

Board Attendees:
Alyssa Adeyemi, Sarah Yurasko , & Shanon Griffith
Cherry Run Representatives:
Mark Bibbee, Leslie Lauth-Torres
Members:
Kay Emerson, Nakesha Harris, Jason McConachy, Dan Neumann, Rebecca Rotem

Meeting Minutes:

Call to Order:

- Thank you for attending

President's Report

- We plan to elect a member to our vacant 2nd Vice President position this evening
- New Committee Chairs:
 - Aimee Gianoukos . – Fitness Committee
 - Robin Hilton – Bulletin Boards
 - Ron Gallihugh / Rebecca Benner (shadow) – Yearbook
 - Need to appoint new nominating committee
- Flyers coming home soon for yearbooks
 - Online ordering will be available
 - Deadline for order is March 2
 - In need of pictures
 - Email directly to Ron: ron.gallihugh@gmail.com
 - Use the largest resolution possible
- There is a Science & Engineering Fair in May
 - Organized by GMU
 - Supported by Cherry Run and PTA for any students who would like to participate
 - Interest forms will come home and be due by March 9th

1st VP Report

- Sue unavailable to attend tonight
- Book Cover Activity:
 - Collecting drawings tomorrow morning before school.

- Everyone who turns one in will receive a prize.
- Two gift cards raffled out.
- Read Across America:
 - Not available to do evening sessions due to construction
 - Will have read aloud sessions for parents to come in during class time.
 - Signup genius is available – there is a link from the website
- Sweets with your Sweetie
 - Friday, 8:30 – 9:10am
 - Parents can attend either session
 - We NEED Volunteers!! Please consider helping out.
- Restaurant Night
 - March 5th & 6th
 - Will be at Spartans
 - More information will come home soon

Election

- 2nd VP:
 - Thank you to Sarah for volunteering to serve as our 2nd VP
 - Call to request any other nominations:
 - None
 - Nominations closed
 - Sarah officially nominated as 2nd VP
 - Quorum present - Over 10 individuals
 - All voted in favor / None opposed
 - Sarah Yurasko elected as 2nd Vice President
- Nominating Committee:
 - Need to elect our Nominating Committee:
 - Becky Rotem, Kim Hintos, & Stacy Rubino nominated
 - Moved: Keisha Harris
 - Seconded: Dan Neumann
 - All voted in favor / None opposed
 - Becky Rotem, Kim Hintos and Stacy Rubino elected as Nominating Committee

2nd VP Report

- Sarah transitioned before Amy left and ready to start
- Thank you to everyone for the support.

Treasurer Report

- Changes voted on in the last meeting have been updated in the budget and are available for review.

- Professional Development and Classroom Supplies being used.
 - Will open Professional Development money for second rounds if not used
 - May evaluate if we want to reallocate the money from Professional Development to the Classroom Supplies if necessary.

Committee Updates

- Fitness Committee starting up and flyers will be coming home
 - Calendars for March madness
 - Raffle at the end for kids who participate
 - Mini Crossfit session held for the kids at the end
 - Will also coordinate with “Wellness Week” with different things each day of the week
- Silent Auction
 - Week of April 5th
 - If you know of businesses willing to donate, please contact them
 - M. Bibbee will be donating some autographed Caps items
- Box Tops:
 - March 1st deadline for the year (spring submission)
 - PLEASE bring in your boxtops
- Assemblies:
 - March 15th – Mindfulness HipHop Presentation
 - Unique and fun assembly for the kids (all grades – two presentations)
- PTA Room:
 - Ready for move-in
 - Packed up and moved, and the Executive Board will organize
 - The Board will reach out to individuals who are currently helping house items
 - New space for committees to meet
- Spirit Wear:
 - Complete for the year
 - Only one box left of retro wear
- Question: Will there be a ribbon cutting ceremony?
 - Yes, Fairfax County board members and other county representatives will be invited
 - Community will be notified
- Question: Will there be replacement trees for the dedicated ones that were removed
 - Yes, there are three trees that will be planted and re-dedicated

Principal Update by Mark Bibbee

- Bulletin Boards:
 - ½ of one of the PTA boards will be set aside for community notice items.
 - First half of the first one
- Awards:
 - Erin Hurley (School Counselor):

- Finalist for the VA State Counselor of the Year
 - Was Fairfax County winner last year
 - Dany Chiquillo (Custodian)
 - Region Winner for support staff
 - Full list of nominations and awards will be posted online
- New sign:
 - Working with effects and fonts
 - 27K was the final cost.
 - Thank you to the PTA for their contributions (PTA still to decide on amount)
- Cardinal Mural
 - Done by Melanie Rodas (Art Teacher)
 - Was scanned and printed with all 8 colors and looks beautiful
 - 12K final cost, 3K was donated by the PTA and Fairfax County paid for the rest
- Move Updates:
 - Completed over the weekend for the younger grades
 - A lot of parents and teachers volunteered to move the classrooms over the long weekend
 - There are minor issues that need to be fixed, but this will be completed over the summer
 - Upper Grades:
 - Classroom work is underway
 - Teachers will be able to get into the classrooms early to do decorations and bulletin boards.
 - Move will take place first day of spring break
 - Should not require as many volunteers
 - Blacktop:
 - Smaller version is being put together
 - It is drying out and they will be able to put temporary asphalt soon.
 - Permanent blacktop will be completed over the summer
 - New irrigation system and fields will also be completed over the summer.
- 3rd Grade Substitute:
 - Had conversations with the children that became inappropriate for the student age and classroom setting– talking about the school shootings
 - Some children were upset after the school day
 - Emails were sent by parents to inform M. Bibbee
 - Substitute was removed
 - When there are concerns about substitutes – they can be blocked via a form
 - Requires a declarative statement
 - HR is then contacted
 - This information is not shared with other schools (due to equal opportunity laws)

- There is discussion about how to avoid these situations in the future
- Thank you to the parents who reported this issue for doing it responsibly, directly to M. Bibbee (not via social media) and having confidence that this would be handled by the administration.
- Question: What is the estimated finish date?
 - July 1st inside of the school done / Aug 15th all tasks complete
 - There may still be work to blacktop, trailer removal, etc. after this date
- Custodians have been so helpful during this move
 - If the PTA wanted to recognize these individuals it would be very deserved.
 - The PTA will make sure to recognize them during Teacher Appreciation Week.
- Question: Drainage – at the end of the planter, there is a drainage line that goes straight into the Kiss and Ride line
 - This was not built according to design
 - There is concrete under the planter
 - The drainage was an afterthought and it is being looked at but there is not an official plan.
 - Will probably be built back under
- Next Meeting: April 11th at Pohick, then May 9th at Burke Center Library