

**Folly Quarter Middle School
PTA Executive Board Meeting
September 20, 2007**

Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm and introductions of new board were made.

President Rohner acknowledged the work of the Staff Appreciation Committee for the staff breakfast and passed around a thank you note from the staff.

Principal – Dr. Perkins

- The school had a smooth opening with little staff turnover.
- Established a new partnership with the Coho Grill restaurant.
- Principal's Council selection will begin
 - o Two students per week from each grade will be selected.
 - o The council will answer questions and discuss school improvement topics.
 - o Students will serve throughout the year.
- September 19 was National Backpack Safety Day. Students were selected at random to have their backpack weighed. The pack should weigh no more than 15% of the child's bodyweight. There will continue to be weigh-ins throughout the year.

Vice Principal – Mrs. Rout

- Spoke about the Respect program and door decorating, as well as "Everyone's a Star" effort to acknowledge appropriate behaviors and reward students.
- FQMS established a "bus sponsor" for each school bus this year. One staff member is assigned to each bus to help with problem-solving for the students and serve as a point of contact for the bus driver.
- The bus drivers have been very appreciative of the added communication as well as the small gifts they have received.

Staff Reports

- Mrs. Szalecki provided a list of Dates to Remember:
 - o 9/25 – Student Pictures, Back to Band Night, Back to School Night
 - o 9/26 – 6th Grade – Groovy Science
 - o 10/4 – Family Life meeting, 7:00pm
 - o 10/5 – Progress Reports go home
 - o 10/10-12 – 6th Grade Outdoor Education
 - o 10/17 – 8th Grade Hearing and Vision screening

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- Mr.s. Szalecki also inquired about the dollar amounts for reimbursements available to teachers.
 - o \$50 for each teacher for supplies (\$100 for a new teacher)
 - o \$27 for TeacherWeb
 - o \$25 for each instructional assistant for supplies
 - o There was a question of how much, if any, itinerant staff should receive. An amount of \$25 was proposed but Mrs. Szalecki is to check on what these staff members receive from the other schools at which they teach.
 - o Debbie Oldhouser requested a list of staff in each category (teachers, instructional assistants, itinerant staff).
- Mrs. Machado
 - o 8th Grade assembly in honor of Hispanic Day
 - Held on October 16th
 - Chose Guatemala, Mrs. Machado contacted the Guatemalan Embassy and someone (possibly the Ambassador) will attend on the 16th
 - Still trying to identify a band to play at the assembly
 - o The French teacher would like \$200 to purchase a teaching aid (concentration board and French noun set).
 - Janet Rohner moved to support the request. Dr. Perkins seconded the motion.
 - Money to come from the Instruction and Learning Aid line item of the budget.
 - o Language Club to be established in 3rd quarter as an academic intramural.
 - One hour per week, after school
 - Possible field trip to French restaurant or Spanish tapas restaurant.

Treasurer – Debbie Oldhouser

- Presented the final budget from last year and the proposed for this year.
- Will present an abbreviated version for approval at the General Membership meeting on September 25, 2007.
- If PTA committee members need a check from Debbie, they should submit a disbursement request form, available on the PTA website, to Debbie. It should be dated for this year (July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008) and left in her mailbox at school. The committee chairperson must initial all disbursement requests.
- To give Debbie money/checks, members should contact her and arrange a time/place to pass the money to her. Small amounts may be left in her mailbox.

Delegate – Venu Iyengar

- A delegate meeting was held on September 4th.
- The capital budget received \$80 million.
- Discussion of renovations at old schools and architectural reviews.

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- No new elementary schools planned.
- One middle school planned for Western Howard County in 2013.
- Discussed advantages/discounts for being a PTA member.
- PTA council dues need to be paid by FQMS PTA.
- Networking session for PTA members to be held on October 29th at Faulkner Ridge.
- Community Advisory Council representative is wanted for the Board of Education.

President – Janet Rohner

- Back to School Night
 - o PTA portion will consist of a PowerPoint presentation and Laurie Moody will go over the magazine drive.
 - o A light dinner will be provided by the PTA for the staff.
 - o Spirit Wear will be sold.
 - o Other tables will be set up – Brick Garden, Membership, after school vendors – people are needed to man the tables.
- Magazine Drive
 - o \$16,000 in the first week.
 - o 7th grade is leading so far.
 - o The magazine company donated prizes this year.
- Brick Garden
 - o Found a new company for the bricks
 - o Holly Core and Pam Carnock to chair the committee.
 - o \$35 for a brick.

Committee Reports

- **Cultural Arts – Heidi Trout**
 - o FQMS PTA received two grants this year for cultural arts.
 - o Gail Danly will present Slam Poetry for the 4th year. It is a two week program for the 8th grade.
 - o Slam and Jam assembly will be on November 9th.
 - o Outdoor Education will have a presentation from Chesapeake Critters.
 - o 6th Grade will receive a presentation called “Groovy Science.”
- **Book Fair – Donna Flemister**
 - o October 22-26 students may visit and make their “wish list.”
 - o Currently scheduling volunteers to staff the book fair.
 - o October 29th- open for sales
 - o Spring book fair is being scheduled – possibly the night of the Enrichment Fair.
- **After School Programs**
 - o New this year – fashion art
 - o Cheerleading clinic to be held in spring.
- **Spirit Wear**

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- Off to a great start.
- Report sent by committee chair Leah Healey.
- **Garden Committee** to plant pansies for the fall.

Closing

- Still looking at filling a few vacant committee chair positions.
- Any updates for the website should be forwarded to Dana Potts.
- Adjourned at 8:50pm.