



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

General Membership Meeting via Zoom. Jamie Yarussi monitored the Chat function.

Prior to the FCCPTA regular Membership Meeting, FCPS Superintendent, Dr. Scott Brabrand, reported on issues affecting FCPS. He noted that one-third of children ages 5-11 had already received their first COVID-19 vaccination. He further discussed plans for drive-through testing, in-school vaccination with parental permission, and COVID-19 risk management. He discussed the impact of vaccinations on students who are paused due to COVID-19 exposure, noting that vaccinated can return to school much more quickly with proof of COVID-19 vaccination. Pop-up vaccination clinics can be found at [School-located Vaccine Clinics | Health \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#). He further discussed efforts for comprehensive review of employee salaries. He discussed the impact of COVID-19 on enrollment. He noted that he would bring a calendar to the school board in January, with an emphasis on teacher planning time. He discussed the interim appointment of Dr. King to serve as Chief Equity Officer. He discussed efforts to improve bus service, including improving pay for bus drivers and others involved in student transportation. He discussed work with consultants to analyze school boundaries. He further discussed potential plans for ESSR III funding to help support the study body. He discussed the student restraint and seclusion settlement. He further discussed the return of *Lawn Boy* and *Gender Queer* to the school libraries after review by the full challenged materials committee. He emphasized that the books were not assigned to students. He discussed the placement of 250 students from Afghanistan in FCPS. He discussed the efforts to reach out to community members in multiple languages. He discussed snow day plans, noting that the first five snow days of the year would be traditional snow days, but beyond that there would be a switch to virtual learning to ensure. He noted that snow day information will be published online.

Vice President Outreach Larry Mills called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Jason V. Morgan was appointed secretary pro tem by unanimous consent. A quorum was present for conducting Council business. Larry noted that the President, Jara Jenkins, was sick with COVID-19, although he noted that other than sleeping a lot she was doing well. He reviewed the PTA mission statement and briefly introduced the members of the leadership team.

Reports

Treasurer Report: The treasurer reported debits of \$104.95 and credits of \$2,239.00.

VP Programs Report: Larry Mills shared the Vice President Programs report on behalf of Duyen Brink. A local units grants program will be opened shortly to provide \$500 to 10 local units to help them bounce back from COVID-19.

Reflections Report: Jason V. Morgan presented the Reflections report, noting that entries had been judged and a report was being put together for certification. He further noted that there would be some effort to recognize students.

VP Communications Report: Jenna White presented the VP Communicates report noting that a speakers bureau will be coming soon, with information available at <https://www.fccpta.org/speakersbureau> or vp.communications@fccpta.org.

Spelling Bee Report: Eliza Morss provided the Spelling Bee report, noting that the deadline for enrollment at www.spellingbee.com is December 31, with a cost of \$175.

Military Families Report: Mary Gauvin gave the Military Families Committee report. She shared registration information for the upcoming NOVA District PTA Military Families meeting to be held December 6, 2021, at 8:00 P.M. (<http://www.novadistrictpta.org/2021/11/30/nova-district-pta-military-families-meeting-6dec21-at-8pm>). She noted that several schools have been recognized as purple star schools.

NOVA District PTA Report: Debbie Kilpatrick, NOVA District PTA Assistant Director, reported on the Suicide Prevention presentation by Anne Moss Rogers. She noted that the National PTA Legislative/Annual Convention will be held at Gaylord National Harbor in June 2022. She discussed the upcoming awards program and district citizenship essay contest.

Nominations Committee: Amanda Campbell gave the Nominations Committee report, noting that efforts to get an online application form open are ongoing and noting that the deadline for applications will be Feb. 2, 2022,

Special Education PTA (SEPTA): Gave the SEPTA report, noting that the next General Membership meeting will be January 18, from 7-9 P.M. She discussed receipt of a National PTA Grant for participation in the Family-School Partnerships program. She further shared the SEPTA YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/c/FairfaxCountySpecialEducationPTA>). She encouraged attendees to share She shared the SEPTA armchair fundraiser, which is used to help fund the SEPTA mini-grants program (<https://fcsepta.ptboard.com/formvw?store=2241&form=4>). She further encouraged attendees to share information about SEPTA and to encourage participation throughout the FCPS community.

Superintendent Representative Report: Kathy Ryan gave the Superintendent Representative's report, she shared information about the superintendent search, including an upcoming work session with consultants to discuss this effort. Information on the Superintendent search is available at <https://www.fcps.edu/school-board/superintendent-search>.

New Business:

Larry Mills noted without objection that Harry Jackson, having resigned from the position of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology PTSA president, had been deemed no longer eligible to serve on the Nominations Committee.

Announcements:

Middle School roundtable December 12, 2021, 7:00 P.M.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUoc--qrD0oE9XKxfE1v2AnOHWzV33UTcAh>

NOVA District PTA Military Families Committee December 6, 2021, 8:00 P.M.

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Virginia PTA Capitol Day January 21, 2022

December 2, 2021, School Board Meeting (public participation closed)

December 16, 2021, School Board Meeting (changes to public participation, including waitlist participation virtually and 2 minute speeches, discussed)

January 4, 2022, CIP public hearing (registration should open December 17, 2021)

January 24, 2022, budget public hearing (registration open January 7, 2021)

FCCPTA openings: Vice President Advocacy and Secretary

Discussion:

The members discussed challenges and lessons learned regarding meeting virtually. Members also discussed issues with translations and inclusiveness, with members encouraged to add a line to meeting announcements asking if members needed help with language translation, including American Sign Language translation. Members were also encouraged to communicate with school principals and middle school and high school English department chairs to participate in committees related to responding to challenges to books or requests to approve new materials for use in the classroom.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

Prepared by Jason V. Morgan, secretary pro tem