

**Haycock PTA Meeting Minutes**  
Wednesday, March 19, 2014 7:30pm

**1. Call to Order**

- a) PTA President, Sally Johnson, asked for Motion to call to order the General Membership Meeting of the Haycock Elementary School PTA at 7:40 p.m. on March 19th in the school cafeteria. Christie Johnson so moved, Bob Coates seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved. Whereupon, the meeting began. Per the sign-in sheet, there were 20 people in attendance.
- b) Sally welcomed parents and guests.

**2. Secretary's Report**

Sally Johnson asked for a Motion to Approve the meeting minutes from the February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Sara Hobbs so moved. Tara Tanner seconded. All were in favor. No objections.

**3. Treasurer's Report**

Irene Levy presented the budget, current as of March 19th.

- a) Skate night was very successful with \$4300 made (\$2,000 over the budget projection)
- b) Auction. We have already almost covered expenses with ticket sales and sponsorships. It's going to be a great event, so be sure to turn out.

**4. President's Report**

- a) We really need a president! Grab a friend and job share. We can't function without someone leading. By the PTA bylaws Sally can't do it again. Remember, we can't have events without a leader.
- b) Nominating Committee helps recruit and fill positions in Executive Committee. Proposed Nominating Committee members are: Kristen Chandler, Hillary Johnson, Kristina Vedder, Debbie Felix and Penny Bolden. The Nominating Committee needs to be approved so at the April PTA meeting they will be able to present a slate of officers, and then the final vote will be in June.
- c) Christie Johnson moved for the approval of the Nominating Committee. Laura Sachwitz seconded. All were in favor with no objections.

d) Dates to keep in Mind:

- i. Auction is this Saturday. Catalogs went out in Tuesday folders.
- ii. Kindergarten Orientation on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00.
- iii. Victoria Lippincott added that tomorrow night, March 20<sup>th</sup>, John Foust is having town hall meeting at McLean Community Center to talk about the Fairfax County budget. Likely to be filled with older homeowners who are concerned more about increase to their property tax bill and less about the need to fund the public schools. Really important to pack the meeting with parents to talk about the need to fund schools. If you have concerns about the budget, please be there. 7:00.
- iv. March 27<sup>th</sup> Community Meeting at 7:00 about the house on the corner of Westmoreland and Haycock that has caught fire three times.
- v. Teacher Appreciation Week—first week of May. Staff Appreciation, Principal Appreciation. Hospitality committee could use some volunteers. Also, be sure to thank the custodians—not only for snow removal, but disinfecting school after virus outbreak!!

e) Sally thanked Laura Sachwitz and Heather Parker and Mary Gabriel for skate night. Pre-event thank you to Kristen Chandler. It's going to be a great event. (Dress is "smart" casual)

## 5. VP of Social Events

Laura Sachwitz: Skate night was huge success. Auction coming up on Saturday and then the Fun Run will be in May.

## 6. VP of Curriculum

Chrissy Brownson reported:

- a) Winter ASA is underway and with snow days, it has gotten complicated. We do have permission to use building after spring break and will work with the vendors to make up classes the week after spring break.
- b) In the spring, Art Appreciation will have its 3<sup>rd</sup> class.
- c) Junior Achievement starting to get underway.
- d) Cynthia Lord coming for READ-IN DAY

## 7. VP of Fundraising

Tara Tanner:

- a) The auction is on Saturday. Go!
- b) The Fun Run is in May. Go!
- c) If you need spirit wear, we have more available. Get more!

## 8. VP of Community Affairs

Victoria Lippincott: We have an Autism Center here at Haycock, and April is Autism Awareness Month. Look for news in the Hotsheet and via email about some planned activities. Cynthia Lord, who is a visiting author in April, has a book called "Rules" about a girl who has an autistic brother. Check it out.

## 9. Assistant Principal's Report

Barbara DeHart:

a) SOLs for 5<sup>th</sup> graders in writing have happened. In May, we'll start with the rest of them. Dates are posted on our website. If there are changes, we'll let you know.

b) On Friday, there was a horrible stomach virus which came through the school. Fairfax County (health department, FCPS, etc) reacted strongly and appropriately. Barbara was on a conference call with ten professionals to make sure all appropriate steps were being taken to avoid the spread of the virus. We had this Monday off and that helped a lot.

## 10. Principal's Report

Anita Blain:

a) Last day of school is June 24<sup>th</sup>. County has asked for a waiver, but it's too soon to see if we'll have to go for sure. 6<sup>th</sup> grade is going to keep its big events on the Thursday and Friday before—as they are big events for families and it is understood that a lot of vacations have been planned and camps paid for. Dr. Blain will keep us informed as soon as she hears anything.

b) Renovation: Dr. Blain wrote about the renovation in the Cougar Roar. Nothing new has come down the pipe since then. The hope is that we're on target for beginning this summer.

c) Kindergarten Orientation is on Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. Bring a lease or deed proving you're a resident of this school district and an original birth certificate.

d) Stomach virus. Anita was victim. Some great questions came up in the aftermath:

- Haycock—teachers remind the kids to wash their hands all the time. You should do the same as parent.
- We use a cleaning solution to clean the cafeteria tables. Cafeteria is kept clean as can be seen by the amount of paper towels that the school goes through. We do everything we can to keep it clean for the next group coming in. Friday was the hardest day at Haycock in a long time. Barbara was on conference call with 10 other people in the county. Everyone was trying to make sure that Haycock was #1 priority. We got two extra custodians to clean the common areas. Haycock was supported. We had 60 kids out.
- Do we wash the desks when the children change classes? No.
- Custodians follow specific guidelines. Antiseptic stations. A parent asked whether kids wear gloves when they are wiping the table after lunch? Not currently. Dr. Blain will communicate idea to Kelly. Dr. Blain invites those with individual concerns to contact her directly. Chrissy Brownson mentioned that time is a huge factor and it is tough at the end of the lunch period.

e) 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Wax Museum was wonderful. 1<sup>st</sup> graders doing Great Kapok tree. There is lots of creativity at Haycock! It's a wonderful community.

### **Any Questions?**

**None.**

Whereupon at 8:17 p.m. Christie Johnson put forth a motion that we adjourn. Katie Pisocky seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.