

Lorton Station Elementary School SHP Sep. 5, 2017 Meeting Minutes:

Sabrina Boyd called meeting to order at 7:05p. She reviewed the agenda and then asked for introductions.

Principal Update Ms. Jackson: Off to a great start. We had a lot of families at open house. The month of September is busy. Today the first Tuesday folder went home. Bringing back "Lightning Tracks" newsletter. Please post on fridge at home. Trying to capture all activities and send out once per month. Parents are welcome to submit articles. She made an announcement to remind kids of flyers. The hope is to grow it more every month. Contributions should be sent to Ms. Jackson, cc admin assistant, Ms. Odell. Brought back to improve communication between school and parents. Communication is the theme this year. Back to School night is next Wednesday. Updates will be sent out in light of pending hurricane. If it rains as hard as predicted, field parking will not be available. May have to encourage carpooling. There will be 2 sessions per night to better accommodate parents with 2 children. Suggestion to spread time between sessions was raised. Ms. Jackson expressed concern over flooding.

Reintroductions due to influx of parents. (At this time there are 12 attendees).

Enrollment: 903 students, project 999. Caused HR to effect teacher cuts. Classes are between 18 -28 students per class. Sixth grade is the most effected. First grade was projected 6 classes and ended with 4. First grade average is 24. Expecting 10-15 students returning next week. The first day of school was 844. Almost fully staffed. Offers out for two IA, expecting a 3rd. One IA will be a 5th grade AAP and one in 6th grade AAP. New teachers on board, and a lot of moves. Moves are difficult from early grades to higher grades. Plan to bring new teachers with cross training who are easier to move between grades. Most of the new teachers are in the upper grades. PE teacher moved to MS in order to coach. Have a new strings teacher. Ms. Lubinski moved closer to home in Vienna. New strings teacher is Megan Fizer. New music teacher is for 5th and 6th grade. Mr. Bosco is absent due to back injury. He came from Riverside MS. Ms. TM left to finish doctorate program. Latoya: What is his role vs. McGrath? McGrath is handling 1st, 6th, Jackson 2nd, 3rd, half K, Bosco 4th 5th, half of K. Division is for purposes of interim reporting to ensure eyes are on all reports.

Had lots of feedback to 6th grade promotion. Limit 6th graders to 2 tickets. Did accommodate exceptions. Program was kept to one hour. Positive feedback. Morning program; Chipotle lunch; afternoon dance. Feedback was to schedule closer to end of school. 6th graders wondered what to come back. Uchechi: how was it funded? In the past it was outside at Veterans Mem. Park. Weather became an issue. Decision was made to have ceremony during day. Hayfield Sr came back and did a walk and spoke to the 6th graders. They wore cap and gowns and had breakfast with staff. Featured on news. Then did a SR walk. School budget was used to finance 6th activity. Mom: Can future classes expect to have a similar experience? Use is at the discretion of the staff. By the time the kids finished lunch it was too late for cake. So it was saved for the next day. Sabrina: Did you hear from parents whose kids were not invited to ceremony? Yes, two. The incentive was started during the 4th quarter. Sabrina: my experience was not as described. The program was not actually started in 4th quarter, it was 2 weeks before program. I would like to discuss further with you in a different setting. Jackson: would like to speak with you further.

Finance: Jason: We started the year better than expected with \$4,258.90

B/A School Programs: ???

Chess club – Trish coordinator. Positive feedback in program. Some fees for the program. T-shirt contest. Before school activity.

Mad Science – student request

Stem Excel – popular

LS Sports Club – Mr. Beebee – free program; no start date.

Girls on the Run – school favorite; spring session in question due to coach expecting; discuss relevant topics.

Kaizen Karate – student request; last spring was first session. Will do fall and spring this year. Instructor is a school parent.

Global Plus – called us over the summer to offer to add French. Will offer on 20 week session to curve off enrollment drop. Results in lower price.

We have a lot of vendor driven programs due to low parent involvement. Latoya: will we still dismiss from school to after school clubs. Jackson: Yes, will update Pwpt to dismiss kids earlier so they can begin club time immediately. Question: can my kid go straight from class to club? Jackson: Yes, clubs will dismiss before buses.

Latoya: Will we get tables for Back 2 School Night? Jackson: Yes, all 3 nights? Latoya: Parents we need people to man the tables.

Fundraising: Will have to change Chipotle night bc they don't do Wednesday. Will change to Tuesday. Will update flyer to say you may order online but select pay in store to get credit for school.

Barnes and Nobel: Latoya asked Jackson to ask strings teacher to have students come out.

Movie Nights: 4 scheduled, 5 titles to choose from. Cannot do 5 nights. Changing Station celebration to movie night. Asked if anyone wanted to do a theme/spirit day to go with first movie night.

Pushing FB campaign to be able to reach families through auto alerts from FB.

David: working Chic fil a and Glory Days dine around contracts. Jackson suggested Piasano's

Latoya: we need a need box top coordinator. Previous two moms graduated. Works well with two parents. Still selling spirit wear. Available on website. CFC was approved for 2017. Fed employees can have money auto deducted. CFC#15705. Ask Ms. Jackson what signs looked like. "HFSS is a member of CFC" with number on sign. CFC has restrictions on direct marketing. Concerned about name not being exact as school's name. Parents didn't feel that was a problem. CFC reads LS SHP supports LSES. Jackson: may want to approach the Fields and the Woods at Fairfax to display the signs in office and on marquee. HOA's meet in our school and will allow advertising. Jackson will check on contacts.

Sold out yearbooks last year of 350. Jackson was instrumental in this effort. This year's order is 300 but can be increased. Books are \$20 before December 31, and \$22 after December 31. New teacher coordinator needed.

School Store: considering reopening. SGA and teachers need to approve item list. New spirit item: car magnet. What price? Suggested: \$5, \$3, higher. Jason: What do they cost? Latoya: \$1.25. Parent stated since this is title 1 should be \$3. Latoya: let's go with \$3.

Jackson: planning to get comp t-shirts for students to build school pride. Would like shirts to reflect staff shirts. Sabrina: can school buy SHP shirts? Jackson: too many words and want it to coordinate with staff. Target to get shirt out by Thanksgiving. Latoya: our shirts have motto. Is that promoted in school? Jackson: yes.

Latoya: called for questions. No one spoke up. Will bring meeting to close.

Jackson: reminded SHP/parents to make submissions to newsletter. Comments continued about t-shirts and newsletter.

Submitted by Sabrina Boyd