

## **Annandale High School PTSA Meeting – October 18, 2011**

**Attendees:** Debra Andrews, Cheri Atkins, Jim Barker, Ashley Briggs, Sheree Brown-Kaplan, Cat Butler, Ashaim Achhabra, Michele Del Signore, Chi Dinh, Elvira Fairman, Patty Fink, Barbara Fitzgerald, Rich Fruchterman, Christine Gloninger, Becky Hoisington, Robin Hylton, Mary Johnson, Jan Kaplan, Laurie McLean, Laurie Lindberg, Carrie Mack, Mary Padrutt, Patricia Quezada, Ellen Rolen, Emily Slough, Larry Smoak, Sandra Stevens, Ted Velkoff, Sherell Williams, Linda Winkler

### **I Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:30 p.m.

### **II Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (September 13, 2011)**

The September meeting minutes were approved as presented. The approved minutes were forwarded onto Ms. Wright for posting on the AHS PTSA website.

### **III Principal's Update**

Mr. Randazzo reported that the High School Principal Association recommends the installation of surveillance cameras in High Schools. The Association's recommendations were based upon the following:

- Surveillance cameras would reduce incidents
- Surveillance cameras would help identify individuals involved in incidents

Mr. Randazzo had all in attendance at this PTSA meeting break up into groups to discuss the following issues:

- Should Annandale High School have interior security cameras (NOTE: AHS already has exterior cameras in use).
- If agreed, where should they be installed
- If installed, how would effectiveness of cameras be measured
- Will installation of surveillance cameras add to the culture of AHS.

Mr. Randazzo will be forwarding feedback from this group discussion onto the School Board. It seemed that the groups felt that the culture at AHS today does not warrant the installation of surveillance cameras within the school; nor does it justify incurring the costs involved in such installation.

## **IV Committee and Activities Reports:**

### **Teacher Requests for PTSA Funding**

- **Student Program Support**
  - **Breanne Morton – Math** – Requested funding of \$120 for snacks at Varsity Math Competitions throughout the year. PTSA approved in full
  - **Leonida Gibson – Math** – Requested funding of \$120 for snacks at JV Math Competitions throughout the year. PTSA approved in full.
  - **Monica Bentley – Business Law** – Requested funding of \$202 for bus rental for trip to Courthouse. PTSA approved \$150, consistent with previous similar requests.
- **School Program Support**
  - **Kate Munteer – Peer Mediation** – Requested funding of \$200 for materials to support “Mix It Up Day”. PTSA approved in full.
- **Professional Development**
  - **Carmen Peek – English** – Requested funding of \$300 to cover the registration fee to attend the National English Teachers Conference. The PTSA approved \$250 consistent with previous similar requests.
  - **Amy Graham -English** – Requested funding of \$225 to cover the registration fee to attend the National English Teachers Conference. The PTSA approved in full.

### **Membership**

Ms. Winkler reported that membership was at 406 (Parents: 246, Students: 117 and Teachers/Staff: 43).

### **ATOMail**

Ms. Slough reported that feedback on the new ATOMail (Keep In Touch messages from the PTSA) has been very strong and very positive. KUDOS for an outstanding job to Jaye Webb who has spearheaded this project.

### **Communications**

On behalf of Ms. Wright, Ms. Slough reported that the deadline for the November issue of the Courier is October 28<sup>th</sup>. Consideration is being given to placing ads in the Courier in order to offset the increased costs in publishing.

## **Miscellaneous**

Ms. Slough reported that the PROTECT parent group will host a panel on substance abuse at AHS on December 13.

**The PTSA Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:40.**

**The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 7 p.m. in the Library.**

**The meeting was followed by a panel of the candidates currently running for the Fairfax County School Board.** The format was one of position statements by the candidates, followed by questions from attendees of the PTSA meeting with responses and follow up from the candidates. The candidates that participated were: Sheree Brown-Kaplan, Sandy Evans, Nell Hurley, Lolita Mancheno-Smoak, Ryan McElveen, Megan McLaughlin, Ilryong Moon, Ted Velkoff and Steve Stuben.