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**Minutes of FCCPTA General Membership Meeting
May 22, 2018**

Dr. Brabrand preceded the meeting with a report to parents (summary attached)

The Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes from last meeting were presented for review. Motion to approve minutes was made and seconded. Minutes were approved.

President Report. Beth Tudan reported that the FCCPTA High School Voter Registration Challenge had resulted in 5,000 new registered voters. The upcoming annual Training and Leadership Conference will be held June 16th, 9AM – 3PM, at Thomas Jefferson High School. Currently 55 people registered. The Scholarship deadline has been extended. There are now 12 applicants.

A motion was made and seconded to transfer \$2,000 to scholarship fund, which would provide \$5,000 for scholarships. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report. Brendan Mulvaney is traveling for work; report not available.

Health & Wellness Committee Report. FCCPTA surveyed the youngest-aged children of PTA families. It was only sent out in English.

1. Elementary school results: FCPS should schedule two 20-minute recess periods. Research shows that children are better off if they have recess. Recess being taken away has a great negative impact.
2. Middle School results: early start time is negatively impacting these students.
3. High School: 36% of students have 3 hours or more of homework per night, many spent entire weekends on homework. Their stress level is 7. This is created by: lack of sleep, multiple assignments due on same day, and lack of feedback from teachers on assignments.

Election. Nominating Committee Member Dana Stover presented the slate of officers for next year:

Jane Miscavage: President
Matt Dunne: Vice President, Advocacy
Stella Pekarsky: Vice President, Outreach
Denise Bolton: Vice President, Programs
Michelle Leete: Vice President, Training
Barb Waldmiller: Secretary
Sherry Nachnani: Treasurer

There were no nominations from the floor.

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A motion was made, and seconded, to vote the slate. Motion passed. Officers were elected.

New President's Report. Jane Miscavage announced several openings for Standing Committee Chairs and Liaisons to Community Advisory Committees, including:

- Community Action Advisory Board
- Fairfax County Citizen Corps Council
- Minority student Achievement Oversight Committee
- School Health Advisory Committee
- Successful Youth and Child Policy Team

Jane presented Beth Tudan with a National PTA Lifetime Achievement Award. Beth was thanked for all she has done for the FCCPTA. She was president-elect and called in to service early.

Beth reminded those gathered that there is a primary on June 12th. Beth thanked Executive Board members and individual volunteers for their contributions to the Council.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56pm

- *Respectfully submitted, Barb Waldmiller, acting Secretary*



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Dr. Brabrand's Update to Parents May 22, 2018

- Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Franconia Elementary School family and community where on May 18, 2018 a nine-year-old child accidentally died. The incident happened at SACC, but the teacher involved was a PE teacher. The accident involved the accidental closing of an electronic partition. There is now a moratorium on the use of those partitions until a proper review of them can take place.
- FCPS will be issuing a statement about the latest shooting in Texas. We can do better. Look for that next month. The school in TX had extra security. They did what they were supposed to do and still it happened.
- On Thursday, May 24th the School Board will vote for the first fully funded budget in 21 years. High school athletic and activity fee is being eliminated. We need to get great people in place first. We will be able to speed up renovation of buildings because of increase of taxes.
- The General Assembly may be moving toward letting the schools make decisions about when to open before Labor Day. The Assembly seems to be moving in the right direction because the schools are willing to let the Labor Day weekend be a 4-day weekend to go to Kings Dominion or VA Beach and spend money.
- Unmet needs: textbooks, old busses, after Thursday Dr. Brabrand will know better how this will be handled. He's finishing strategic plan from 32 items down to 8 in one year. Then lining those 8 up with the budget.
- Question: Any more conversations with Mr. Hill about the budgets? Answer: Dr. Brabrand will meet with on Monday. There will be fewer "red" schools and more "yellow" schools (example: chronic absenteeism: what causes it?). Fewer tests in high schools, schools will get credit for students succeeding in non-tested items. They get credit for "getting better." Think of 2nd language student who improves in language. He's going to focus on Capstone projects (Oakton HS does them). Collaboration, team work, creativity is the key.
- The participation level of the survey the teachers fill out increased by 10%, which is quite good. Their high level of "frustration" decreased and their level of "excitement" came back in. However, "overwhelmed" is still prevalent in the survey.
- December 3rd is going to be FCCPTA Advocacy Night from 5:30-9pm. Please mark your calendars and join us.