

Fairfax County SEPTA MINUTES

Minutes: February, 26 2019
General Membership Meeting & Study Pro Presentation
7pm-9pm (registration 6:30-7)
Longfellow Middle School Library
2000 Westmoreland St.
Falls Church, VA



6:30-7pm **Registration and mingling**

7:00pm **I. Call to order, Quorum Count & Approve Agenda (10 Members = Quorum)**

Called to order at 7:10 pm and 14 members are present.

7:05pm **II. Announcements & Introductions - Diane Cooper-Gould & Board**

- **Congratulations to SEPTA Reflections Awards Winners:**

These winners won SEPTA Awards & FCCPTA division and are moving to NOVA District!

Chloe Arsiananta, Visual Arts, Special Artist category

Benjamin Breaux, Literature, Special Artist category

Aviva Loggia, Literature, Middle School age category

- **AWARDS! Please nominate outstanding staff now - March 15 Online!**

Event is on May 4th. Great way to thank outstanding staff.

- **Grants** starting to be funded! Teachers can apply online, need membership help!

Notified first grant winner. Awarded "A Walk in My Shoes" event. Two more grants to be funded soon.

- **SEPTA MAGNET FUNDRAISER!** (\$10)

Fundraising for SEPTA Magnet fundraising to go to teacher grants.

Note: You must be a SEPTA member to receive a grant. You can also gift a grant.

Upcoming Events:

- **I'm Determined! Two Dates Available:** March 19 @ 7pm & April 3 @ 6:30 - Co-sponsored with Formed Families Forward & CHADD
- **Abeera & The Mountain (Free Performance!):** March 23 @ 2pm Robinson Secondary School
- **REELAbilities Film Festival Screening: This Business of Autism:** Wednesday, March 6 at 7 pm at Robinson. Several people who made the film will be there as well!! Festival itself is March 3-16
- **FCPS Special Education Conference:** Save the date! Saturday, April 6
- **2019-2020 SEPTA Board Elections & Presentation by Ombudsman, Armando Peri:** April 30

7:20pm **III. Call for Nominations - Debbie Kilpatrick, Nominations Committee Chair**

- Self nomination form online, paper copies available tonight

Online form available at <https://fairfaxcountysepta.org>

7:30pm **IV. Membership Update - Membership update given by Kate V**

7:35pm **V. Advocacy Update and Opportunities - Norm Hall and Diane Cooper-Gould**

- VAPTA Advocacy Conference & Red for Ed Rally in Richmond Jan. 26-28
 - Diane Cooper-Gould and Joanne Walton attended
- 2 Bills to watch in VA Gen Assembly - Raising the Caps on Autism Coverage.

GREAT NEWS: LIFT THE AGE CAP HB2577 and SB1693 in Virginia passed both

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**houses in the VA GA! A joint bill with no age limit cap is going to the Governor!
Thank you to all who advocated!**

- **HB2463** - Shifting the burden of proof in Special Education Due Process Hearings - email went out today - referred to JLARC Committee for study
- **VA GA Restraint and Seclusion Public Hearing** on the Proposed Regulations Governing the Use of Seclusion and Restraint in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools in Virginia - 12 noon, March 21, 2019. More info: <http://townhall.virginia.gov/L/ViewMeeting.cfm?MeetingID=28969>
- **FCCPTA Listening Tour** - Mondays 7-9 pm around county see FCCPTA.org for details
- **FCPS Student Behavior and Discipline Study** being completed. If you would like to participate in an Equity Stakeholder Meeting regarding Student Rights and Responsibilities, please contact: **President@FairfaxCountySEPTA.org**

7:45pm **VI. The StudyPro Presentation -**

Using Mindset and Homework to Prepare Your Child for Life With Kathy Essig, M.Ed. & Debbie Rosen

The StudyPro was created to fill a gap in the world of student learning. Seeing that many students were struggling to manage the “process” of school, **Kathy Essig, M.Ed.** and **Debbie Rosen** (Founding Partners) wanted to build a center for students to gain mastery of the skills that were expected, but not fully taught in school. While tutoring was readily available for kids who struggled with “content”, nowhere existed that focused exclusively on building competency in “Executive Function” skills such as time management, organization and planning.

The StudyPro supports students by building and practicing new skills to become more effective learners and meets each student where they are to focus on fostering their strengths and building their spirit. *For more information, please email info@TheStudyPro.com, or visit TheStudyPro.com*

8:45pm **VII. Networking and Cleanup**

9:00pm **Adjourned**

****Thank you for attending; we hope to see you at our next event! Feel free to contact SEPTA any time via email or FB. Check us out on the web at www.FairfaxCountySEPTA.org****