



## Rocky Run Middle School PTA Meeting Minutes February 8, 2011

**Welcome and Call to Order** done by Carol Cleveland at 11:42am

**In Attendance** were: Terry Agelotti, Laura Kehoe, Donna Baker, Soon Yoon, Souel Trivedi, Mary King Taylor, Randy Knight, Susan Hoyler, Barb Waldmiller, Raul Berrios, Martha Alderman, Matthew Eline, Kathy Smith, Carol Cleveland, Anne Lang, Anwar Belayachi, Maximo Dehage

**The Agenda** was approved by voice vote with no additions, but Mrs. Smith's presentation was moved to just after the Principal's Report.

**The Treasurer's Report** was reviewed.

The Membership drive gained 44 new members and more money for the No Fuss Fundraiser. Carol says the financial state "looks pretty good". We are \$500 shy of our No Fuss Fundraiser goal and 99 members short of our original goal for the PTA. But, we have brought in 70 new members since the directory was printed up. The one financial glitch seems to be SpiritWear since currently there are more expenses than income.

### **Principal's Report:**

We won the local Math Counts competition and we're off to the state level.

At the Model UN competition, we received a plaque. We might go to the states.

Consideration is being given to reorganizing the "teams" at Rocky Run. This is because, in reality, only 68% of the kids are actually "on team" (meaning they are with their team peers and teachers). There are 4 options on the table:

- 1) Do nothing
- 2) Take math off team, which will raise the "on team" percentage to 90%
- 3) Create a "3, 3, & 1" grouping where there would be 3 7<sup>th</sup> grades groups, 3 8<sup>th</sup> grade groups and one combined 7 & 8 group which would bring the "on team" percentage to 97%
- 4) 7<sup>th</sup> grade remains in teams, 8<sup>th</sup> graders are no longer in teams, the "on team" percentage is 95%

Feedback is being asked of PTA members. The school is looking at this and will be voting on it for the year after next.

The new Director of Student Services will hopefully start on or about March 1st.

**Visitor: Kathy L. Smith**, Chairman and Sully District, Member, Fairfax County School Board

Kathy discussed a number of topics during her presentation. Among them were:

FCPS Fast Facts-FY 2011

School Board Information: <http://www.fcps.edu/schlbld/index.htm>

FCPS Profile 2010-2011: <http://www.fcps.edu/statis.htm#fairfaxcounty>

School Board 2010-2011 Annual Work Calendar: <http://www.fcps.edu/schlbld/documents/workcalendar.pdf>

Southwest Boundary Study Dates: (the school board decision on Southwest county boundaries was 2/24/11)

Here is the link to the latest information: <http://www.fcps.edu/fts/planning/southwesternstudy/index.htm>

FY 2012 Proposed Budget Highlights and Key Dates in the Process: <http://www.fcps.edu/fs/budget/calendar/>

## Advocacy

### Important Websites

Board Docs: <http://www.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/Public>

Strategic Governance: <http://www.fcps.edu/schlbd/sg/index.htm>

Any School's Profile: <http://commweb.fcps.edu/schoolprofile/>

(Use the drop-down feature to select your school then click the "view" button)

2010 Legislative Program: <http://www.fcps.edu/legupdate/>

Current and Upcoming Board Issues: <http://www.fcps.edu/schlbd/index.htm>

(from this link, on the right side of the page, see "upcoming Board topics")

Washington Area Boards of Education Guide: <http://www.fcps.edu/fs/budget/wabe/index.htm>

News Wire: <http://www.fcps.edu/mediapub/publicat/wire.htm>

Fairfax County Budget Toolbox: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/fy2012/diy/>

25% of Fairfax County residents have children in school

A question was asked about the later start time for high school and Mrs. Smith said that once the votes were tallied more people were actually in favor of keeping the earlier times than the later times.

Online SOL testing is state mandated for the year after next.

### Committee Reports:

Membership: Baldwin's Class had the largest PTA membership at 75% and Little and Slevin's classes won greatest change in percentage of PTA memberships

Directory: proposed format for 2011 with addition of address, phone number, email, grade level, with Opt-out option of individual fields

PTA Website: still looking for someone to help with design. Chantilly kids didn't work out.

Basketball Game: Friday, March 18 RRMS vs. Franklin need help to sell tickets during lunch

Shifting Gears 2011: dates: last week of July and first 2 weeks of August

President's Report: Carol Cleveland

Calendar/Event Review

- next PTA meeting is Tuesday, March 1 @7pm
- "Race to Nowhere"
- Wednesday, March 9 CHS Spaghetti Dinner & Concert, 5:30pm
- Thursday, March 10 Rising 7<sup>th</sup> grade orientation, 6:30pm
- Tuesday, March 15, Chantilly HS PTSA Mtg.
- Thursday, March 17 early release day, RRMS (?)
- Thursday, March 17, Rising 8<sup>th</sup> grade orientation, 6:30pm
- Friday, March 18, RR vs. Franklin Basketball game @ Chantilly HS 6:30pm
- Saturday, March 19, Chorus Festival Rachel Carson MS

Nominations Committee: Co-Chairs: Mary King Taylor & Susan Hoyler  
Member: Sonal Trivedi

Adjournment

**Next meeting: Tuesday, March 1, 7pm**