

## PTO Meeting - September 21, 2018

### **Welcome**

PTO President Denys King welcomed everyone to the first PTO meeting of the 2018-19 school year and introduced the new Executive Board. She made a brief statement about the Executive Board's decision to cancel the PTO contract with the Student Info Hub. She thanked all the volunteers who worked over the summer to prepare for the new school year.

#### 2018-19 Executive Board

President - Denys King

President Elect - Jen Leu

Past President - Megan Roberge

Vice President of Faculty - Danuail James

Vice President of Fundraising - Stephanie Short

Vice President of Technology - Preety Wang

Treasurer - Julie DeLong

Secretary - Kristin Magur

### **New Website**

- Preety Wang explained the process by which a new website was constructed the week before school started and the plans for expanding the capabilities of that website and the exploration of new platforms to move to in the future. The previous website address, [www.springhillpto.org](http://www.springhillpto.org), was able to be resurrected. She asked that all Board members create a Google email/account for their specific committee so that information can more easily be shared through Google Docs and transferred each year to new committee heads.

### **VP of Technology**

- A motion was made to add the position of VP of Technology to the PTO Executive Board. The motion was seconded, and approved by a majority vote. Preety Wang will now serve as the VP of Technology.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Julie DeLong provided the latest Treasurer's report, including changes to the previous year's budget. "Community Partnerships" is now an Income line item. "Cultural Arts" has now been added as an Expense line item. Operating Expenses now include "Accounting Software and Services" and "Drop Box." The proposed budget for the 2018-19 school year includes \$126,000 for total income and \$104, for total expenses. A motion was made to approve the budget. That motion was seconded and approved by a majority vote.

### **Membership Chair**

- Jessica McMichael spoke about the big push to increase PTO membership and encourage greater donation rates to the Fall Fundraiser. The start of the school year saw a lower than average percentage of families donating and so suggestions were made about options for increasing awareness about the importance of the fund.

- PTO Membership: \$10 dues
  - Benefits include free printed student directory and chance to register for OSA w/o paying additional registration fee.
- Fall Fundraiser: \$100 suggested
  - Helps cover expenses not met with FCPS funds
  - Early appropriations will be limited if donations do not increase

### **Committee Updates**

- a. Book Fair
  - Shannon Cook Durrant talked about the Dive into Reading Book Fair scheduled for the week of October 22-26. She asked for volunteers and passed a sign up sheet for those interested in helping.
- b. Staff Appreciation
  - Jennifer McCarthy spoke on behalf of the five new Staff Appreciation Committee members. She passed a sign up sheet for those interested in helping with the various events throughout the year.
- c. Fundraising/VendorBonus
  - Stephanie Short talked about the changes to the Bids for Kids Auction. There will be a name change and the invitations will now go out to the entire PTO membership. Stephanie is currently searching a shadow VP to assist this year and then take over the position for the 2019-20 school year.
- d. Box Tops
  - Kim Saxenian will once again chair this committee. She explained the format for submitting boxtops.
- e. Room Parents
  - Kristina Han spoke about the need to include more parents in classroom participation and the importance of reaching out to families with foreign language speakers.

### **Principal Aiello Presentation**

Principal Aiello gave a presentation with a corresponding slide show about her vision for the future of SHE, including the FCPS "Portrait of a Graduate" platform. She talked about her desire to incorporate the word "Elevate" into every element of the school community, including staff satisfaction, quality of instruction and physical school grounds. She wants to introduce new collaborative learning tools. She talked about the recent visit by the new FCSP Superintendent the VA Board of Excellence Award presented to SHE. The physical building and maintenance thereof is an area of concern for Principal Aiello and she is putting a strong emphasis on safety and access. She will be exploring options to replace "Cafeteria Pick Up" as it presents significant concerns.

### **Upcoming Events**

- a. 9/28: Room Parent Meeting 8:45am Large Pod
- b. 10/5: New Family Coffee 9:00am Large Pod
- c. 10/6: New Family Play date 10:30 am SHES Playground
- d. 10/10: National Walk and Bike to School Day
- e. 10/18: Evening PTO Meeting – 7pm in the Cafeteria
- f. 10/22-26: Book Fair

- g. 10/23: Ice Cream Social

**How to Stay Informed**

- a. The SCOOP Newsletter (emailed on Tues each week)
- b. PTO Website: [www.springhillpto.org](http://www.springhillpto.org)
- c. Facebook (Spring Hill PTO)
- d. PantherPress(emailed every other Wed)