

**Fairfax High School
PTSA Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 25, 2010**

Attendees:

Wayne Applewhite, Shelly Bechert, Lora Brzezynski, Mark Campbell, Lucy Edwards, Inge Gedo, David Goldfarb, Heike Harrup, Susan Kuck, Sheila Long, Katie MacCammon, Toni Milmo, Laurie Ross, Joan Szabo, Clare Talbert, Janice Wyatt, Allison Young

Clare (filling in for Clai) welcomed everyone at 7:10.

Student Representative: Katie MacCammon

- Leadership Class- plans events
- Upcoming: Bonfire on Feb, 15th after Boys Basketball game.
- Winter Dance was canceled.
- Leadership sponsored a Lunch Lady Luncheon during R & R.
- They produce "Pride Time Television" segments.
- Gater Ball is scheduled for Sat. Mar. 27th.
- Spring- Powder Puff and Mr. Fairfax or Talent Show
- Dance may be rescheduled and will be free.
- Why aren't there more dances? Because turnout for dances is low.
- Teacher Luncheon
- Ticket sales- money goes to Student Gov't
- Leadership Class is required to do 5 hours of service per quarter.
- "It is fun to be involved in the school."
- Planning for next year's Homecoming starts this Spring.

AP Program: Allison Young

- Curriculum Night is next week
- Want students to challenge themselves and pursue their interests
- What do AP scores get students? AP scores range 1-5. Most colleges want scores of 4 to 5.
- Some colleges give credit, sometimes exempt from class only- this varies from college to college (Sometimes credit can be used for an elective.)

- Allison coordinates the AP Program and AP Boot Camp.
- Note: There is a report in the Career Center about where FHS students applied to college and where they were admitted.

Librarian: Ann Voss

- Ann was not able to attend but sent this report:
According to the latest word from Library Services, the libraries will receive 75% of their current allocation. This is the fourth year in a row library budgets have been reduced. Librarians are keeping a low profile, and hope we will not lose any more money. Thank you for your continuing support of the library.

Principal's Report: Dave Goldfarb

- 2010-2011 budget session tonight
- Budget Process:
 - Superintendent
 - School Board
 - Board of Supervisors
- Some proposed changes:
 - Reduce full day kindergarten
 - Eliminate elementary band and orchestra (this will impact middle and high school band and orchestra programs)
 - Eliminate world language class
 - Increase class size
 - Freeze professional development funding/conference funding
 - No raises
 - Some cuts in administrators (FHS is growing- may not lose administrators)
- These will impact the way we do business.
- We have to keep moral high.
- FHS continues to grow in enrollment.
- Will tech support be impacted?
- One danger is if we get by with less, then we will not get it back!
- Cuts in freshman sports will have an impact
- Thankful for extra support of the City of Fairfax School Board!
- Feb. 3rd- Curriculum Night (600 rising 9th graders)- can find out about Academy Programs
- New 12th grade principal will be named soon. (Ms. Allen was promoted.)

- Marcy Miller's position will be advertised in Feb.- the new person will begin working this year

Secretary's Report: Clare Talbert

- Minutes for November 2009 were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Susan Kuck

- Current balance: \$9,470
- Paid PTA dues \$1,300- local and national
- Paid \$400 speaker- Academic Awards

Academy Classes: Heike Harrup

- Heike now works 50% of her time at FHS and 50% at Fall Church HS
- FHS has Chinese, Korean, Dance, Music & Computer Tech, Fashion Design, Professional Graphics, Professional Musical Theater, Professional Photography, Professional Television
- These classes are typically for juniors & seniors.
- A great opportunity for students
- A student may visit Academy Classes before applying with a special visitors form authorized from his/her counselor. He or she can sit in on one block.

Giant/Safeway/Bloom/Target Programs: Lora Brzezynski

- FHS has received the following from these programs:
 Giant- \$1,300
 Bloom- \$400
 Safeway-\$950
 Target- \$275
- Giant has a Writing Contest for 9-12 graders (prizes will be awarded)
 Topic: What would you want President Obama to do for education that would improve your school?
 This will be put in Keep In Touch.

Academic Boosters: Shelly Bechert/Susan Kuck

- Over 600 students got their academic letter this Fall
- Should we change the grade requirements?
- Current 3.5 GPA
- Other schools- 3.75 or 3.8 GPA

- Shelly & Susan are looking for people to take over Academic Boosters next year.

Questions for Clai:

- Will PTSA provide the breakfast for the Career Fair?
- Will PTSA give \$125 to defray the cost of the speaker for College Planning Night? He is from Guilford College and has been highly rated by attendees.

Band Boosters: Joan Szabo

- District Band Feb. 4-6 at Woodson HS
- All State Band Try out- Feb. 27th

Chorus Boosters: Laurie Ross

- Cabaret Night on Feb, 4th

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.