**Haycock PTA Meeting Minutes**

May 20, 2015 7:00 pm

**1. Call to Order and President’s Report**

1. Whereupon at 7:05 p.m. Karen Leiser called to order the general meeting of the Haycock PTA. Per the sign-in sheets, there were \_\_ people in attendance.
2. Bagels – There are some individually wrapped bagels left from the Fun Run. Please take some home tonight!
3. June PTA Meeting – our next and final meeting for the year is Friday, June 5th in the morning immediately following the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast which is sponsored by the teachers. It will be held in room 145 – in the new wing. We will elect our officers for next school year, and recognize our volunteers and our graduating/departing parents.
4. Open Positions – We still need to fill the positions of PRESIDENT, VP OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, AND VP OF FUNDRAISING. If you are interested in any of the positions or know someone who is, please let me know.
   1. Committee Chairs – please stop in the main office to check your mailbox. There are many that are full and we need to get them cleared out before the end of the year.

**2. Treasurer’s Report (Heather Kimmel):**

* 1. All the line items are in good shape as we move to the end of the year.
  2. Heather highlighted our school support categories. We made our final payment

to the school to cover the technology funds allocated in the original budget. Also, as a result of the vote in April, we delivered at check for $50,000 to the school to put towards the purchase of renovation related furniture and furnishings for the school.

**3. General VP (Alison Seddon)**

The directory sale is continuing and we have some still available for $5 if you need one/lost one/want an extra - send in your request.

**4.** **Vice President of Social Events (Laura Sachwitz)**

* + 1. The Fun Run this past weekend was a big success. We had 375 participants.
    2. Thank you for picking up your packets at Road Runner Sports – we got a $350

donation from them for your efforts.

* + 1. Thank you to Alicia Sutherland and Sherri Sirotzky for all their work to coordinate

the event.

**5. VP of Curriculum Enhancement** (**Tara Tanner)**

1. Junior Achievement is being presented in our classrooms from now until the end

of the year. Thank you to the parent volunteers.

1. The Brain Show, our last assembly of the year (and favorite of many kids!), is

coming up on Monday, June 8th. Many kids don’t like to miss out.

**6**. **VP of Fundraising (Christie Johnson)**

You should have received a yellow flyer in your Tuesday folder this week. We are conducting a final end of year fundraiser to raise some extra funds to help provide additional programming support to Haycock so that Dr. Sheers can trade some of her program funds for other resources that will benefit the school. Donations will be accepted through June 4th. This was not planned in our original budget, so we will vote at our final PTA meeting on giving the funds raised to the school before the end of our budget year.

**7. VP of Community Affairs (Victoria Lippincott)**

1. Thank you to the Autism Committee for their work in April and especially the

school wide puzzle. If you have not seen it, the puzzle pieces are on display on the wall leading to the new cafeteria. Each student at Haycock was able to contribute. It looks great!

1. Tonight after the meeting the PTA is sponsoring a discussion about the book *The*

*Good Enough Child* by Brad Sachs. Even if you haven’t read it, we hope you will stay and participate in the discussion that will be lead by local Psychologist and Safe Community Coalition member Mimi Weisberg.

**8. Secretary (Amy Kales-not in attendance)**

Approval of April Minutes: Motion was made by Leanne King to approve the April Minutes and the motion was seconded by Tara Tanner. With all in favor and none opposed, the motion passed.

**9. Principal’s Report (Dr. Sheers)**

* 1. Thank you to the PTA to doing this extra fundraising. I would not be making the

trades if I thought that it would have a negative impact on our students, however, the extra program funds will help me to not have to be so frugal with our budget next year.

* 1. Thank you so much to all the parents and PTA committees for all of the

appreciation weeks in April & May – Administrative Assistant Appreciation Week, Principal’s Appreciation Week and especially Teacher Appreciation Week. We know that for parents (especially those of you with more than one child at Haycock) that it can be a lot, we are very grateful for all your support.

* 1. Final Phasing Timeline for the Renovation –
     1. We are working with the Project Mangers to go over the timing for the next phases. Although they had planned to have the new Office Area ready for the start of the new school year, they are now planning to turn that area over in October. They were concerned about all the things that need to be accomplished this summer that affect the student areas. So, we are making those the priority. That will leave Anne Rosenbaum’s closet/office and the current front office as the areas to be worked on after October.
     2. It means that we should be starting the school year with what feels like a brand new building for our students. We will have new classrooms with new furnishings.
     3. The summer will be a very busy time at Haycock. They will be working to finish the 2nd grade wing; the POD area including those classrooms; The Library (the offices are being relocated to the other side of the library); some work in the GYM, and the classrooms and closets (that we use as offices!) that have not been renovated yet. They also have slated to finish the Westmoreland Kiss and Ride.
     4. The power will be cut to the modular on June 22nd and it will be removed as will the duplex and quads on the blacktop area. They are all going. They need to do work on piping that runs underground in that entire area. That area will eventually become field space and new blacktop areas include some new basketball courts.
     5. Also by the fall, the new parking lot (in the area where the modular is located right now) will be completed and will include a turnaround area so we could use it as a second Kiss and Ride; which we might need to have with the new bell schedule.
     6. If you were not aware, our Assistant Principal got married almost 3 weeks ago – and is now Mrs. Riley!
  2. SOL Status Update

Despite the fact that there have been Pearson issues with the VA SOL testing, we have been just fine at Haycock so far. We did have an issue where our 5th graders had to wait longer than normal to submit their tests, but it did not affect anyone taking the test. We had one student today who had not finished when the test went off-line, but all in all things are going very smoothly here this year. We have a week and a half left!

* 1. School-wide Field Trip
     1. Thank you to all the parents who came to chaperone the School Wide Field Trip. Despite some initial anxiety about taking everyone on a hike we had a fantastic day.
     2. Our kids loved being outdoors and having the freedom to explore and run and play. Several students have said it was their favorite of all the school-wide field trips we have taken.
  2. School Budget Issues
     1. Dr. Sheers shared that she had already posted to on Facebook, but she is encouraging parents to get actively included in the Budget issues facing FCPS. In going through hiring process this spring she has lost two experienced candidates who took jobs in Arlington because they can make $10,000 to $15,000 more annually for the same job.
     2. She has a colleague at a school close to here who has lost 4 current staff members who are moving to teach in Arlington
     3. We can’t compete with schools that are just 5 minutes up the road. If the teacher salaries are not raised, we just can’t compete. She encouraged parents to voice their opinions to the Board of Supervisors.
     4. Victoria added that if this is an issue you are passionate about, you can take the open position next year as VP of Community Affairs. It will be an important issue next school year.
  3. Questions
     1. A question was asked about how long the Autism Puzzle can remain installed in the temporary cafeteria hallway. Dr. Sheers shared that it should be taken down prior to the end of the school year due to the construction work that will be happening this summer. And to them, summer starts as soon as the busses pull out on the last day.

Whereupon, Sally Johnson made motion to adjourn. Victoria Lippincott seconded. There were no objections. And at 7:25 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

**Submitted by Christie Johnson**

**VP of Curriculum Enhancement for Amy Kales, Recording Secretary**