

**November PTA Meeting
November 1, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by PTA Vice President, Karen Horvath, at 7:05pm.

24 people were in attendance.

Principal's Update

Lisa Reddel

- We are one of the first schools in the state of Virginia to get the Purple Star Award which recognizes our positive involvement with the military community.
- Math night was terrific. We had over 700 people! Having food for sale was very helpful. Please fill out the feedback sheet so we know how to plan for next year's math night.
- Field Day was rushed a little at the end because of the rain but it was very successful.
- Fairfax County Outstanding Employee award nominations are ongoing through November 26th. People can be nominated in the following categories:
 - Teacher
 - New Teacher (first 3 years in their career)
 - Principal
 - Leader (AART, SBTS, Psychologist, Social Worker, Assistant Principal, etc.)
 - Operational Employees (Office Staff, Custodian, Instructional Assistants)
- November 5-6th are teacher workdays
- November 12th is the Veterans Day celebration in the bus loop.
- November 13th-16th are the Thanksgiving lunches. Students eat in the cafeteria on their Thanksgiving lunch day and must bring their lunch to eat in the classroom on the other days.
- Nov 21-23 – Thanksgiving holidays
- Nov 28 – Picture Re-Takes
- December 11 & 12th is the fourth grade musical.
- Dec 23 – Jan 6 – Winter Holidays
- Upcoming spirit days include:
 - Ugly/ Holiday Sweater- Dec 21
 - Crazy Hair Day – Jan 11
 - Sports/Jersey Day – Feb 1
 - Pajama Day – Mar 8
 - Twin Day – Apr 12
- Staffing updates:

- Julianne BrechtI – New Public Health nurse – through the Fairfax County Health Department
 - Helena O’Neill – Office Assistant (Amanda Belt got job at her children’s school)
 - Jean Sweet – IA
 - Landa Strunk – IA
 - Lynne Paraiso (6th) – on maternity leave. Patti Weeks is substituting
 - Bethany Layton (4th) – going on maternity leave. Michelle Newman is substituting
 - Linda Biberaj (4th)– coming back from maternity leave. Kristina Stallworth has been substituting since August
 - Melissa Whalen (5th) – moving to Ohio for husband’s job and closer to family
 - Beth Leone (5th) – hired as teacher for Melissa Whalen
 - Mike Del Vecchio IA – hired as Instructional Assistant for Beth Leone
 - Lorraine Matier – resigned for personal reasons; Debbie Phillips is her long-term substitute
- Sangster continues to look for the best assistant principal to meet our school’s needs.
 - We also are looking for new great substitutes since many of the wonderful Sangster substitutes have been hired as permanent teachers.

Business Matters

Jami O’Neill

- October minutes were approved.
- We continue working on the directory and it should be available soon.
- The cultural arts committee chair is still open.
- Thank you all the people who helped with math night. Pizza Boli went well. We are happy to support the teachers in any way that helps next year’s math night be successful.
- Thanksgiving lunches- please volunteer for a shift in the classroom, cafeteria, book fair or smencil table.
- The track maintenance will be moved to the spring.

Treasurer’s Report

Amy Morgan

- Reviewed and approved budget.
- Checking Account balance of \$38,372 as of November 1, 2018.

Committee Reports

Karen Horvath

- Connie proposed sharing links for official PTA business that can be posted onto the Facebook page so that people can access it more easily.
- November 26th is Silver Diner night for fundraising.
- Hospitality- November staff meeting needs someone to help with the breakfast for the staff.
- Pyramid challenge was great. 52 Sangster kids participated. The Falcon was a hit as well!

The second half of the meeting included a great presentation from the clinical team on student and sibling conflicts. The presentation will be shared in an upcoming email from the school so that everyone can access it's contents and resources.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm.