



## FCCPTA EXECUTIVE BOARD MARCH 4, 2002 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was **CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:35 pm by President Mitch Luxenberg,

**PRESENT:** Rosemary Lynch, Arlene Pripeton, Judy Johnson, Jeanne Pujanauski, Blair Jackson, Louise Epstein, Walt Carlson, Brett Pope, Connie Lorentzen, Janie Watson, Destiny Burns, Carol Robinson, Alan Tashima, Lynn Terhar, Rick Baumgartner, Janet Oleszek, Ed Saperstein, Dan Fawcett, Jeanine Martin, Nell Hurley, Edwin Darden, Mitch Luxenberg, Diane Brody, Kenton Pattie, Ralph Cooper Jr.

There was **NO TREASURERS REPORT** due to Neva's absence.

The **MINUTES** were accepted with one correction.

**AGENDA CHANGE:** Nominating Committee Report moved from Committee Chair Report  
Rosemary Lynch, chairman of the Nominating Committee submitted the recommended slate of officers for the 2002-2004 FCCPTA Executive Committee. (Report ATTACHED) They are:

- President- Diane Brody
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP-Nell Hurley
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP-Connie Lorentzen
- 3<sup>rd</sup> VP- Chris Cole
- 4<sup>th</sup> VP- Ralph Cooper
- Recording Secretary- Michele Menapace
- Corresponding Secretary- Karen Banick
- Treasurer- Dan Fawcett

Rosemary commented that she was pleased that there were many qualified applicants. The election will be held on May 28, 2002 at Frost Middle School during General Meeting at the FCCPTA Leadership Training Workshops. She added her congratulations to the nominees.

Mitch thanked the committee for the excellent job, and added his congratulations.

### PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mitch reported on the Business Industry Advisory Council meeting he attended. Concerned area businessmen are working on a proposal, with full cooperation from Dr. Domenech, for an independent audit of FCPS finances.
- Dr. Domenech is planning several Towne Meetings for public comment on expected cuts to his FY2003 budget.
- Mitch congratulated award winners of the council level Reflections Contest. He presented the awards on Feb. 22. Mitch thanked Lisa Lombardozi for organizing the contest at short notice. He said she did a wonderful job, and he really appreciated her efforts.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPRESENTATIVE**-no report- representatives are in Richmond.

Mitch began discussion on bills in committee at General Assembly referring to taxes to relieve northern Virginia of transportation and education funding shortages.

- HB1296 as modified by Senate is for a statewide sales tax
- SB170 as modified by House contains up to .5% income tax for northern VA only-funds to remain in N. VA.
- SB692- Saslaw bill Local or County income tax.

### VP REPORTS

1<sup>ST</sup> VP- Bob Whiteman was absent. Nell Hurley reported on SCAC meeting.

Report given by Lillian Lowery and Nancy Sprague about concern over 11<sup>th</sup> grade English SOL test.

- 1300 students failed last year. (Approximately 1/3 ESOL; 1/3 special Ed; and 1/3 general Ed.)
- Special Education students can get a modified diploma, but there is no such provision for ESOL students.

2<sup>nd</sup> VP- Ralph Cooper Jr.

- Ralph reported that the Black History Information Fair was successful. Approximately 100 people attended, including six School Board members, and much of the FCPS Leadership Team. The event was held at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Alexandria on Feb. 27.
- Mitch added his thanks to Ralph and Cyrus Rohrer for their efforts to make the evening successful.
- Ralph announced that Chuck James, FCCPTA representative to Minority Student Achievement Oversight Committee, will chair that committee next year.

3<sup>rd</sup> VP- Ed Darden

Ed reported that Shirley Anne Adams is holding meetings for Special Education parents, and will provide an update at next month's meeting.

4<sup>th</sup> VP- Alan Tashima- no report

MITCH ASKED THE FOR ANY REPORTS FROM THE TEACHER'S UNIONS REPRESENTATIVES

- FEA-Rick Baumgartner-  
Rick invited the board to a seminar with Richard Allington, on April 20. He distributed an article co-written by Allington and Woodside-Jiron titled: The Politics of Literacy Teaching: How "Research" Shaped Educational Policy. (ATTACHED)
- FCFT Judy Johnson-  
Judy commented on minority achievement. She stated that emphasis should be placed on learning basics at the elementary level, and that FCCPTA should be looking at FCPS curriculum.

#### **COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**

**HEALTH, PARENTING AND SAFETY**-Kenton Pattie (full report is ATTACHED)

- Kenton attended National Press conference on "bullying", Jan 16, 2002. He recommends that a PTA or Council present a resolution at VAPTA convention. He is also looking for someone to present a workshop on bullying at the Summer Conference.
- March Top Priority will feature: "When Parents Become Ill"; April's will be "If Your Child Is Drinking".
- Fairfax Cares has published "Everyone's Child", available at all schools. They are looking for a PTA/PTSA that holds a position on the "Communities That Care" survey of 11,000 Fairfax students.
- Kenton reported that Tania Hindert has resigned from Fairfax Mentoring Partnership.

**TECHNOLOGY**-Walt Carlson

Walt met with Mary Beth Luftglass and Tessie Wilson regarding FCCPA survey on technology.

Walt will draft questions for Elementary; Middle and High schools; Principals; School Based Tech specialists; and PTA presidents.

**SCHOLARSHIP**- Dan Fawcett

Dan reported that 26 schools have sent in contributions to scholarship, which is 15% less than the total last year at this time. He asked the board to spread the word to get donations in by early May.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- March General Membership meeting has been cancelled.
- May General Membership meeting and Leadership Training Workshops will be held May 28 at Frost Middle School. Mitch thanked Alan Tashima for volunteering to organize the LTW.
- Mitch announced that there has been a volunteer to be FCCPTA Cluster 3 representative. Arlene Pripeton served on the nomination committee, and has worked with Mitch at Mantua PTA. A MOTION was made to accept Arlene as the Cluster 3 Representative. The motion was SECONDED and PASSED unanimously.
- A proposed Resolution was presented for endorsement by FCCPTA, by Destiny Burns, Board member of Westfield HS PTSA. The resolution is asking FCCPTA to take a position on preserving the intellectual freedom and Constitutional rights of FCPS students in regard to books in school libraries being re assigned to older students due to content challenges by parents. After discussion, the issue was tabled until April 1 Board meeting so board members could research this issue.
- Mitch congratulated Kathy Smith on her Sully District School Board Rep. election win.

**ADJOURNMENT**- 9:20 pm.