

Fairfax County SEPTA

Board Meeting
January 4, 2022
Virtual - Zoom



7:00PM

- I. Call to order, Introductions, Quorum Count, Icebreakers, Good & Welfare, & Approve Agenda**
Michelle Cades, Lauren McCaughey, Ally Baldassari, Tammy Owens, Diane Cooper-Gould, Cathy Greulich, Amanda Campbell (left at 8:08), Kate Volpe, Cheri Belkowitz, Lenora Gumbs, Margaret Behrns, Emily Bridge Haeckel, Luis Larrazabal, Kaitlin Erkkila (joined at 7:30)

A. Absences noted in advance: Jenn Benecke

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- II. Approve Minutes** [11/2/21 Board Mtg Minutes](#) and [11/16/21 General Membership Minutes](#) Amanda Campbell moved to approve both sets of minutes as presented. Seconded by Lauren McCaughey. Approved unanimously. Cathy Greulich abstained.

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III. Officer Reports

A. President

1. Update on National PTA Listening Sessions
 - a) Dates and Times have been added to SEPTA Public Events Calendar.
 - b) There will be four sessions total with one in Spanish and one for educators. These are open to anyone. National PTA has contracted a professional host to run the sessions. They will handle registration, gifts for participants and writing the report. SEPTA will work with PEATC to disseminate request for Spanish session, Suggestions were to use FCPS to disseminate, Title I and look into an
2. Lenora, Membership Chair - drafted a membership info update survey that can be accessed by people outside of SEPTA. Intent is to gather general information from families about how SEPTA can serve them better. [Membership questionnaire](#)
3. VA PTA put out a statement paper right before the holiday break on Literacy. The letter referenced every category disseminated in SOL's (except for gender) and failed to include students with disabilities. SEPTA sent a letter along with Arlington SEPTA requesting SWDs be included and VA PTA declined.

B. Vice President Report

1. Announcements

- a) VA PTA Capitol Day - Friday, January 21st.
- b) Preparation workshop - January 11th, 7pm
- c) VA PTA Deadline for Proposed Resolutions - Deadline is March 1st.
 - (1) May want to consider submitting a literacy resolution. SEPTA would have to draft and have general membership adopt by the February meeting.
- d) VA PTA Annual Meeting - Saturday, May 21, 2022.
- e) National PTA Convention & Legislative Conference - in National Harbor - June 14-19th. This will include advocacy on Capitol Hill.

IV. Committees & Liaisons

- A. Membership & Outreach Team
 - 1. [Survey](#) for additional info from current members
 - 2. Membership drive & publicity - include Luis

- B. Events & Programming
 - 1. Details for next program - SRO's - January 18th.
 - a) This will include the Fairfax County Police Chief and the Police Review Board. Michelle will be inviting FCPS to send a staff representative.
 - 2. The Chair will be conferring with the President to confirm how many more events should be planned for this year and what are the pressing topics.
 - a) One suggestion is the Covid achievement gap - how severe is the problem and what are options to deal with it.
 - b) How is the new State administration going to change focus.
 - c) Is a separate military/transient families event to focus on specific challenges a good idea. Could be coordinated with Mary Gauvin, military families chair for FCCPTA.
 - d) Parents and teachers or School Board/Administration having a discussion

- C. [ACSD Liaison](#)
 - 1. Lauren and Ally are the co-secretaries and are going to be tracking the questions ACSD requests that aren't answered. They will be shown in meeting minutes.
 - 2. There is a new vice president - Elizabeth Zeowlinski.
 - 3. Crisis Intervention representative will be presenting changes that were required under the lawsuit.


- D. Mini-Grants -
 - 1. Next round due February 15, 2022 [Mini-grant application](#)
 - 2. There is a link on the main website that needs to be updated.
 - 3. Discussion also included whether or not to specify that it can't include money for air filtration.

- E. Awards
 - 1. [Nomination form](#) - Looking for communications graphics to be prepared to send out in early to mid February.
 - 2. Do we want to have Central/Regional staff as a separate category from Outstanding Staff (which includes bus drivers, custodians, office staff)?

- F. Advocacy
 - 1. The biannual public hearing has not been rescheduled. It would be great to have as many SEPTA members and Board Members speak.
 - 2. Topics to try and cover that are of interest to members - restraint and seclusion, literacy, accessible materials, SRO's in schools, the rolling grade book will be optional. Please share any other topics that could be

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V. New Business:

- A. There are numerous members that expressed interest in volunteering
 - 1.  Potential volunteers Oct & Nov 2021
- B. Quarterly meeting with Michelle Boyd: Thursday, February 3rd at 12pm
- C. Intro meeting with Nardos King 1/6/22. Michelle will ask if she would like to meet with the larger board.

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VI. 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****