

Fairfax County SEPTA

Board Meeting

December 7, 2021

Virtual - Zoom



7:15PM

- I. **Call to order** - Michelle Cades, Amanda Campbell, Lauren McCaughey, Stephanie Smith, Ally Baldassari, Cheri Belkowitz, Diane Cooper-Gould (left at 8:11)
 - A. Absences noted in advance: Jenn Benecke, Cathy Greulich, Kate Volpe

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II. Officer Reports

A. President

1. DSS Quarterly Meeting Update
 - a) Interest in joining future meetings - there was interest expressed by other board members
2. Update on National PTA Listening Sessions - Michelle and Amanda are having regular meetings to organize the listening meetings.
 - a) Dates and Times have been added to SEPTA Public Events Calendar.
 - b) Press Release from National PTA - Amanda is sharing it with the local press.
3. Thank yous
 - a) To everyone who helped distribute Awards.
 - b) Kate, Amanda and Stephanie for contributing to the Inclusion program for liaisons.
 - c) Cheri - next meeting scheduled for January.
 - d) Luis - designed an extra graphic for FCPS to promote multiple special education organizations.
 - e) Amanda - drafting today's agenda.

B. [Vice President Report](#)

1. [Adapted Curriculum Meeting Update - 11/8/2021](#)
2. Announcements
 - a) VA PTA Capitol Day - Friday, January 21st
 - b) Preparation workshop - January 11th, 7pm
 - c) VA PTA Deadline for Proposed Resolutions - March 1st
 - (1) May want to consider submitting a literacy resolution.
 - d) VA PTA Annual Meeting - Saturday, May 21, 2022.
 - e) National PTA Convention & Legislative Conference - in National Harbor - June 14-19th.
 - f) Amanda is the SEPTA representative to the FCPS Calendar meeting. There were two meetings and no decisions as of yet. Amanda's committee suggested among other issues not using asynchronous days for professional development

given the challenges for special needs students. There will be a public work session on January 13th if anyone wants to speak to it.

III. Committees & Liaisons

A. Events & Programming

1. Details for next program - SRO's - January 18th.
 - a) Title & Info for Luis/Christina/Helen to get out before break.
2. Other ideas included a follow meeting with Ross Green and possibly a session on related services and 'what you don't know you don't know'
3. Do we want to hold meetings in person starting in January? It was agreed that virtual meetings were the best way to get the most attendance. An idea was suggested that SEPTA could hold a social event in person when the weather gets better.

B. [ACSD Liaison](#)

1. The FCPS responses to actions on Restraint and Seclusion to ACSD are less than was expected at this point.


C. Advocacy -

1. Literacy Committee Meetings continue
2. The Joint Literacy Partners (representatives from SEPTA, DDVA, NAACP and 13 other organizations) met with Supt. Braband and his staff to discuss promoting the literacy programming. There will be a joint letter presented to each of the organizations membership for approval later in the year. The Partners are working with FCPS staff to organize meetings with Regional Assistant Superintendents who are responsible for pushing principals to incorporate the

D. Mini-Grants - Next Deadline is February 15th, 2022. Lauren will start working with the Communications team to push out the notifications.

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IV. New Business:

- A. Volunteers -  Potential volunteers Oct & Nov 2021 - from our last meeting we had volunteers for each committee and will be reaching out to them as well.
- B. Board Vacancies: Fundraising, 2E co-chair
- C. Quarterly meeting with Michelle Boyd: Thursday, February 3rd at 12pm.

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V. Adjourn

****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****