

## Virginia Run Elementary



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### PTA General Meeting April 14, 2015

**Call to Order:** Robin Osterhout, PTA President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Attendance:** Robin Osterhout, Cynthia Lemke, Johannah Evans, Kari Lowery, Amy Roundtree, Christi Brubaker, Jason Skerker, Laraine Edwards, Christine Mohrweiss, Angie Leonard, Suzanne Poch, Kim Beamon, Tracy Dumais, Allison Seiber, Shelley Teras

Angie, Christine, Suzanne, Tracy, and Allison presented information about Responsive Classroom which has newly been introduced at VRES. The ladies reviewed components of morning meetings and gave examples of how Responsive Classroom works. Previously at VR individual recognition was emphasized. Now students are educated to see how they are part of a bigger community and thus their actions and behaviors affect other students and the class as a whole. Expectations are established at the beginning of the year and carried throughout the school year.

**Minutes:** February 12, 2015 membership minutes were approved. Motion made by Robin and seconded by Christy. Vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

**New Business:** Robin stated the PTA by-laws have been completed and posted on the website as of March 30. They must be posted for 30 days and we will vote on them during our May meeting. Kim Beamon is the election chair and anyone interested in running for a Board position should contact Kim.

Robin attended the March 25 Town Hall meeting with Michael Frey and Kathy Smith. The FCPS budget still has a 14 million shortfall. It was shared at the meeting that one reason for the lower revenue in the county (which contributes to the school shortfall) is due to the increase of commercial office vacancies within Fx County. Additionally the .Org companies aren't in the same tax base as a .Com company so the county is making less money when .Com companies are replaced by .Org companies. For example: Exxon Mobile. Com is leaving their large office complex and INOVA. Org is moving into that space. The county will receive less money. The PTA Board will be meeting all day on April 16<sup>th</sup> to plan out the budget for the next school year.

**Principal Update:** Ms. Edwards reviewed student totals over the past few years and the projected number of total students at VR for 15-16 is 690 (currently we have 720 students). Given the projected 14 million shortfall for next year, she is in the process of de-staffing several

positions. Additionally, there is a possibility of larger class sizes especially in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades for next year. Final decisions will be made in August once exact numbers are in.

There may be a change to the SOL testing schedule as some students may have the opportunity to re-take a test that they failed (depending on the score). Details are forthcoming.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Kari has added the Color Run information to our budget to reflect several checks from our sponsors. Also we were reminded that it's really important that the chair of an event to complete the appropriate form (including his/her signature) when turning in money to Kari. This is important for audit purposes.

#### **Vice President Committee Chairs Reports:**

- **Amy Roundtree, VP of Education reports** Acting Out and Running Club started last week. PE camp forms are coming in. As in prior years, the PM session is over the maximum number and folks will be asked if they can switch to AM. PE camp is June 23-27. Russell Ramey did landscaping over Spring Break and it looks great.
- **Johannah Evans, VP of Social reports** Admin week starts next week. There is a coffee planned as well as a lunch. The PTA Board will be handling the phones and helping office visitors for the admin staff on the afternoon of Wed, the 22<sup>nd</sup> so they can enjoy a well-deserved luncheon outing.
- **Christi Brubaker, VP of Fundraising reports** Color Run is coming up on April 24<sup>th</sup>. The committee has worked hard and have secured many sponsors. Currently there are over 400 participants. Original Art projects have come in and will be passed out in May.

**Meeting Adjourned: 9:15 PM**