

**Fairfax High School  
PTSA Meeting Minutes  
October 19, 2009**

**Attendees:**

Teryl Baker, Lynne Fernandes, Dave Goldfarb, Tammy Harper, Chris Johnston, Clai Jorgensen, Susan Kuck, Lisa MacCammon, Marcy Miller, Diane Mortiere, Joshua Rickwald, Laurie Ross, Joan Szabo, Clare Talbert, Janice Wyatt

**City of Fairfax School Board Members:** Janice Miller, Julie Knight, Elisa Lueck and Jon Buttram

- Fairfax City contracts with FCPS for school services- it is an unique arrangement.
- The school board is working on ways to communicate with school community (city & county).
- An email community has been set up.
- There will be a webpage for school news.
- The Close Up Publication will be published monthly online. There will be an option to have it mailed.
- Will use Channel 12- Cox News- Public School Announcements
- May establish a school board speakers bureau.
- Janice Miller attended the budget meeting- news is grim!
- Community needs to let them know what is most important to students.

**Chris Johnston** (Music & Technology class) and 2 of his students

- He and his students would like the PTSA to sponsor the Reflections program.
- His 2 students are composers. There aren't many competitions in this field. It is important for rising arts students to take part in a competition. Students would enjoy taking part.
- Students enter through their base school, so a sponsor is needed.
- PTSA needs to go through steps to allow students to apply.
- Need a Reflections Coordinator (yearly coordinator)- the time commitment is in the Fall
- Areas include: Dance, Choreography, Film, Literary, Music, Photography, Visual Arts
- This year the theme is: "Beauty is..."

**Principal's Report: Dave Goldfarb**

- Dave is willing to bring in staff/students to present various programs to the PTSA.
- He has visited several classrooms as well as chorus and attended field hockey games.
- R&R started 2 weeks ago.
- Freshman transition program is in progress.
- FCPS will be a different place for the next 2 years.
- How can we provide services to students without overwhelming staff?
- Wants to do a parent survey- maybe at Rebel Roundup.

- Are there programs that the PTSA would like to hear about? (Gang issues, AP Boot Camp)
- Senior privileges include: senior only dining room and courtyard, lockers in same location, 1<sup>st</sup> to get parking passes, released 3 minutes early from 2<sup>nd</sup> block class, (the senior only lunch line was denied), can change mural in courtyard if it is done by professional/skilled painters, and released at 2:00 on Fridays.

**Minutes of September Meeting: Clare Talbert**

- September minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report: Susan Kuck**

- Budget and audit were approved.

**Newsletter: Laurie Ross, Joan Szabo**

- Articles are due.

**Academic Boosters: Shelly Bechert, Susan Kuck**

- Donations raised \$1689.00
- Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> Academic Recognition Ceremony (during the day) 9:10 to 10:20 followed by a dessert reception. Parents will be invited. Fred Bowen is the speaker. His topic is "Ethics." Ann Voss (librarian) arranged for him to come. Volunteers will be needed. Susan attended the course review meeting. 6 courses were proposed: American Sign Language 4, Computer Graphics 4, Photography 4, Geosystems Honors, Geographic Information Systems and Engineering Math.

**Band Boosters: Joan Szabo**

- Band received 1<sup>st</sup> place at Oakton Classic Competition.
- Going to compete at JMU Parade of Champions.
- 6 Fundraisers are going on.
- Tag day raised \$24,000 and more envelopes are coming in.

**Orchestra Boosters: Tammy Harper**

- Concert on Wed. October 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Pie fundraiser is going on.

**Cheerleading: Tammy Harper**

- JV came in 1<sup>st</sup> place and Freshman came in 2<sup>nd</sup> at competition held at Fairfax.

**African American Achievers: Teryl Baker**

- Teryl is new and would like more information about the budget and possible fundraisers.

**President's Report: Clai Jorgensen**

- Athletic Boosters: Annette McCormick. There may be a charge for athletics next year.
- Teacher of the Year applications are due.
- Jimi Gibson (hypnotist) is coming next Sunday.
- Please sign up for Giant/Safeway/Bloom programs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.