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Executive Board Meeting Minutes Monday, October 29, 2007 Thomas Jefferson High School for Science & Technology Career Center, Alexandria

Members Present:

Debbie Kilpatrick, District Director
Deborah Aceto-Milton, 1st Asst. Director
Vickie Cattaneo, District Treasurer
Nina Austin, District Secretary
Sharon Sneed, Bylaws/Membership Chair
Lesley Aschenbach, Annual Meeting/Dinner
Rob Horvath, Communications Chair
Alana Heng, Technology Chair
David Edelman, Education Chair
Patricia Franck, VA PTA Arts in Education Chair
Cecelia Espenosa, Arlington County Council President
Mariane Hetzer, Alexandria Council President

Call to Order/Adoption of Agenda

- The meeting was called to order by Debbie Kilpatrick at 7:40p.m.
- Motion to adopt agenda as amended was made by Rob Horvath. Motion was SECONDED and MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes – August 29, 2007

- Motion to approve August 29, 2007 minutes with corrections was made by Sharon Sneed. Motion was SECONDED and MOTION CARRIED.

Financial Report – monthly report

- Vickie Cattaneo presented Annual report and monthly Treasurer's report.
- The Treasurer's Report filed for audit.

National PTA Programs Report

Training Capacity Building Initiative

- Rob Horvath attended four day training in Chicago to develop Trainers to train local units in four modules. Rob will send a needs assessment to us to pass on to local units. Councils should report to Rob when they have their own training.

Emerging Minority Leaders Conference

- Alana Heng attended two day training which consisted of two sessions: History of PTA and collaborative leadership skills. Bill Milliken, Founder and Vice Chairman of *Communities In Schools*, an organization that helps kids stay in school, and author of *The Last Dropout – Stop the Epidemic*, was the main speaker.

Committee Chair Reports, Plan of Works Discussions

Plan of Works

- Debbie Kilpatrick sent a Plan of Works form to each committee member. These are a tool to help us focus on what we want to accomplish by April. The form should be completed and submitted to Debbie.

Annual Meeting

- Lesley Aschenbach reported that the Annual meeting will be April 14, 15, or 16, 2008. She is contacting venues, caterers, and suggested Dr. Bill K. Cannady, secretary of the Board of Education, as a possible speaker.

Bylaws/Membership

- Sharon Sneed questioned the October 17 STAT report regarding the membership numbers and bylaw status. The District PTA should contact the units who don't have up to date bylaws after we receive the report.

Communications

- Rob Horvath reported that he may send the newsletter embedded in an email and as an attachment to see which way people prefer to receive it.
- The VA PTA is still having problems with OMDR. Rob will be getting more information for us.
- Email updates and reminders will be sent between newsletters. Information about community events should be sent to Rob so he can send the information to the District.

Education/Legislation

- David Edelman reported that the Commonwealth of Virginia will be recalculating the index of Standards Of Quality (SOQ). The SOQ is a formula that calculates statewide what it should cost to educate each student.
- PTA Day is Monday, February 4, 2008 at the General Assembly in Richmond, VA. David will prepare a Save the Date announcement for Rob Horvath to send to the District. There will be a Legislative preparation meeting on Sunday, February 3, 2008. The PTA Day will be very important this year because of Tim Kaine's Pre – K plan.

Technology

- Alana Heng reported that she is interested in purchasing software that helps with email blasts that costs \$90.00.

Council and City Rep Reports

Arlington Co. – Cecelia Espenosa reported that the next meeting will be November 20, 2007.

Alexandria – Marianne Hetzer reported that four members of PTA Council are serving on the Superintendent Search Advisory Committee. Reflections deadline is November 4, 2007. The Council now has a permanent place on the ACPS website at www.acps.k12.va.us/ptac/. Their next meeting is Wednesday, November 14th and the program topic will be Health and Wellness.

Fairfax County Council – Michele Menapace called the District Director to report that she was going to investigate some local web sites to ensure that local PTA/PTSAs were not taking positions on the upcoming boundary study being conducted in the western part of the county as this possible situation has come to her attention. Another issue in high schools is the inappropriate dancing at school dances. FCCPTA may issue a position on this in the future.

VA PTA Board of Managers Report

- VA Arts in Education Chair Patricia Franck reported that 4 out of 6 Fairfax students who received awards attended the Reflections breakfast. Next school year will be the 40th anniversary of the Reflections program and there is a goal of 1 million participants.

District Director Report

- Debbie Kilpatrick reported that she attended the VA State PTA Convention in Portsmouth, VA. The District Director and 1st Assistant District Director **Plan of Works** were approved by the Executive Committee. Next year the Convention will be in Roanoke, VA, November 4 – 9.
- Nina Austin, District Secretary, attended the convention and held several assignments, including auditor for General Sessions.
- The VA PTA Proposed Legislation Program unit tallies were submitted and counted. 2008 VA PTA Proposed Legislation Program was approved by the general membership during the
- state convention.
- Del. Brian Moran received the award for Child Advocate of the Year.
- New VA PTA Officers elected: Melissa Nehrbass, President; Morgan Bell, President-Elect; Debi Abadie, Vice President; Phyllis Ayers, Secretary; Tricia Rudolph, Treasurer. New Standing Committee Chairs will be announced soon.
- VA PTA Bylaws Amendments/Resolutions were passed.
- Several unit awards were presented:
 - National PTA Healthy Lifestyles Awards were presented to Barcroft ES PTA in Arlington and Beech Tree ES PTA in Fairfax County. Grants were for \$500 each. Four PTAs were awarded grants in Virginia.

Phoebe Apperson-Hearst Award was presented to White Oaks ES PTA during Banquet.

VA PTA Unit of Excellence Award (first year) was presented to Robinson Secondary.

Outstanding Membership Achievement Awards were presented to: McKinley ES PTA, Arlington - First Place – Division 2 - 53% increase.

Superior Membership Achievement: Langley HS PTSA, Fairfax County – First Place – Division 7 – 115.56% unit membership.

VA PTA Local Unit Standards Awards: Forest Edge ES PTA, Garfield ES PTA, Island Creek ES PTA, Newington Forest ES PTA, Joyce Kilmer MS PTA, Oakton HS PTSA, Lynbrook ES PTA, Liberty MS PTA, Robinson Secondary PTSA, White Oaks ES PTA, Oak Hill ES PTA.

New Business

- Fairfax County Public Schools bus drivers have formed a partnership with PTAs to recruit new drivers. The details are listed on the District web site.

Announcements

- Rob Horvath will send out an email of announcements next week.
- Next Board Meeting: November 28, 2007, 7:30 p.m. at the Career Center, TJHSST.

Adjournment was called at 10:00

Nina Austin, District Secretary

Approved Nina Austin, District Secretary_____

Date :_November 28, 2007_____