

Kent Gardens PTA Meeting Minutes January 27, 2017

- Meeting called to order at 8:45 am.
- 19 members in attendance.

Fairfax County Public Schools FY18 Budget Presentation:

- Budget Proposal includes only basic needs of the school system with a sustained focus on the Strategic Plan.
- FCPS anticipated continued challenges between basic needs and limited revenue
- Process starts in January and will finally be adopted in May (first presentation is Feb 7th)
- Budget overview: \$2.8 Billion School Operating Fund (4.9%) increase since FY17. Strategic Plans - Teacher Compensation, Classroom improvement, and a rise in enrollment
 - Step Increases for Employees
 - Teacher Salary Scale Implementation including Market scale adjustment included & will require four years to fully implement (to average, not near the market leaders) because teacher salaries are well below the market average for this area.
- Non-teacher Scales Implementation (market scale adjustment included) for administrators, classroom instructional support, and custodians, etc
- Classroom and Operational Resources
- Required Cost Drivers are costs that FCPS cannot control such as increased enrollment, required payments into the Virginia Retirement System, local retirement and Health Insurance Rates.
- Revenue Sources:
 - County Transfer: 72.2%
 - State Aid: 15.4%
 - Sales Tax: 7.1%
 - Other sources: 5.3%
- Please stay engaged in the process because the board meets every month and discusses where cuts may be made, i.e. going from full day to half day kindergarten, eliminating immersion, etc. Class size discussions will happen in February meeting.
- County Executive budget proposal will be released February 14th.

Treasurer's Report:

- Presentation of the Financials and Audit from July 2015-2016. Our bylaws state we must present the results of the audit and vote to adopt the audit results. There were no findings and recommendations from the Audit board this year.
 - Motion to adopt the findings, motion approved by vote.
- Budget motion from last month to move money from reserve fund to general fund to buy computers for the classroom – computers have been purchased and are in the classroom.

- There will be a mis-match of timing on the budget for the last year due to summer camps and requests for vendor payments. To remedy the time delay we are utilizing the FLEX program which will assist with more transparent accounting.
 - Led to a \$5200 shortfall due to late invoicing this year and would like to move \$5200 from the reserve fund to the general fund to settle. Motion approved by vote.

Events:

- Pulcinellas fundraiser Feb 7th. 70% of the revenue goes directly back to the school.
- Steam Night is coming up on February 16th from 5-7 pm
- French Night - February 27th combining the French Bookfair with French movie night, the french interns will be here. Additionally it will be French dress up day.
- March Madness is on March 10th! Collecting sponsors for March Madness and we would like to have 2 big sponsors and we have one through Focal Point Homes. Please volunteer to play and for the event. Contact Kirsten Apple
- Summer Camp registration will start on February 6th at 9 am.
- Starting KG PTA Parent University, a series of workshops facilitated by area professionals. Cyber and Internet Safety Program on 2/24

Fundraising:

- Boxtops: winner of this month's contest will win a Hot Cocoa Party
- Chess Club starts again on February 1st

Principal's Report:

- Thank you for contributing and encouraging the #OneWord, we will continue to build on it throughout the year with activities and events, for example the school may have bracelets made that state KG Pride and #OneWord
- Thank you for the technology, the computers have been placed in classrooms and teachers and students are so happy.
- There has been a lot of testing going on lately and a lot of work going on in the classrooms. The due date for AAP referrals is February 3rd. Also, a 3rd grade teacher is out and likely will not be back this school year. Children are being supported and the school has hired a long-term substitute to ensure continuity.

Motion made to approve the November PTA minutes and approved by vote.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.