



**Fairfax District PTA Executive Board Meeting
Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST)
Career Center, Alexandria, VA
November 30, 2006
Meeting Minutes**

Members Present:

Lisa Moore, District Director
Debbie Kilpatrick, 1st Asst. District Director
Denise Bolton, Arts in Education Chairperson
Rob Horvath, Programs Chairman
Sharon Sneed, Bylaws/Membership Chair
Lisa Lombardozi, Communications Chair
Bill Levey, VA PTA Treasurer
Anne Reynolds, Arlington County Council President
Vickie Cattanero, Alexandria Council Representative
Jay Garant, Communications Director, Fairfax County Public Schools
Bill Browning, Member of Arlington County Council

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Lisa Moore at 7:45p.m.

Minutes: In the District Secretary's absence, Director Moore recommended that the minutes from the October 16th district board meeting be carried over to the next board meeting for approval due to the presence of only four board members who were present at the October meeting.

Financial Report: In the District Treasurer's absence, Director Moore stated that there was not an updated financial report from the State office and the current form on file would stand.

Director's Report: Lisa Moore reported on legislation information passed on to her from VAPTA State Legislation Chair, Stella Edwards.

- Discussed legislative issues – based on how PLP participation from Fairfax District, State PLPs was passed. March 1 is the State PLP participation from Fairfax District for voting. Director Moore requested that the Board of Directors bring as many PLPs as possible to the February 20, 2007 District board meeting so that the Board can discuss in preparation for the March 1st deadline. Director Moore also shared information about Senate Bill 545 - Disabled Tuition Assistance Grant. Director Moore discussed the number of expired bylaws which had been reduced from 12% to 4% in Fairfax District due to the units being personally contacted and assisted with their bylaws by the Director. There have been many phone calls regarding boundary issues and Director Moore recommended these unit's contact their elected school board member for further discussions.
- VA PTA Scholarship funds were discussed and it was determined by the State Board Treasurer, Bill Levey, that the funds raised from the tickets sales for prizes at the state convention would fund one scholarship (\$1000). Due to Director Moore's procurement of many different prizes, Fairfax District contributed greatly to the success of the state scholarship fundraiser.
- The proposed monthly District email newsletter, created by Programs Chair Rob Horbath, was presented to the board. It was decided to distribute the first newsletter in December in order to announce upcoming deadlines and calendar dates to all units, councils, school boards and school superintendents in Fairfax District.

Assistant Director's Report: Debbie Kilpatrick spoke about the VA State Convention, meeting representatives from all over the state, voting on policy and resolutions; great motivational speakers as well as an informative video about drug usage in our communities. Fairfax District is the largest district in the state, however only a few unit PTAs were represented by delegates. She stated that a new district mission will be to increase attendees from Fairfax District at next year's convention in Portsmouth and will encourage all units this spring to put leadership training as a budget line in their next year's budget.

Committee Reports

- Arts in Education/Reflections Chair Denise Bolton reported that January 5, 2007 is the District Reflection turn-in date at her home. She also has Reflection judges representing the Washington Post for literature, Kennedy Center for dance, and National Gallery for art. February 2 is the deadline for the Citizenship Essay titled "The Power of One Vote".
- Programs Chair Rob Horvath and Communications Chair Lisa Lombardozi spoke about the electronic newsletter meeting the goals of the communications committee and felt that it should be maintained by one chair.

PTA Councils/City Reports

- Arlington Council - Anne Reynolds, Council President spoke that information was being distributed via email to Arlington's 31 schools which worked well. The Director and Assistant Director were invited to attend their December 4 council meeting in order to present VA PTA awards received at convention.
- Alexandria Council – Vickie Cattaneo, Council Member, reported that the council stays in touch with their 16 schools via email. Some of the programs the council is working on includes "Safe Routes to School" and because of a State approved resolution, at their October Council meeting, the City of Alexandria approved cross walks for students. The council is also working with the superintendent on wellness including healthy school lunches and recess time added to elementary schools. It was announced that T.C. Williams High School has been rebuilt and opened.

Superintendents/School Board County/City Report

- Fairfax County Public Schools – Jay Garant, Director of Communications, reported that FCPS is piloting a new program titled "We care at School" which is being used with the 24/7 Blackboard access. This will allow parents to complete the health form and update them at any time. This will allow school personnel to pull students' health information in a portable method. Also six schools are undergoing boundary studies and can be viewed on FCPS website.

New Business

Director Moore proposed the District host a Bylaws Workshop to be offered to all units. The workshop would assist units who have upcoming renewals and bylaws in arrears, especially since there was a policy change for all Virginia bylaws passed at convention which will add a pounded item so all units will have to make amendments to their bylaws. The date suggested was Saturday, February 24, 2007 with a snow date of March 3, 2007. The Virginia PTA Bylaws Chair, Phyllis Ayers will be conducting the workshop. A **motion** was made by Lisa Lombardozi and **seconded** by Rob Horvath to approve these dates. **The motion was passed by the board.**

Adjournment of the meeting was at 9:10 p.m. Next Board Meeting will be on Feb. 20, 2007 at the Education Center, Arlington at 7:30 p.m.

***Recorded in absence of District Secretary by:
Debbie Kilpatrick, 1st Asst. Director***