

PTSA Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2011

Student Report (no student representative):

- Mr. Seahawk is on Friday March 25, 2011.

Minutes of February 23, 2011 meeting: Reviewed and approved with the following change – Anne Stowe’s email address is anne.stowe@fcps.edu.

President’s report (Joan Burkhardt):

- **Thank you:**
 - **Maureen Becker** for coordinating with Whole Foods to donate refreshments for **SOL review sessions (8) as well as Project Graduation**
 - **Joan Lynch** for organizing volunteers to **pick up food and set up for SOL review** (thank you also to the volunteers)
 - **Kim Shoop, Lesa Schmidt and Elizabeth Vandenburg** for helping with the **mock SAT/ACT registration/check in**
 - Communications group (**Maureen Becker, Sofi Cahoon, Annette Anderson**) for the **preparation and distribution** of the March newsletter.
 - **Sofi Cahoon and Joan Lynch** for providing **refreshments**
- **Kim Shoop and Joan Burkhardt** met with a rep. from **Dr. Apt’s** office. They will donate water bottles for various PTSA events, participate in the Career Network Event, serve as an IB internship location, and be available for career shadowing.

Treasurer’s report (Jody Wolfe): With cash and CDs, PTSA has approximately \$24,000.

VP for Communication (Sheryl Cosing):

- **Parent Advisory Committee Meeting on 2/23/2011:** Sheryl Cosing attended and provided the following summary:
 - **Budget** – School board approved budget
 - Schools hope to get more funds per pupil and get more sales tax revenue.
 - \$2 million collected this year for AP/IB testing. Next year, fees will be voluntary because State AG has ruled that fees cannot be mandatory since it violates the right to a free education.
 - Plan for full day kindergarten for all schools within the next 3 years.
 - Athletics fees will continue – may be affecting contributions to booster clubs.
 - **Discipline (Positive Behavior – PBIS)** – discussion on the following:
 - Decline in disciplinary incidents since 2005 suggests that the policies are working.
 - Data shows shift from expulsion to long-term suspension with alternate education placement. Also a shift from long-term suspension to short-term suspension with school transfer.
 - Need to present issues to school board about review of the behavior policy
 - Adolescents are risk takers and the current policies do not provide educational opportunities but reinforce “don’t get caught” philosophy
 - Suspensions are too long which further compounds issues – need to address.
 - Suggestion to implement honor courts within each school
 - Differentiate the Students’ Rights Handbook so kids pay attention and read it.

Academic Boosters (Kim Shoop):

- **\$1,000 from Mock ACT and SAT** test on Feb 26, 2011. Kim provided information on ACT and SAT and tips on which test to take. For more information, please see the Academic Boosters link from the South Lakes PTSA website:
<http://www.southlakesptsa.org/docs/2011%20AB%20College%20Testing%20Overview.pdf>
- Need to increase participation in BUG. Students recommended that instead of students putting their note from the teacher regarding their improved grades into the BUG box, the teachers do it themselves. This is because many students forget to put it into the box. Kim suggested a grand prize for \$100 for all the BUG candidates. This incentive may encourage participation.
- Academic boosters would like to purchase tablecloths – 25 tablecloths and napkins.
- Anne Stowe is looking for volunteers for IB invigilation. The IB exam schedule is at http://www.fcps.edu/SouthLakesHS/student_services_assets/IB%20Exams%202011%20Master%20Schedule.pdf. Please check and if you can volunteer, contact Anne Stowe at anne.stowe@fcps.edu

ANGP (Joan Lynch for Micki Moravitz):

- Need junior parents to volunteer for cleanup.
- Two more fundraisers:
 - Spring plant sale – April 28 is plant pickup date.
 - Relay for Life Concessions – May 21, 2011.

Nominating Committee (Susan Sather): Officer positions have been filled except for the president. If anyone would like to chair a committee, please let the nominating committee know.

Other (Suzanne Freeman)

- Commented on her concern about the number of out of state students being accepted into VA universities, decreasing the “number of slots” for in state students. It was recommended Suzanne contact our state PTSA legislative committee.

New Business:

- Additional funds (\$100) for BUG for a grand prize for all BUG candidates was approved
- Additional funds up to \$350 for tablecloth purchase was approved

VP for Programs (Susan Sather):

- Dr. Hyman, an adolescent psychologist, discussed stress among high school students and its causes and consequences.

Principal’s Report (Lindsey Trout): Ms. Trout presented a slide show of various activities in the school.

Upcoming dates

- March 24: Academic Boosters 9:30 am Cafeteria
- March 29: Race to Nowhere screening in Theater at 7:00pm (advance tickets \$10)
- March 31: Career Network Event (during learning seminar)
- April 12: PTSA Board meeting in career center 7:00pm
- April 15: Honor Roll breakfast
- April 26: PTSA meeting (slate presented)7:00pm library/media center (Reflections Recognition/Reception)
- April 28: Academic Boosters 7:00 pm Career Center