

## PTSA Meeting Minutes October 12, 2011

**Student Report** - Mike Astudillo and SCA reported on homecoming week activities and thanked parents for their donations.

- October 17 – Fashion Disaster Day, October 18 – Around the World Day, October 19 – Superheroes Day, October 20 – Class Color Day and Powder Puff Game, October 21 – Blue/Green Day, October 22 – Homecoming Dance.
- Homecoming Dance Tickets on sale in the cafeteria during lunch on October 19 - \$15 presale and \$20 at the door.
- Honor hometown heroes – Parade will have local firefighters and police.

### **VP Programs** (Susan Brownsword) - **School Board Candidate's Forum**

There are 7 candidates for the at-large school board member positions (3 positions) and two candidates for the Huntermill District school board member position on the ballot. Elections are on November 8, 2011. Five candidates for the at-large school Board member positions and the two candidates vying for the Huntermill District member position attended the forum.

- **Ryan McElveen:** At-large candidate. See <http://www.ryanforschoolboard.com/>.
- **Ilryong Moon:** At-large candidate (incumbent). See <http://moon4schools.com/>.
- **Lin-Dai Kendall:** At-large candidate. See <http://lindai.webs.com/>.
- **Sheree Brown-Kaplan:** At-large candidate. See <http://www.browncaplan4schoolboard.com/>.
- **Ted Velkoff:** At-large candidate. See <http://tv4sb.org/>
- **Pat Hynes:** Candidate for Huntermill District School Board Member. See <http://hynesforschoolboard.com/>.
- **Nancy Linton:** Candidate for Huntermill District School Board Member. See <http://nancylintonforschoolboard.org/>.

The candidates fielded questions prepared by students in the government class. Some of the issues raised were teacher evaluation, fees for sports, academic standards, parent input in school-board decisions, late start time for high schools, and independent audit.

Next month's program: South Lakes Journalism Students' Presentation on online student newspaper, the South Lakes Sentinel.

**Approval of Minutes** (Shashi Kuppa) – The September 14, 2011 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

### **Academic Boosters** (Kim Shoop, Joan Lynch) -

- College application essay sessions are going well. Students are taking advantage of the service. Volunteers are always welcome. Please sign up at the PTSA website [www.southlakespts.org](http://www.southlakespts.org).
- TOK Writer's Workshop has 13 volunteers who meet with students twice a week
- Academic letter on November 10, 2011 along with National Honor Society initiation.

- Mock SAT test on October 29 and Mock ACT on November 19. Signup online from the PTSA website.

**Website and membership** (Ann Confer) - PTSA website has been updated to provide links to feeder schools.

**ANGP** (Joan Burkhart) –

- Meeting on October 25, 2011 (meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month).
- Various ANGP fundraisers: \$50 Merrifield Center Gift Cards, Papa John buy one get one free Pizza Cards, Sally Foster online gifts, and Poinsettias.

**New Business** - Virginia PTA Proposed Legislative Program (Susan Sather) - The PTSA voted to support for the following legislative action items proposed by the Virginia PTA

Legislative Action Item #1: PE Requirements - VA PTA supports additional state funding for the implementation of any increased PE requirements in grades K-8 so that there is no compromise of art, music, technology or foreign language programs currently in place.

Legislative Action Item #2: Calendars and Start Dates - VA PTA reaffirms our position in support of legislation granting a local option in setting school calendars and school year start dates.

Legislative Action Item #3: Virtual Schools - The Virginia PTA supports virtual and online schools designed to provide alternative learning opportunities for students in surrounding school districts insofar as those virtual schools do not divert funds or resources from localities. Virtual and online schools should comply with Virginia's Standards of Accreditation.

**Principal** (Bruce Butler) –

- Slideshow of school activities
- FCPS will be equipping high school with video cameras in the cafeteria and the locker bays so as to deter food fights and theft. Mr. Butler sought and received permission from the PTSA to install these video cameras.

### **Upcoming dates**

- Oct. 17-21: Homecoming Week
- Oct. 25: ANGP Meeting 7pm Career Center
- Oct. 27: College Essay Workshop 2 – 4pm (Acad. Boosters)  
Academic Boosters Meeting 7pm
- Oct. 29: Mock SAT 8:45am – 12:45pm (Acad. Boosters)
- Nov. 2: Mock SAT Feedback 7 – 8:30pm (Acad. Boosters)
- Nov. 7-8: Student Holidays
- Nov. 9: PTSA Meeting 7pm Media Center
- Nov. 10: Academic letter and National Honor Society
- Nov. 17: Acad. Booster Meeting 9:30am
- Nov. 18: Honor Roll Breakfast
- Nov. 19: Mock ACT 8:45am – 12:45pm (Acad. Boosters)