



**Sunrise Valley Elementary School (SVES) PTA General Meeting Minutes**  
**January 3, 2018, 9:30 am**  
**SVES Cafeteria**

1) Call to order: The meeting was called to order by PTA President Megan Murphy at 9:38 am in the cafeteria. The corresponding secretary started recording the minutes.

2) Members present: Please see sign-in sheet. A quorum was established.

3) Principal's report –Principal Kevin West:

January 5 is Blue/Yellow Spirit Day

January 12 is the deadline for Advanced Academic referral forms for 3rd graders and older. The deadline is enforced by FCPS and is firm. No late submission will be accepted.

January 15 is MLK Jr Day and a school holiday.

January 25 is the last day of the quarter with a two hour early release at 2:05 pm.

January 26 and 29 are teacher workdays and student holidays.

The FCPS calendar for 2018-2019 school year was approved. Highlights include school starting the Tuesday before Labor Day (August 28), early dismissals will be three hours instead of two, and winter break will be two weeks.

Budget season is coming up and will include budgets for fiscal year 2019 ("FY19"). Our school budget starts with the superintendent's budget, which gets passed to the School Board, who adjusts it, and then it goes to the Fairfax County government. Mr. West can answer questions and may plan a Principal's coffee to discuss the budget.

4) Murphy gave an update on PTA funding/membership since the December 6 meeting— An anonymous donor gave \$1065 towards the purchase of three laptops for the school and the Weekend Backpack Program has received a generous donation. We have had five new PTA members since the December 6 meeting, including two teachers.

5) The December General Meeting minutes were approved. The recording secretary continued recording minutes.

6) Officer Reports

- Treasurer: Report given by Stacey Graf. We paid for Original Works and we made \$850 more than we planned. We also made more than \$550 more than we planned for Skate Night. We've had a few donations for Backpack program and the general PTA fund. Next year Deborah Nelson says we can do the budget by month so we can track year-to-date progress.
- Backpack Program: Report given by Megan Murphy in Nina Kellerman's absence. We received some donations this morning. There was a discussion about the pros and cons of keeping the Backpack program in house and the pros and cons of allocating proceeds from the upcoming Cub Scout Carnival to backpack or technology needs.
- Events: Report given by Colleen Elliott  
Bingo Night (3/2) – Gerald Savala is organizing that.

SWYN (3/14) – Needs Chairperson to help Andy Gallagher as Elaine Turner is now not able to do it. Allison Glennon volunteered to help Andy this year.

Basketball Challenge (4/6 against Fox Mill school - Nancy Darmory will put a call out for volunteers. We need coaches for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade team and a pep rally coach for the kindergarten and first graders. There will also be a Sign-up genius for dessert and selling tickets. Stacey Graf volunteered to do pep squad coaching if she has help. It was reported that 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher Ms. Bowser wants to help.

- Programs: Report given by Gamble Gilbertson – Winter Enrichment is going smoothly. If FCPS has a delayed open or closed due to weather there is no enrichment that morning. Selena Cobb will be the volunteer wrangler for the winter session. Spring paperwork will be started soon. There will be a planning meeting for a girls running club. Gilbertson would like to recruit a Deputy or Co-Manager next year with that person taking on programs the following year.
- Communications: Report given by Julie Hanssen Harris. The Facebook group has 249 members, up 4 since last meeting. We have 4 new members to PTBoard, a total of 293. We are exploring doing a PTBoard newsletter and doing the bulletin less frequently. Beth Shaw is joining the team to help with technology.
- President Elect: Murphy reported in Julie Lele’s absence – Original Works should be wrapped-up soon. A few people had missing items. January 24 (5-9 pm) is the next Destination Dining event at Thai Tada in Herndon. One Life is an organization we may work with on the Backpack program.

7) Voting:

Mini-Grant Requests: Ms. Candell, School Based Technology Specialist, presented a mini-grant request for Dash and Dot robots which are used with apps like Blockly and students can program and make the robots move. She would like to build a robotics program at the school. The amount requested was \$357.99 but it is pointed out that it is currently cheaper at Target and other sites. There is a mini-grant allowance for specialists and per grade of \$400.

Motion by Stacey Graf: I move that we approve this request for funding for the School Based Technology. The motion was seconded and adopted.

8) New Mascot – Murphy reported that next year is the school’s 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and it would be fun to have an official mascot. Julie Hanssen Harris suggested the kids should vote on a few suitable options proposed by the PTA.

9) Technology Drive/Innovation Lab: Report given by Julie Hanssen Harris and Kara Manton –Principal West will talk with the Fox Mill principal and see what they do there. We have begun talking with Ms. Candell. We need to form a committee around trying to create an Innovation Lab in the school. Mr. West will take this idea to the school leadership team. We also want to start encouraging fundraising towards this. Murphy suggested it is time to form a 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee.

10) New Business

- Phoebe Avery said some student’s works from November Grace Arts on Alma Thomas will be submitted to Grace Arts to exhibit on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Town Center during a full day event for all schools participating in Grace Arts. Also some will be displayed on school walls. Ms. Brown will help choose the works.

Close: Meeting adjourned at 10:36 am.

Minutes:

Approved as presented:

Date:

Approved as corrected:

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Date: 3/12/18  
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Secretary (Signature)

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19	Antonia Blackwood		yes
20	Megan Murphy		yes
21	Stacey Graf		yes
22	Julie H#		yes
23	Kara Mardon		yes
24	Sandra Gilbertson		yes!
25	Deborah Nelson		yes
26	Colleen Elliott		yes