

PTSA Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 2011

1. Student Report - SGA
  - a. Homecoming theme – “Super Heroes.” Seniors – Batman, Juniors-Spiderman, Sophomores – Superman, and Freshmen – Hulk.
  - b. Homecoming Parade – need convertibles and crowns.
  - c. Announce homecoming week in Reston Patch, KIT
  - d. October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Preliminary Parade meeting
  - e. Need information/requests sent via KIT.
2. Reston Chamber of Commerce (RCC) – Mark Ingrao (CEO RCC) and Bruce Mancinelli (Senior VP Operations RCC)
  - a. RCC is sponsoring Young Entrepreneur Academy (YEA) for South Lakes HS Sophomore, Junior and Senior students.
    1. 33 week program (3 hours of class per week – Wednesday 4-7 pm) – students learn to build a business and life skills. Learning by doing program.
    2. YEA first started at Rochester Institute of Technology and is expanding to select Chambers around the country in collaboration with the US Chamber of Commerce. This program at RCC is one in 30 across the country and the only one in Virginia.
    3. Program will accept 24 students this year – students can work in groups.
    4. Program cost is \$195 per student
    5. Go to <http://www.yeausa.org/> for more information (see video shown at PTA meeting).
3. Introductions
4. Minutes reviewed (Shashi Kuppa) – June General membership minutes on PTSA website – approved.
5. President (Susan Sather)
  - a. Thanks to:
    1. Maria Robles and volunteers for the Welcome Back Breakfast for the entire school staff
    2. Ann Confer for getting membership off to a rousing start at the Volunteer Orientation and Block Party, and her and her crew for our wonderful website: [www.southlakesptsa.org](http://www.southlakesptsa.org).
    3. Caroline Hemenway for updating the FAQ and the Academic Boosters for production
    4. Christine Stout for sign-ups for this year’s Reward Programs
    5. Kelley Westenhoff for our informational KIT messages
    6. Jody Wolfe and her audit committee for making sure our accounts are in order.
  - b. Need a volunteer for publicity and outreach – liaison with Reston Patch.
6. Treasurer (Jody Wolfe)
  - a. Audit Report and proposed budget reviewed
7. 1<sup>st</sup> VP (communications) (Sofi Cahoon)
  - a. Newsletter (Annette Anderson) will be online at the PTSA website [www.southlakesptsa.org](http://www.southlakesptsa.org). Only those without email addresses will receive newsletter by snail mail. Newsletter will be published on October 12, January 18, March 14, and May 16. October newsletter due date 9/26. Send information to [ednewsletter@southlakesptsa.org](mailto:ednewsletter@southlakesptsa.org).
  - b. KIT – Both school and class specific KITS will be sent. To have anything to put on KIT, please send email to [seahawkskit@gmail.com](mailto:seahawkskit@gmail.com).
8. 2<sup>nd</sup> VP (Programs)(Susan Brownsword)
  - a. Next month’s program – At Large School Board Members. Government students at SLHS will be present to ask questions.

## 9. Committees

- a. Membership (Jody Wolfe reporting for Ann Confer) – 261 members so far. Last year, total membership was 603.
- b. Website & IT (Ann Confer via e-mail)
  1. Send any announcements or volunteer needs that they want posted and to enter their event and activity dates into the site calendar. If additional chairs/volunteers need access to the calendar, I can provide the username/password.
  2. PTSA email accounts. The help information is posted online: [www.southlakesptsa.org/emailsupport.html](http://www.southlakesptsa.org/emailsupport.html). If there are additional questions, email [itadmin@southlakesptsa.org](mailto:itadmin@southlakesptsa.org) for support.
- c. Academic Boosters (Joan Lynch or Kim Shoop)
  1. Meeting date – last Thursday of each month. First meeting on September 29 at 9:30 am. October meeting on October 27 at 7 pm
  2. Directory – Can be purchased along with membership – will include parent names and emails. Opt out provision will be provided.
  3. Mock SAT and ACT in end of October
  4. Essay Writing Workshops for Seniors – 1<sup>st</sup> meeting on October 6, 2-4 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on October 12, 8-10 am.
- d. Volunteers (Sheryl Cosing) – Using signup genius for volunteer activities on PTSA website.
- e. Special Ed Representative (Mary Nell Clark) – 1<sup>st</sup> week in December is “inclusive school week.”
- f. Reward Program (Christine Stout) – Renew your cards reward program each year. Signup sheets provided for all rewards program at the PTA meeting.
- g. ANGP (Joan Burkhart)
  1. Signup genius for volunteers
  2. Fundraisers – Merrifield gift cards, Papa Johns Buy one get one free cards, Poinsettia sale (orders in November with pickup in December)
  3. Meeting on October 25.

## 10. New Business

- a. Audit for 2010-11 Academic year accepted.
- b. 2011-12 proposed budget accepted.

## 11. Principal's Report (Bruce Butler)

- a. Chad Lehman, Assistant Principal Class of 2012
  1. New this year – Seahawk Seminar (learning seminar) – gives more flexibility to students.
  2. New art studio opening
- b. Davina Johnson, Director of Student Services
- c. Video presentation: Pyramid Students (say the darnedest things)
- d. SOL scores increased for all groups at SLHS last year.
- e. Slideshow of school activities – mentoring program, block party, first two weeks of school.

### Upcoming dates

September 29: Academic Booster meeting, 9:30 AM

October 5: Back to School Night

Oct. 12: PTSA meeting, 7:00 PM Library

October 25: ANGP meeting, 7:00 PM Career Center