

PTSA Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2011

VP Programs (Susan Brownsword) – **South Lakes Journalism Students’ Presentation**

Emily Lipscomb and **Kaitlin Welker**, co-managing editors of the South Lakes Sentinel, presented about the student’s online newspaper. There was also a print issue of the newspaper at the meeting. The Sentinel is at www.southlakessentinel.com. The Sentinel is updated daily with news events in the school and the community. **Mr. Philip Dignan** in the English Department oversees the student newspaper. The newspaper is very good this year and is likely to receive a few national awards. You can receive daily email updates by providing your email address at www.southlakessentinel.com/category/sentinel-supporters/. For making contributions to the Sentinel, please contact Mr. Dignan at Philip.Dignan@fcps.edu.

Approval of Minutes (Shashi Kuppa) – The October 12, 2011 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

President (Susan Sather) – Looking for ways to increase PTA membership among teachers.

Treasurer (Jody Wolfe) – Treasurer’s report was reviewed. There is \$30,432 in the bank.

Academic Boosters (Kim Shoop, Joan Lynch) -

- College application essay sessions are going well. Volunteers are always welcome. Please sign up at the PTSA website www.southlakesptsa.org.
- The next TOK Writer’s Workshop is on November 30th. Plan to further expand next year.
- Distribution of student directory is on November 17.

Membership (Ann Confer) – This year 60% of membership was through paypal. Membership is still trickling in. Income through donations is higher than that from membership dues. Thank you notes to donors are sent via email.

ANGP (Joan Burkhart) –

- Poinsettia sales have started.
- Fundraiser at Flippin’ Pizza on November 30th. 50% of proceeds go to ANGP
- Next meeting on November 29th (4th Tuesday of the month)

Principal (Bruce Butler) –

- Mr. Lehman is heading a committee for “Rethinking Homework.” The committee will review various homework policies and expectations and provide guidelines and best practices for the school. Mr. Lehman is looking for 2 parents to serve on the committee. The committee meets on Wednesday from 2:30 to 3:30 pm. The current meeting dates are confirmed – November, 9, 16, 30, and December 7 and 14.

Upcoming dates

- Nov. 11: Academic Letter Ceremony
- Nov. 17: Acad. Booster Meeting 9:30am
- Nov. 18: Honor Roll Breakfast
- Nov. 19: Mock ACT 8:45am – 12:45pm (Acad. Boosters)
with results and test strategies presented on Dec. 7 at 7pm in the Lecture Hall
- Nov. 21: College Application Workshop 2 – 4pm
- Nov. 29: ANGP Meeting 7pm in the Career Center
- Dec. 12: College Application Workshop 2 – 4pm
- Dec. 14: PTSA Exec. Board Meeting 7pm at Susan Sather’s house