

**January PTA Meeting
January 10, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by PTA Vice President, Karen Horvath, at 7:04pm.

22 people were in attendance.

Principal's Update

Lisa Reddel

- We are pleased to have Mrs. Redford filling in for our Vice Principal position. Mrs. Redford is still completing her administrative certification at this time therefore the position will be revisited at the end of the school year.
- Maggie Wilkerson is available to help with anyone who needs support during the government shutdown, particularly with school lunch needs. There are also job fair events occurring for anyone interested in subbing for Fairfax County Public Schools.
- New annual report is available on the website. We encourage new families to view it online to see all of the great opportunities at Sangster.
- VDOE has created a climate survey for all schools in the state of Virginia. The survey requires students in grades 4-6 and 9-12 participate. The FCPS K-12 principals requested Dr. Brabrand ask permission from the state superintendent for an exemption to not administer the survey to FCPS students due to some of the questions seeming inappropriate, which was granted. Therefore, all FCPS students will not be participating the VDOE survey. We are unclear how the survey data collected will be used. The parent and staff survey will still be ongoing.
- Every few years we do an emergency exercise called a Tabletop crisis (for example a shelter in place during a gas leak). We are having our exercise next Friday.
- The marquee is broken again. We will have to pay for the labor to fix the part but the part is under warranty.
- We have qualified for traffic calming on Reservation Drive. A committee will meet and put together a plan of the best way to proceed (ie. flashing school light, speed hump, etc).
- The budget was proposed to the school board at 3 billion dollars. The superintendent's number one priority is to increase teacher salary. The budget will then go through work sessions for approval. It includes the FCPS on proposal to move to one computer per student. They are still figuring out the best way to fund the computers for elementary schools so contact the school board if you have opinions to share.. More budget details are available online.
- Upcoming spirit days include:
 - Crazy Hair Day – Jan 11
 - Sports/Jersey Day – Feb 1
- Other important dates:

Friday, January 18th - 3 Hour Early Release - 12:55pm

Monday, January 21st - No School, Holiday

Wednesday, January 23rd - 5th & 6th Grade Winter Chorus Concert

Wednesday, January 23rd - PTA Science Fair Information Session

Thursday, January 24th - End of 2nd Quarter - **NO Early Release**

Friday, January 25th - No School for Students - Teacher Workday

Business Matters

Karen Horvath

- November minutes were approved.
- Directory was delivered. We hope to have a more effective process that works within the new guidelines by next fall.
- Share the Love is February 9th. Contact Jami O'Neill if you are interested. There will be a sign up genius going out soon.
- Open chairs: membership, cultural arts, safety
- We are looking for a new treasurer for 2019-2020.

Treasurer's Report

Amy Morgan

- Reviewed budget.
- Checking Account balance of \$50,627 as of December 29, 2018.

Committee Reports

Karen Horvath

- Fundraising: Two dinner nights at Spartans. Monday January 28th and Tuesday January 29th
 - Valentine Bingo Wednesday February 13th.
 - Carnival is Friday May 3rd. Please contact Denise Siderys to assist. Looking for a cupcake walk person and food chair.
 - If anyone needs Spirit Wear contact Kim Redelsheimer or Jami O'Neill.
 - Science Fair flyers went home today and they are available online as well. Science fair information session will be January, 23rd, if anyone has questions or needs ideas. Register by Feb. 22nd
 - Thanksgiving lunches went very well with thanks to everyone who volunteered. The next big event will be spring carnival.
 - We will need a new volunteer coordinator next year. It's a very easy job that can be done at home.
 - We are looking for a parent liaison for fencing.
 - The 5th-6th grade musical is Aladdin. Auditions were this week and performances are April 29, 30 and May 1st.
 - Military Spouses have monthly meetings. Please come!
 - Sixth grade parent meeting January 31st. The topic is The Search for Independence.
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- **Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.**