

**September 20, 2016**

**6:30-8:00pm**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:**

* **PTA Board Members:** Jeni Hornback, Rebecca Kennedy, Kim Mathis, Rebecca Kim, Nicole Knight (Carrie Lewis - absent due to Gunston Back to School Night)
* **Faculty/Staff Present:** Mr. Nolen, Ms. Bostick, Ms. Uyeda, Ms. LiGuidi, Ms. Donoghue
1. **Construction Update** – Presentation by Ajibola Robinson, Project Manager, Arlington Public Schools, Design and Construction.
* Renee Adams is now the community liaison for the Abingdon construction
* New larger signage will be installed around the site
* APS has signed a five-year contract with Fairlington Villages for parking
* Pre- construction monitoring of foundations of immediately close residences has been completed; do not believe any concerns will arise in the mid-point monitoring.
* Progress to date:
	+ electrical feed completed in less than projected time
	+ access through Trade Center created
	+ new bus loop completed
	+ demolition for the gym foundation underway
	+ storm water management being completed
* Last phase of the work is expected to be completed by Dec 2017; cafeteria and 8 classrooms will be ready by January 2017
1. **Official Business**
	1. Principal’s Report – Joanna Uyeda
* There are 637students enrolled at Abindgon, with more enrollment expected.
* Changes have been made to bus routes 405, 406, 407 due to timing issues and overcrowding.
* All families are encouraged to sign up for Peachjar and APS Talk to get important notices
* Students are working on creating tiles for the new cafeteria. All students enrolled by 10/28 will get an opportunity to paint a tile for the new wall.
	1. Treasurer’s Report – Kim Mathis presented the PTA Budget for 2016-17. Upon motion, the budget was approved.
	2. CCPTA Representative (County Council of PTAs) – Jen Davies reported on plans to focus on allocation of funds to reinstate the Williamsburg trip for 4th graders; ongoing discussions on the location of a new elementary school; and possible redistricting.
	3. ACI Representative (Advisory Council on Instruction) – Nate Hardy described the work of the group to strengthen the curriculum.
1. **PTA Events and Activities**
	1. Membership Drive – Nicole Knight discussed the PTA membership drive, which has a goal of 300 members.
	2. Volunteer Opportunities
* Jeni Hornback announced that Deb Staren-Doby has taken on the role of volunteer liaison for the school. She can be reached at deborah.starendoby@apsva.us.
* Becca Kim discussed upcoming opportunities for parents to get involved in PTA activities, including the October 28 Monster Mash, which will be organized by PTA volunteer Lizzie Lyons.
	1. Parent-Teacher Conference Staff Luncheon – parents are encouraged to donate desserts and side dishes.
	2. Fall Fundraiser: Read-A-Thon – Becky Kennedy, described the upcoming Read-A-Thon, which will be the major PTA fall fundraiser (in lieu of catalogue sales). Students will read at home and in school, and will log reading minutes on a website.
	3. Key Upcoming Dates:
		1. Oct. 6 – 7: Parent-Teacher Conferences (no school for students)
		2. Oct. 10: Columbus Day Holiday (no school)
		3. Oct. 14: Fall Picture Day
		4. Oct. 17 – 21: Book Fair
		5. Oct. 18: PTA Meeting
		6. Oct. 24 – Nov. 4: Read-A-Thon
		7. Oct. 26: Early Release, 12:26 pm
		8. Oct. 28: Monster Mash
		9. Oct. 31: Halloween parade
		10. Nov. 8: Grade Preparation Day (no school)
		11. Nov. 11: Veteran’s Day Holiday (no school)
		12. Nov. 15: PTA Meeting
		13. Nov. 16: Fall Picture Re-Takes
		14. Nov. 23 – 25: Thanksgiving Holiday (no school)
		15. Nov. TBD: Honor Roll Parties

Next PTA Meeting – Tuesday, October 18 at 6:30 pm