

Fairfax County SEPTA MINUTES

March 19, 2019

General Membership Meeting & I'm Determined Presentation

7pm-9pm (registration 6:30-7)

Key Middle School - 6402 Franconia Rd, Springfield, Virginia 22150



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

7:03 pm **I. Call to order, Quorum Count & Approve Agenda (10 Members = Quorum)**

Quorum count: 15

- **Agenda approved by Acclamation**

II. Announcements & Introductions - Diane Cooper-Gould & Board

- **AWARDS!** We have received over 120 nominations! Hold the date for the awards ceremony, May 4th! Thank you to Laura Baker for all of her hard work on this!
- **SEPTA MAGNET FUNDRAISER Ongoing!** (\$10)

Upcoming Events:

- **I'm Determined! Two Dates Available:** March 19 @ 7pm & April 3 @ 6:30 - Co-sponsored with Formed Families Forward & CHADD
- **Abira & The Mountain (Free Performance!):** March 23 @ 2pm Robinson Secondary School
- **FCPS Special Education Conference:** Saturday, April 6th - Registration is now open! <https://www.fcps.edu/spedconference2019>
Keep your eye out for details about a post-conference meet-up with SEPTA!
- After conference is over, members will meet up at a local restaurant.
- **2019-2020 SEPTA Board Elections & Presentation by Ombudsman, Armando Peri:**
April 30

7:10pm **III. Announcement of Slate of Nominations - Laura Baker, Nominations Committee**

Slate: Debbie Kilpatrick, Nominations Chair announced the following slate of proposed officers:

President: Beth Eachus, Vice President: Michele Cades, Secretary, Jennifer Kruzyn, Treasurer, Rich Hem.

IV. Advocacy Update and Opportunities - Diane Cooper-Gould

- **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>
- President met with Scott Brabrand in a meeting today and there will be an audit of FCPS Restraint and Seclusion practices conducted. He wants community input. **Restraint and Seclusion Questions/Concerns/Stories, contact President@FairfaxCountySEPTA.org FCPS Staff or families who wish to share experiences/questions/concerns regarding restraint & seclusion, but want to remain anonymous, please e-mail: Anonymous@FairfaxCountySEPTA.org**
- Confidential email available for people to submit stories to SEPTA.
- FCCPTA talked about Restraint and Seclusion while advocating on the Hill.
- **FCCPTA Listening Tour** - Mondays 7-9 pm around county see FCCPTA.org for details

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- **FCPS Student Behavior and Discipline Study** being completed. SEPTA has submitted questions and are awaiting a response.

7:17pm

V. I'm Determined Presentation w/ Nancy Anderson & Janet Ratzlaff

The I'm Determined project is state directed project funded by the Virginia Department of Education. It focuses on providing direct instruction, models, and opportunities to practice skills associated with self-determined behavior. This project facilitates youth of all ages, especially those with disabilities, to undertake a measure of control in their lives, helping to set and steer the course rather than remaining the silent passenger.

These events are sponsored by the VDOE I'm Determined project, CHADD of NoVA/DC, Formed Families Forward and SEPTA - the Fairfax County Special Education PTA. For further information please contact Nancy Anderson at nanders7@gmu.edu or Janet Ratzlaff at jratzlaf@gmu.edu of the I'm Determined Project or contact CHADD NoVA/DC at novadc@chadd.net.

8:45pm

VI. Networking and Cleanup

9:00pm

Adjourn