



**Board Members Present:** Katelyn Montgomery, Jennifer Dell’Orto, Allison Romero, Annmarie Swope, Kristie Wilson, Janelle Raikes, Hale Brickhouse, Roxanne Shurtliff

**Administration Present:** Barbara Gist

**Staff Present:** Linda Crittenden

Katelyn Montgomery, President welcomed everyone and meeting started at 7:01 pm.

### **Updates from Administration**

#### **Barbara Gist, Assistant Principal**

- Three teachers are leaving Aldrin next year for retirement:
  - Karen Devlin-Occupational Therapist
  - Kristin Harrison-Kindergarten IA with Ms. Keyser
  - Linda Crittenden-first grade teacher
  - You will be greatly missed-thank you for giving so many of your professional years to the Aldrin community!!
  
- Please remind your neighbors who have rising kindergartners to register for next year if they have not already done so.

### **Updates from PTA**

#### **Katelyn Montgomery, President**

- **Treasurer’s Report, prepared by Kathleen Webb, presented by Katelyn Montgomery**

Highlights:

- Currently we are \$1200 short of our goal with fundraising
  - Book fair fell short due to loss of biggest day due to a snow day.
  - Spirit Wear is currently short but still has items available
  - Silent auction was down by \$ 1400 –we are looking at restructuring fundraising
  - Store Incentives are still coming in and Giant is projected to be doing very well
  - Two Sweet Frog Dining for Dollars checks are still outstanding as well and both of these events did very well.
    - Dining for Dollars will scale back to once a quarter next year with the focus on a greater impact individually.



- Due to the lower income brought in with fundraising this year and other efforts that have traditionally made income although do not fall under fundraising, we are looking at restructuring some of the programs. As with any program, events need to be kept fresh. Many of these have been ongoing for many years at Aldrin. We will take a look at our current programs and recommend possible changes for next year's board to take under consideration.
- The Sixth Grade Basketball game last Friday was a huge success!
  - Thank you for all of the hard work the organizers and volunteers put into this event!
  - Thank you to the families for supporting this program in its second year!
- New Slate
  - There is a large turnover next year with the Board, one board member is staying on however switching roles. The current board will meet with the new board the week after school gets out to give overall direction so there is a smooth transition.
  - June 5<sup>th</sup> General Membership meeting there will be a vote for the new board. Thank you all for stepping up and giving back to the school. The PTA Board Slate for 2019-2020 to be voted on:
    - Eden Schneider, President
    - Janelle Raikes, VP Membership and Volunteers
    - Grinder Spencer, VP Communications
    - Candice Herbst, Treasurer
    - Michael Dietsch, VP Student Programs
    - Rachel Miller, VP Family Events
    - Megan Nassau, Recording Secretary
    - Scott Cannon, VP Fundraising
    - Taraneh Moghani, VP Advocacy
- Open Chair Positions for next year. Below are the open chair positions that need to be filled. Please consider chairing an event. Programs are at risk of going away if chairs cannot be filled.
  - Dining for Dollars
  - Assistant for Spirit Wear
  - International Night Co- Chair with Hale Brickhouse
  - Thanksgiving luncheon-2 people
  - Bingo
  - Communication lead for the after school program
  - Science Fair/STEAM night
  - Grant Writing
  - Staff Appreciation Week



- Cookie Bar at Valentine's Day
- Math Olympiad
- There will be a Volunteer thank you gathering on Monday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 – 7:30 pm at Gregorio's at North Point
  - Blasts have gone out to the community to let everyone know. Please continue to spread the word to any and all people who have stepped up in any way this year whether in the classroom or for the PTA!

#### **Aldrin Mosaic, Tom Shelley**

- Tom gave a presentation introducing the idea behind the Buzz Aldrin Mosaic
- Tom is the main coordinator for this project and works professionally in the Space Industry
- We are trying to replace the 25 year old picture of Buzz Aldrin in the lobby since it is aging. The idea is to replace it with a mosaic.
- This aligns with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing this July and the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Aldrin Elementary School.
- Helen Marshall, UK artist from The People's Picture ([www.thepeoplespicture.com](http://www.thepeoplespicture.com)) is the contact for the company to generate the mosaic.
- It will be the picture that is out there-of Buzz Aldrin on the Moon-but as a mosaic made up of thousands of pictures of students, staff, alumni and the community.
- Ms. Marshall came out to Aldrin to see and measure the space.
- This effort will cost \$14,000 (\$7,000 for the design of the mosaic which is greatly discounted and \$7,000 for the printing and installing of the picture in the lobby)
  - The fundraising for this effort should be separate from the PTA fundraising and should not take away from the fundraising that the PTA.
  - Tom is working with Admin to create a letter to give to potential corporate sponsors to raise the bulk of the funds. The different levels of contributions and their corresponding benefits (name on plaque, etc...) is still ongoing. The idea is start corporate sponsorship at \$500.
  - The remaining fundraising would come from alumni and the community.
    - Current students would have their pictures be part of the mosaic for free if they choose to do so. The yearbook picture would be used.
    - All alumni, families and the community would be invited to be part of the mosaic for \$25 per picture. The picture could be of an individual or a family.
  - Possibly, there would be a tool to see where your picture would be on the mosaic. Tom needs to check and see if this is part of it.
  - The company has a website portal that can be set up to receive the donations.



- The focus now and through the summer would be to find companies that would be able to sponsor this effort.
- Eryn Oruncak suggested a Gallery Night that could possibly raise \$5000. This has been done successfully at LANK. The children donate pictures that they made for purchase.
  - Melissa Morrison pointed out that it is difficult to add more to the children's school day. A solution for this is to possibly focus the fall After School program class that the art teacher Amanda Davis leads- and focus work for the gallery.

### **VP Advocacy, Hale Brickhouse**

- Diversity and Inclusion Committee
  - Decided to change the name of the International Night event to Cultural Heritage Night.
- FCPS PTA focus on three ongoing critical concerns:
  - Juuling/Vaping-this is a huge problem in the middle schools and high schools. FCPS has been trying to educate both the students and the families about the risks.  
<https://www.fcps.edu/vaping/parents>
  - AAP program-the county is assessing the AAP program and is making changes to benefit the students  
<http://www.fccpta.org/aap-resolution/>
  - Redistricting of whole county-there are over 7,000 empty seats in schools across the county however many schools are extremely overcrowded and have the need for trailers. There needs to be a county wide redistricting so that current resources in the county can be used.
- Results from the FCPS Fall 2018 schools survey are in
  - Every school had at least one survey filled out
  - FCCPTA's Fall 2018 Education Survey revealed several opportunities to strengthen our schools and FCPS. Specifically, respondents seek:
    - A reduction in class sizes to 18-23 students for classes in elementary schools and 20-25 students for classes in middle schools and high schools;
    - Increased hiring of experienced teachers and school counselors;
    - Increased teacher pay and diversity;
    - Increased safety and security;
    - The elimination of bullying and harassment;
    - Better school food; and
    - The elimination of trailers to educate students.

The next General PTA Membership Meeting will take place on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Library. On the agenda for the evening will be voting for the 2019-2020 SY PTA slate.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm

