

Sunrise Valley Elementary School (SVES) PTA General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 10, 2018, 7:00 pm – SVES Library

- 1) **Call to order and President's remarks:** The meeting was called to order by PTA President Megan Murphy at 7:04 pm. The secretary (Lange) was present.
- 2) **Members present:** Please see sign-in sheet. A quorum was established
- 3) **The September General Meeting minutes** were circulated. Approval was delayed to the end of the meeting.
- 4) **Principal's Report:** Mr. West reported that we are about to experience the longest undisturbed stretch of school in the next three weeks (10/15-11/2). Our school population is almost at 600 and will probably exceed that number by Thanksgiving. Also, Mr. West announced that he will be hosting Principal's coffees soon to meet parents and engage in open dialogue. Look for times and location in your "News You Can Choose" email. If you have anything you want to talk about, please email Mr. West.
- 5) **Officer Reports:**
 - **President's Report:** Murphy announced that we've kicked off our 40th Anniversary campaign. The committee social held on September 27th was fun! Our operating budget has been approved. Murphy informed everyone that we will be setting guidelines on spending money and unless you are a chair with a budget, there will be a limit set. Bike and walk to school this morning was a success. Thank you to Ms. Allen for obtaining a grant for bicycling education and for shirts!
 - **Treasurer:** Deborah Nelson confirmed that the operating budget has been approved. Yeah! The position of Co-Treasurer is open. This would be great training for next school year.
 - **Membership:** Julie Hanssen Harris reported that we are currently at 185 members. We need 40 more people and \$2600 more to meet our membership goals. Tell your friends and neighbors to join us! Harris introduced our Sunshine Group- which is open to any non-traditional family members, especially grandparents. On 10/2/18, Harris, Whitney Nordmore and Lauren Trombley introduced themselves to SVES teachers and introduced the concept of Teacher Liasons and PTA mini grants. There are currently 28 teacher members of our PTA and we want to add more Ts (teachers) to our PTA.
 - **Events:** Report given by Stacey Graf and Kim Ellis. First event coming up is the Fall Festival on October 19. Volunteers are needed for craft and game stations. October 26 is the South Lakes High School Homecoming Parade. A convertible, candy and a parade coordinator are still needed. If you'd like to walk in the parade, meet at Hunters Woods Shopping Center at 4:30 pm on 10/26.
 - **Programs/Enrichment:** Co-chair is still needed. Report by Laura Schweitzer. Baroody Camps is only holding classes three mornings a week due to low enrollment. We need ideas- winter is coming!

- Communications: Kara Manton & Jessica Bigger. Deadline for weekly newsletter is Friday at 7 PM. The Tuesday newsletter operates on a mostly first come, first served basis. Priority and timing are always considered.
 - Fundraising: Report given by Mary Beth Robinson. Link your Harris Teeter VIC card to SVES PTA. Many fundraising opportunities are coming this year, including raffles at the Fall Festival and Original Artworks in the spring. Sponsorships and auction items are still needed for the 40th Anniversary campaign and the 40th Anniversary Spring Gala.
 - President Elect: Position is open. “Do it!” said Murphy.
- 6) **40th Anniversary Chair:** Report given by Antonia Blackwood. Katy Reed has taken the position of 40th Anniversary Spring Gala Chair. Kai Chung (kaichung98@gmail.com) is the Alumni Chair and Julie Hanssen Harris is the Commemorative Brick Chair. In 9 weeks, we’ve raised \$9,200- including sponsorships from BB&T, The Chung Family, TM Wealth Management and Dorie Howell Photography. Additional committee members still needed. Stacey Graf will be hosting a host committee social on November 8th. Dr. Chung will be hosting a craft fair featuring the Northern Virginia Handcrafters Guild at her home on Saturday, December 8th from 11 am – 4 pm. Proceeds will benefit the 40th Anniversary campaign.
- 7) **Special Guest:** Shelia Murphy (SVES school counselor) introduced Karen Holly from the The FCPS Parent Resource Center (PRC). The PRC offers a welcoming and engaging environment for parents, educators and community members to access information and resources to support the success of all students, including those with learning challenges, special needs and disabilities. Free workshops, confidential consultations and over 6,000 lending library materials are available at the PRC.
- The FCPS Parent Resource Center – Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services
Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. pre@fcps.com 703-204-3941
2334 Gallows Road, Room 105, Dunn Loring, Virginia 22027
- 8) **Votes:** Allison Glennon made a motion to approve the September General Meeting Minutes. It was seconded and approved.
- 9) **New Business:** None.
- 10) **Rockstar Parking:** Congratulations, Whitney Nordmore!

Close: Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Approved as presented: ____ Date: _____

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