

McLean High School PTSA
General Membership Meeting
April 13, 2009

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

Minutes: The minutes of the March 9, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved. The minutes are posted on the PTSA website.

Treasurer's Report:

Kathy Rugh presented the monthly budget report covering the month of March 2009. Armchair and Escrip funds continue to trickle in, we're close to doubling the income goal for the 2008-09 budget. The balance on hand as of March 31, 2009 was \$35,308.43. Stefanie's request to grant \$1,000 for ANGP transportation was approved.

Student's Report:

Hannah Mayberry, Sophomore Class representative, reported that the Army/Navy Club has been selected for the next year's prom. The upcoming class election is to be held in April.

Betsy Sigman made the announcements about the senior class. She said the senior class will be busy in a few months ahead with graduating activities. Dr. Jackson said the senior letters will be mailed out shortly with all the details.

Principal and Staff Reports:

Dr. Jackson brought up upcoming AP and SOL tests. The third quarter grades have been recorded but the report cards will arrive by mail a little later than usual due to the postage machine removal from the school. She reported on the budget update; staff positions look OK, but not the support positions. The clerical staff for every school in the county has been cut, so McLean High School will need even more volunteers to help out next year.

Joan Shetterly said the McLeadership program was completed at the end of March and the McLeaders just celebrated the end of the program. New McLeaders are in the process of being selected for next year. Overall the program was successful; any feedback on the program from parents will be appreciated.

Dr. Jackson has received positive feedback from parents on the weekly Kudos note. McLean High School will be setting up a Food Bank at the school and will need parent volunteers to receive food early in the morning. End of the year activities are upon us and the students are filled with excitement. It's important that parents help to keep the students focused on school throughout the spring season.

Dr. Jackson announced the Parent Awareness Program that is to be held on April 28. This program will feature speakers on substance abuse, depression and suicide. Please encourage other parents to attend this event.

President's Report:

Susan reported that the talent show and the prom fashion sponsored by seniors and juniors went well. The Administrative Professional day is upon us and the PTSA will purchase small gifts for the staff; please say thank you when you see them. The Hospitality Committee will also provide breakfast for the teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. Paul Capp, a senior at McLean High School, won a prize in the Virginia PTA Essay contest with the theme "Our Earth, Our Future."

Susan also thanked Jacky Longwell for her help with the #55 banner in the front of the school and Gayla Hassett for setting up a Kudos bulletin board in the cafeteria to highlight the many activities of our students and staff. She also reminded parents to attend the SCC/Longfellow session on April 20 which will review the Fairfax County Youth Survey. This breaks down the data for the McLean and Langley school pyramids.

At the May 11th meeting, Jay Bass, a McLean parent and entrepreneur will make a presentation on the web-based payment system which he developed for his company, Pay4schoolstuffonline. This is a system similar to PayPal to allow for on-line payments, rather than paper checks for things like dues, donations, etc. Jay also presented this to the Booster Club on March 30, and they are considering using this on a trial basis for the Spring Sports Banquet.

Officers' Reports:

Kathy Rugh attended the Cluster I Parent Advisory Council meeting recently and shared her thoughts on the presentation that was made by Marty Smith. FCPS is considering changing community service to service learning which will be instituted at all levels, K-12. It is an opportunity to earn special recognition where an individual can receive a seal after completing the service. This will be tested for the school year 2009-10 and the implementation in the following year.

Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee – Rebecca Davis announced the proposed slate of officers for the school year 2009-2010: President, Susan Perla; 1st Vice President, Peggy Vans; 2nd Vice President, Jihui Kim; 3rd Vice President, Jacky Longwell; Treasurer, Rebecca Davis; Recording Secretary, Wilma Bowers; Corresponding Secretary, Catherine Slotkoff.

A motion was made and carried to nominate the proposed slate of officers. Elections will take place at the PTSA meeting on May 11, 2009.

In addition, there are vacancies on the board next year for the following positions: Building and Grounds, Directory, Membership (co-chair) and Volunteers (co-chair).

Building and Grounds Committee – Mary Brosnan reported the current status of the grounds around school. The sign at Davis Drive was discussed with the owner of the property and Tom Herman is working with the owner to resolve the sign issue. Landscaping is much needed especially by the school back entrance and along the tennis court. Mary came up with two designs to stay within the budget but needs help with the labor. Dr. Jackson stated that lack of maintenance is what contributed to the

current condition of the grounds. A motion was approved to look within the school resources for labor.

Health & Wellness Program – Mary Lastova encouraged all parents to come out and learn about the adolescent brain from Dr. William Stixrud on May 18, 2009 in the McLean High School auditorium.

Stefanie mentioned two fundraising opportunities for ANGP - piggy bank: bring in pennies to fill up the piggy bank at school and the pillowcase gram: order a customize pillow case via online and receive 25% profits from sales.

Unfinished Business:

There was no Unfinished Business Reported at the April meeting.

New Business:

There was no New Business reported at the April meeting.

Upcoming Dates:

April 20	Fairfax County Youth Survey results – 7:00 pm Lecture Hall
April 22	Administrative Professionals Day
April 25	PTSA Newsletter Deadline – May Issue
April 28	Parent Awareness Program on Substance Abuse and Depression, 7:30 pm Lecture Hall
May 4	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 11	PTSA Meeting, 7:30 pm, Library
May 18	Health & Wellness Program – “Understanding and Motivating the Teenage brain” – Dr. William Stixrud, 7:30 pm, Auditorium

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

In Attendance: Susan Perla, Debbie Jackson, Jihui Kim, Stefanie Schoepfle, Kathy Rugh, Rebecca Davis, Reg Devlin, Jacky Longwell, Kent Arnold, Phyllis Yoshida, Hannah Mayberry, Catherine Slotkoff, Mary Brisnan, Wafika Albani, Joan Shetterly, Jennifer Kobylski, Elizabeth Ende, Betsy Sigman, MaryAnn Lastova