**Haycock PTA Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, November 18th, 2015

Number in attendance – 16

Classes Represented (K – 3, 1st – 4, 2nd – 3, 3rd – 1, 4th – 7, 5th – 4, 6th – 4)

1. Call to Order – Alison Symons calls the meeting to order at 7:33pm.
2. President Report
   1. Contact Sara Hobbs if you need a directory
   2. Coats and blankets for Syrian and Iraqi refugees due by December 4th at noon
   3. Books and stuffed animals were collected in the cafeteria
3. Budget – Heather Kimmel
   1. We have obligated significant funds for the playground, so we will likely not be providing technology support this year.
   2. The school is planning to do a Boosterthon this year to raise money for technology.
   3. Please let Heather know if you have questions about budget items
4. Kate O’ Donnell
   1. Social – Skate night, December 5, at Fairfax Ice Arena.
   2. We are working on a good plan for the 60th anniversary celebration
   3. Contact [kate.m.odonnell@gmail.com](mailto:kate.m.odonnell@gmail.com) if interested.
5. Curriculum Enhancement - Signing up for Science Olympiad -
   * 1. Only Grades 3, 4, & 5
     2. It’s a lottery so not everyone gets in
     3. A lot of parental involvement is required
6. Monica Kumar – Fundraising
   1. We made $575 at Wasabi
   2. Also did Innisbrook and Square One Art fundraisers
7. John Kosco – Community
   1. Amy Kales reported on the Stop Hunger Now volunteer event – over 60 people participated and we met our food goal
8. Principal Donnelly
   1. Thanks to everyone who came to the Veterans Day program
   2. Office move went smoothly - Thanks to volunteers for helping with moving office, supply closet, vault, mailroom, conference room, and teacher’s lounge!
   3. Check out the new Cafeteria entrance!
   4. Mailboxes are no longer in a mailroom but in the hallway -- Working on getting a PTA Mail box in a storage room
   5. Early dismissal and Thursday and Friday off for the Thanksgiving holiday
   6. Trying to send short and simple e-mails for the KITS
   7. Please make sure and contact Attendance line if your child will be out of school
      1. Attendance Phone: 703-531-4040
      2. Email - [HaycockES.Attendance@fcps.edu](mailto:HaycockES.Attendance@fcps.edu)
   8. Two classroom and two office spaces are going in the old office space
   9. Temporary conference room will be the new news show room
   10. Also renovation of adult bathrooms will be underway soon
9. Christie Johnson
   1. Pod space issues
      1. Waiting on answers about the pod space. About the stage the lights and the sound. We need the space! The ceiling is too low so the hanging mikes are too low. The actual stage space is not ventilated properly to have performances.
      2. What happened? When they did the construction, the stage space made it too low. Now it is just loss instructional space. The Cafeteria is not designed to have a stage, it is designed to absorb sound. So without a sound system, the cafeteria space is not useful. It was value engineered out. The bid was higher than anticipated so they have to cut things, which was the Stage. Parents can help develop talking points and determine who we can contact.
      3. We will find someone who can write Janie Strauss to address these.
   2. New bushes out front are taking over the bike racks. Can we put them somewhere else or move the bike rack? PTA bought the racks years ago and we would like to keep them.
10. **Playground** – Based on the result from the survey, two balance pieces were chosen to replace two climbing pieces. The school is still waiting for the final quote to finalize the purchase order, to meet that January 1st mark. But we will be able to order before the end of the year so we get the 2015 prices.
    1. Old playground will be demolished, except the swings will be moved and added on to.
    2. Pavilion is staying.
11. **Trailers** – when the final move happens in January they planned to remove the quads, except there are still too many students. Now, they will be moved from the current location to the black top. New black top outside of the gym will be poured, and the field where the quads are now will be a kick ball/baseball field. The construction zone will be an open field.
12. Minutes for October for Approval
    1. So Moved by Karen Leiser, Seconded by Amy Kales, Motion Approved
13. Move to adjourn at 8:07 PM