

April 20, 2022
Haycock PTA Meeting - Zoom
7:00 PM

Welcome: Jessica Davis, PTA President - 7:00 PM

Admin Presentation: Dr. Beaty, Ms. Boyd

Dr. Beaty:

1. **Parent Event Monday, May 23:** ESSER funding - student anxiety - signs of it & how to deal with it. We've seen an increase in anxiety. Psychologist from the central office & student support people will be there. Hoping to begin conversation around resources and support for parents into next year.
2. **Creating a "Maker Space"** - visited the "Think a Bit" lab at VA Tech down the street. Next step: create a focus group of staff & parents and come up with ideas to make a "Maker Space" for next year. They will actually be "Maker Carts" that can move to the classrooms, etc. We are rolling out the concept in 2 phases. 1. What are activities and how to integrate it 2. Incorporate technology into it. Used ESSER funds to support a "Maker Space" - advanced academic tools. In future - 3D printer. In the brainstorming phase to implement next year.
3. **6th Grade Promotion Ceremony:** Last day of school, Friday, June 10 at 10am in our Gym. More details in 6th Grade teachers newsletters. h Grade parents: Mark your calendars now.
4. **Live Streaming:** Lots of requests of parents to have Language Arts & Math to live stream for many reasons. But the guidance is the Live Streaming is for the COVID positive cases. We have 3 days past absence, but we usually do it sooner. Lots of misunderstanding we're finding about this.
5. **Teacher Appreciation Week:** Haycock does this great. Keep in mind that teachers are worn out. Keep in mind when people are emailing them, please be respectful. Know they can't always get back to you immediately. Probably the way teachers would feel most appreciated if that professionalism was there.
6. **Thank you** for your partnership and support !

Ms. Body:

We had Military Family Support Day Today - we gave kids care packages donated from a Military Family. The students clapped for them and for their family's service. Really Nice.

Questions for Admin:

1. Comment from Jessica: Teacher Appreciation Week: Classroom parents will be asking for personal notes to teachers and specialists. Feedback is always that the heartfelt notes from students and parents are so appreciated.
2. Parent Qu: Can parents be involved in Makers Space?
Dr. Beaty: we will invite parent voice and input as we move along. We will look for volunteers as we have it up and running. Thinking about
3. Parent Qu: What is Maker Space?
Dr Beaty: Maker Space; Open-ended concept. Think A Bit Lab at VA Tech - has old electronics; cardboard; rolls of tape, etc. "Junk" kids given the opportunity to think and create things. In science, math so many ways to use the Maker Space to create something - critical thinking, students are more engaged. And when we add technology -

then we have great opportunities. Many schools have one. We will find out what they use in that space, how to implement it, etc.

Invite lots of staff into the conceptualization of it so it's useful

See: <https://thinkabitlab.com/virginiatech> - Think A Bit Lab

Jessica:

Vote on Minutes: Jessica, Seconded

March Minutes Passed

Nominating Committee

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President	Nathania Cantanucci
President-Elect	
Past President	Jessica Davis
Treasurer	Zhou Zhang
Secretary	Kaitlin Duberstein
VP Operations	Jennifer Yang
VP Social Events	Leah Socha
VP Curriculum Enhancement	Ellen Wu
VP Community Affairs	Mike Lindinger
VP Fundraising	Palak Sampat

Vote to Nominate these folks: Nathania. Vote Passed

Reports from VPs:

1. VP Social - Amanda

Adding more events now since couldn't do things at the start of the year

- Bingo Night this Friday - two sessions
- Staff Appreciation Lunch
- Teacher Appreciation Week starting May 2. More info coming through Room Parents soon.

2. Treasurer - Raashee

- Feb & March: Net 12K+
- Raised funds from Amazon Smile, Flex Academy, etc
- Reconciling Auction numbers to share next time
- Some minor expenses

3. Fundraising - Beth Hogan

Auction was the big event.

Will Hopefully do another restaurant fundraiser/night,

4. Curriculum Enhancement - Rajesh
Nothing. Most activities are done for the year
5. Community Outreach - Michael
Food collection Friday afternoons to SHARE in McLean from Cafeteria. Will be sharing pictures. About 4 Milk Crates/week that we donate. Probably 100s pounds of food donated so far since Thanksgiving when we restarted the program
6. VP of Operations - Kim Glasser
Yearbook submitted & looks to be on time for end of school year
Landscaping: Parents holding school gardening day. Look at the Hotsheet for details.

Questions? None

Close meeting 7:25pm