachers reluctant to announce due to concern about disrupting students.
 - *Retirement Parties:*
 - *School-wide:* PTA will not plan until have sense of how many leaving
 - *June 16:* Staff-only party for retirees.
- **Selection of New FHES Principal:** In progress.
 - Gayle Schlueter: PTA Executive Board forwarded names as requested by FCPS. Principal Selection Panel will be drawn from those community candidates.
- **6th Grade Promotion Ceremony:** Last week of school; date TBD.
- **iReady to replace Dreambox in '17-'18:** FCPS buying *iReady* (Math and Language Arts) for entire school system; more responsive program than *Dreambox*; teachers can customize
- **Principal for the Day:** Dylan Bogar (April 19)

Teachers' Report (Mr. Rivera): none

Fundraising Report (Gayle Schlueter for Meaghan Molinini)

- **Luau Online Auction:** Will run April 19-23 to auction off remaining auction items.
- **Giant Fundraising** (Melissa Molivadas): Program ended in March, final total is \$8,574.52 (approx. \$1,500 less than in '15-16).

Treasurer's Report (Dana Worek)

- **Program Over Budget:** PTA needs to approve a program's budget overage, but will have to wait until May meeting because today do not have quorum of 11 needed for budget votes.
- **Increase in Projected Revenue:** Updated revenue projection for '17-'18 is approx. \$67,000
 - Budget's original revenue projection: approx. \$63,000

- **Discussion of Revenue Dispersal Options**

- Gayle Schlueter: Prefer monies raised this year to be spent by year's end on programs that impact schoolwide.
 - *New Computers?:* 20 HP Probooks could be bought with PTA and school matching funds. Emily Phelan has reported other schools using them successfully
 - Current computers for students have extremely slow processors. Wasted time and much frustration.
- Dana Worek: Need greater FHES community input about where PTA spends monies. People critique spending choices after-the-fact but few come to meetings to express views when spending decisions are being made.

Committee Reports

- **Nominating Cttee** (Melissa Molivadas): no slate for '17-'18 Executive Board to present as yet. Not enough applicants.
- **Teacher Appreciation Week, May 1-5** (Melissa Molivadas): Staff breakfast planned; masseuse; gift card raffle; notes from students on classroom doors; many good things for teachers to enjoy.

New Business

- **How Can FHES PTA Best Support New Principal?**
 - Mr. Rivera: provide monies for technology and staff development
 - Distinction between Staff *Development* and Staff *Training*
 - FCPS provides little budget for staff development
 - Wants PTA to cover expenses for subs on days staff is out for development

Meeting adjourned at 10:57 AM.

The next FHES PTA meeting will be held at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, May 16, 2017. This will be the final PTA meeting of the 2016-17 school year; PTA officer elections will be held.

Attendance

Melissa Molivadas
 Eliza Morss
 Sal Rivera
 Gayle Schlueter
 Dana Worek