

**McLean High School PTSA
General Membership Meeting
September 8, 2008**

The September meeting of the McLean High School PTSA was called to order by Susan Perla, PTSA President.

Minutes: This is the first meeting minutes of the school year, 2008-09. The minutes of the May 12, 2008 minutes were approved over the summer and are posted on the PTSA website in the archives from 2007-2008.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Rugh, Treasurer, presented the year-end budget report as of June 30, 2008. Kathy brought up insurance coverage for PTSA and confirmed with the insurance representative that anyone (volunteers and committee members) handling money for PTSA will be covered by the insurance. Kathy also mentioned that the reimbursement form will be posted on the PTSA website.

Student Reports: George Kennedy, SGA representative could not make it to the meeting tonight, so there was no news available to share about planning activities.

Principal and Staff Reports:

Dr. Jackson reported that the theme for this academic year is "Mission Possible." Dr. Jackson announced the enrollment for this year is 1770. She also mentioned there were 447 freshmen this year.

Dr. Jackson talked about the Freshman Fling and the Freshman Orientation. The orientation was conducted off-site to provide individual attention. Seven Habits of Highly Effective People was presented at the orientation.

School is preparing for the first pep rally this Friday, September 12, 2008. Dr. Jackson said school year had a great opening. At the end of the principal's report, Dr. Jackson asked for comments and feedback from the meeting attendees. Jacky Longwell asked Dr. Jackson about the preferred method of communication and Dr. Jackson said email is the best method of communication for her.

President's report:

Susan thanked all the volunteers who helped over the summer with mailings, stuffing and packet pick ups. She also thanked the Hospitality committee for organizing the welcome back teachers' luncheon, and the parent volunteers who helped out on short notice with serving lunch at the Freshmen Orientation at the Capital One Building. Susan announced the Newcomer's Potluck dinner will be held on Friday, September 12. All PTSA board members are invited to the dinner to help welcome new McLean High School families.

Susan mentioned that a FAIRGRADE Roundtable, which included college admissions officers, was held at Luther Jackson Middle School on August 25. Jacky Longwell asked Susan to elaborate on FAIRGRADE prior to discussion for those who are unfamiliar with the organization.

Susan attended the Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council meeting regarding the proposed Phase II consolidation of the administrative office buildings. The School Board is to vote on the proposal on September 18, and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors vote is scheduled for September 22, 2008. More information can be found on the FCPS website.

Susan announced that the PTSA has tax exempt forms which can be used for PTSA purchases. If anyone needs a tax exempt form, please let her know. Stefanie Schoepfle added that Costco does not honor the tax exempt status.

Officer Reports:

There was no report on Officer Reports.

The following requests/comments have been made by various individuals after the Officer Reports.

Stefanie Schoepfle announced that a few volunteers are needed to help alphabetize student rights and responsibilities forms. Someone asked about the process of the volunteer sign up form. Susan said the spreadsheet will be done and disseminated shortly.

Betty Ende is the webmaster; please forward all news and information that need to be posted to Betty, eeende1@gmail.com.

Rita Cox, Directory chair, said the forms are still coming in and the information is being gathered to produce the directory. If you are available to help sell directories at Back-to-School Night, please contact Rita

Committee Reports:

There was no Committee Reports.

Unfinished Business:

There was no Unfinished Business.

New Business:

Adoption of 2008-2009 budget – Kathy Rugh opened the budget discussion. We started the school year with \$10,000. Please refer to the PTSA budget 2008-2009 draft report, FY 2008-09 budget column for the detailed information on the budget for the school

year. Kent Arnold made a motion to approve the budget. The motion was seconded and approved.

Kathy Rugh suggested PTSA research the possibility of changing banks in order to receive a better interest rate for the checking account. A motion was made to explore options for higher interest-rate accounts at different banks.

Kent Arnold announced that articles for the newsletter are due to him by September 25, 2008.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

In Attendance: Susan Perla, Debbie Jackson, Jihui Kim, Stefanie Schoepfle, Kathy Rugh, Betsy Sigman, Rita Cox, Mary Brosnan, Rebecca Davis, Jacky Longwell, Reg Devlin, Lwda Beoughor, Janet Humphreys, Phyllis Yoshida, Jennifer Kobylski, Betsy Smith, Cissy Poltanat, Merja Bjorksten, Cindy Flint, Susan Oriente, Windy Shepley, Kent Arnold, Ron Hutchinson, Phyllis Walker, Janice Fitzgibbon, Joan Shetterly, Lisa Hymes, John Gander