

MEETING MINUTES

Floris PTA General Body Meeting

Date | Time 09-20-2023 | 6:30pm | Floris Elementary Cafeteria

In Attendance: Gail Heidt, Bhavana Kshriya, Dhanjay, Krishnareni M., Divya Satyal, Rina Kim, Colleen Anderson, Sarah Murray, Lisa Barnes, Trishikha, Amy May, Ganna Keelyk, Christina Lewis, Prianka Beaulieu, Brad Beaulieu, Jaideep Gudipudi, Mahitha Baudi, David Bruare, Jacinth J, Aneiee Shah, Fatima Akhtar, Scott Saldana, Kerin Hamel, Michael Staebler, Veena Gupta, Vannary Thach-Song, Katie Sullivan, Jessie Pierce, Jennifer Claborn, Lana Smith, Shamal Kulkarni, Michael Claborn, Danny Thach-Song, Barb Terino, Alma Diaz, Kim Jayavelu, Holly Walker, Hilda Manuella, Rob Gibbs, Vernella Lanham

★ **Welcome:** (Kerin Hamel, Acting President)

- Call Meeting to Order at 6:38 PM
 - Thank you to all who are here!
 - Thank you for donations
 - PTA Introductions
- Introduce Principal Walker

★ **Principal's Welcome:** (Holly Walker, Principal)

- Supportive PTA, However you can support we appreciate it
- Floris was one of the only schools blessed to be opened fully staffed!!
- Staff spreading the word that they are appreciated by PTA
- Friday message came out on Wednesday - fun glitch!
- Lunch with students will begin October 2nd
- You HAVE to have a photo ID to come into the building and/or pick up your child - must be government issued. It is a Fairfax County mandate.
 - Scanning the ID triggers a search on the database in the system
 - It is to keep our students safe
- Mr. Gibbs introduced himself
 - Kiss and Ride, wave to him
 - If you need admin, please contact them

★ **Teacher Representative** (Gail Heidt)

- Has been here for 30 years
- Loves the PTA and community, reason why she has been here for so long
- Building community through teacher welcome breakfast

- Notes for teachers make everyone happy
- Ms. DeKramer: If you have a few extra minutes each month, become a welcome buddy to help as a resource for new families to Floris
- Ms. DeKramer: would you consider establishing a green team to help with the gardens?
 - Please email Kerin

★ **Treasurer's Report:** (Scott Saldana, Treasurer)

- Present budget for the 2023-24 school year
 - Budget Categories: Operations, Social Events, and Fundraising
 - Estimating \$34,000, Budget is about \$40,000
 - Major Expense Categories:
 - Grade Level Enrichment (~\$6,000)
 - Special Projects (~\$8,000)
 - Teacher Start Up Costs (~\$80/teacher)
 - Hospitality (~\$4,500)
 - PTA Operating Expenses (\$4,400)
- Budget:
 - Overview of Income and Expenses for the 2023-24 School Year
 - ~\$42,000 in income through various programs and fundraising
 - ~42,000 in expenses through programs like Girls on the Run, MathCounts, Chess Tournaments, Science Fair, Spirit Ball, etc.

★ **Proposed Voting Agenda:**

- Vote to approve budget for 2023-24 school year
 - Yay: 29
 - Nay: 0
 - The budget has passed
- Vote on new members for the 2023-24 school year
 - Kerin Hamel as President
 - Yay: 35 approved
 - Nay: 0
 - Officially voted in as President
 - Vannary Thach-Song as VP of Fundraising and School Events
 - Yay: 37 approved
 - Nay: 0
 - Officially voted in as VP

★ **After School Enrichment:** (Veena Gupta, VP of Community Affairs)

- Baroody Camps
 - Please reach out for ideas for classes

★ **School Enrichment Programs:** (Michael Stabler, VP of School Affairs)

- Virginia Science Olympiad (VASO)
 - Division A (3rd-5th): two teams
 - Division B (6th Grade): registration begins Sept. 26th
 - In need of a chairperson
- Girls on the Run, (Sharin, Coach)
 - Looking for a co-coach (Mondays and Wednesdays between 8-9)
- Math Counts
 - Registration is almost full
- May offer Math Olympiad and Math Kangaroo for younger children
- Reflections Contest due in November
 - Submissions get judged locally
- Odyssey of the Mind coming up
- Spelling Bee in Jan/Feb
- Science Fair in March
- Upcoming Chess Tournament: Sept. 30th, Floris Cafeteria

★ **School Events:** (Vannary Thach-Song, VP of Fundraising & School Events)

- Hospitality for teachers
 - Wanda
 - In October, appreciation for our custodial staff
- In-School Assembly: Harlem Wizards, Oct. 20th
 - First assembly since COVID!
 - Will be done in 2 sessions
- Bingo Night, Oct. 20th, 6:30 PM, Floris Cafeteria
 - Raffles, pizza and prizes
 - Registration required
- Spirit Ball, Nov. 17th, 6:30 PM, Floris Cafeteria and Gym
 - Similar structure to last year
 - Would anyone like to run the silent auction??
 - Ms. Clifford
 - Lauren Smith

★ **Fundraisers:** (Fatima Akhtar, Fundraising Chair)

- Spirit Nights: Dominos
- Box Tops for Education
 - Scan your receipts
- Giant: sign up with your Giant card
- Harris Teeter: sign up with your VIC card, each time you scan, a portion will be donated
- Friends of Floris Fundraiser: raising money for security cameras, outdoor benches, etc.
 - External security cameras cost \$15,000
 - 4 were purchased by Principal Walker through budgeting
 - PTA would reimburse a portion of the cost

★ **Closing:** (Kerin Hamel)

- Please thank Ms. Yeni our building supervisor
- Thank you for coming!!
- Next meeting is Wednesday, October 18th
- Motion to end the meeting: 7:37 PM

PTA Executive Board Members for the 2023-24 School Year

President: Kerin Hamel

Treasurer: Scott Saldana

Recording Secretary: Prianka Beaulieu

Communications Secretary: Katie Sullivan

Financial Secretary: Sharin Gab-Allah

VP of Community Affairs: Veena Gupta

VP of School Affairs: Michael Stabler

VP of Fundraising and Social Events: Vannary Thach-Song