

**Fairfax High School
PTSA Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2008**

Attendees:

Scott Brabrand, Mark Campbell, Beth Dail, Frances Dowd, Barbara Emerson, Kum Gale, Linda Hancock, Tammy Harper, Pearl Johnson, Clai Jorgensen, Celeste Kacedan, Susan Kuck, Teresa Liarakos, Lisa MacCommon, Renate Manville, Toni Milmoie, Diane Mortiere, Paul Singleton, Steve Singman, Pam Snyder, Joan Szabo, Judy Thurston, Pam Wagner, Kay Walters, Janice Wyatt

Student Representative: Frances Dowd

- Leadership Class- planned Homecoming events- 1200 students attended the dance.
- Upcoming tailgates planned for next two home football games
- Canned Food Drive is the next project
- School-wide events- leadership class divides into groups- one group may work on the trophy case

Career Experience Specialist for Fairfax Academy: Gwen Plummer

- Creative Leader's Project
- Showed video: "Shift Happens"
- Industrial Economy has shifted to Knowledge Economy/Information Age
- 21st Century- jobs will be short term & portable
- Increase creative fields
- Language skills important
- Portable career skills- Creativity Design & Innovation
Communication & Collaborative
Problem solving
Leadership
Global awareness
Media & Technology
- Project between the Academy & Apple Federal Credit Union- \$30,000 for 2 years launched May 2008
- Increase career skills
- Prepare to be leaders & entrepreneurs
- Sept. 24: Creative Leaders 101- Communication and Motivational speaker
- In Dec., will have a Creative Leader's Day
- Signature Projects for 2nd yr students- CLP scholarships to outstanding student projects
- Innovative Assessment
- Alumni Network- virtual & live
- Creative Leaders Council
- Created a new, exciting atmosphere at the Academy

Gold Card Rewards Program: Steve Singman

- Rebel Gold Card is given to recognize students for what they do academically (3.0 average w/o Fs at the end of the quarter).

- Business partners give discounts (last year- 9 businesses gave discounts). Would like to get 25-30 businesses this year.
- Parents are needed in the next 2-3 weeks to get additional business to "join us in recognizing academic achievement."
- Students show the gold card & student ID to get a discount
- Close to 1000 students qualify each quarter
- Gave out copy of Dr. Brabrand's letter & list of potential businesses
- Fairfax Community Coalition- work with parents & kids & deal with risky behaviors (alcohol, other drugs & internet safety)- Nov 6th- Parenting for Prevention 7:00pm to 9:00pm in Cafeteria

Principal's Report: Dr. Brabrand

- Presented data about graduation rate (VA= 81%, Fx Co=91%, FHS= 92%)
He will share more data at next meeting.
- Dr. Brabrand believes that students should take Honor, Pre-AP & AP that they can take & do well- Opens more doors!
- 1st Quarter Interims- 2008- More women are going for the Advanced Diploma at FHS. Men need more encouragement to pursue this diploma.
- Great Homecoming Events!!
- Dr. Brabrand told students the use/abuse of drugs/ alcohol is up and he encouraged students to make good choices.
- The Drug/Alcohol Counselor is available every day and discussions are confidential.
- Confidentiality issues come into play when a teacher notices drug or alcohol use. Teachers can go to counselor.
- Nov. 11th- Rebel Round Up

President's Report: Clai Jorgensen

- Fairfax County Budget- very important- need to have input on what is being cut- several upcoming dates. This is a year to be involved! Record deficit! Speak up! Cuts will happen- how big?
- Issues: Keep classes size down
Academy Transportation (may be cut)

Secretary: Clare Talbert

- September minutes accepted.

Treasurer: Lisa MacCammon

- \$12, 029.82 in account

Athletic Boosters: Mary DeOrnellas

- Tues. Nov. 18th- Sports Banquet
- Nov. 10th – Winter Sports Begin- No one can try out without a physical.
- If you played a fall sport, your physical will be on file.
- The VHSL physical form must be completed.
- Student-athletes will need to sign an activity pledge (one for each sport) and another completed emergency care form (one per sport).
- Check the athletic booster web site (www.fairfaxhighsports.org) for updated schedules, all forms and information.

Band Boosters: Joan Szabo

- Fundraisers orders due Oct. 30th (greens, citrus, cookies, cheesecake, poinsettias)
- 7:30 Oct. 29th Masquerade Concert
- Oct. 26th Halloween Parade
- Lanier students coming to Football Game

Orchestra Boosters: Tammy Harper

- Oct. 29th Concert- Costumes, Pumpkin Decorating & Pie Sales

Cluster VII

- Is anyone able to attend meeting Weds. at 9am at Chantilly?

Directories

- Pick up is going slowly
- Can buy additional copies for \$6.00
- 292 have been sold/ bought 600

Newsletter

- To be taken off the mailing list, follow steps in newsletter

Junior Class (2010)

- Fundraiser at Five Guys 11:00-9:00 Tues/Weds

Teacher of the Year

- Nominees will get a certificate
- Teacher of the Year will be announced tomorrow.

Rebel Round Up

- Nov. 11th 7:20am - 9:20am

Academic Recognition

- Nov. 5th- Speaker: CEO of Apple FCU
- Over 500 Students will be recognized.

Vision Screening

- Need volunteers for 10/28/08 & 10/29/08

Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm.