

**George C. Marshall PTSA  
Board Meeting Minutes  
October 7, 2013**

**Attending:** See Attachment A

**Meeting:** The Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.

**High School Diplomats**

- Hayleigh Walton spoke enthusiastically about the High School Diplomats program that she attended last summer. It is a two-week cultural enrichment program held at Princeton University with 40 students each from the US and Japan. It is a scholarship-based program. The application is available from [highschooldiplomats.com](http://highschooldiplomats.com); everyone who submits an application is granted an interview. The follow-on program is USHSD, a one-month program in Japan. Hayleigh offered to provide additional information to interested students or parents. She highly recommended the program.

**Principal Report:**

- Mr. Litz presented the Principal Report as Mr. Pearson just returned from a one-week exchange program in Denmark with Mrs. Shewchuk. Last school year, students from Denmark were hosted by Marshall students. The program will probably be repeated next school year based on its success.
- Mr. Litz handed out 2011-2013 SAT Average Scores for Fairfax County Public Schools (Attachment B). Marshall scored in the top quartile and demonstrated consistent growth. We exceeded national, VA, and FCPS average scores.
- We have two upcoming early closings. On October 16<sup>th</sup> school will close two hours early after students take the PSAT or ACT; seniors can stay home to write their college essays. Staff will be participating in Check & Connect to learn about student mentoring and building connections. On November 11<sup>th</sup>, school will close three hours early. Touching bases will be conducted from 12-2:30; most teachers will remain in their classrooms with teachers in the trailers possibly moving inside.
- FCPS is working with a Children's Hospital consulting group to look into later start times for high schools. They will be conducting surveys and community meetings to solicit opinions.
- College Night is Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Senior Ethics Day will be Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at the Westin Hotel; seniors consider this one of the top 3 days of senior year.
- FCPS is estimating a \$150M budget gap, probably necessitating personnel cuts. The gap is attributable to student growth; as an example, Marshall enrollment increased by 150 students from last year. The initial 2014-2015 budget will be presented next month. The [fcps.edu](http://fcps.edu) website has a resource document on the budget. There is concern that FCPS is not being competitive with teacher salaries.
- Homecoming was a great week; the dance was really nice with a lot of effort put in by parents.

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

- Linda Baker presented the current PTSA budget. There was not a lot of activity since last month. Dues and contribution are off to a great start – we are almost at goal.

### **President's Report:**

- The Catalyst SAT boot camp was a huge success. The majority of student sign-ups were at the end of the sign-up period. Around 80 students signed up; the PTSA will make ~\$3,500. A number of students benefited from financial assistance. The PTSA will be defining criteria for considering students for financial assistance, e.g., junior or senior who is signed up for the next SAT.
- The next newsletter will be distributed in November; articles will be due in October. Sandy Tobias will be sending out the deadline.
- Thoreau is interested in organizing Real Food for Kids (RFFK) in their school.
- Thanks to all who volunteered during Homecoming.
- Theater and Choir Boosters are considering joining ParentBoosterUSA at [parentbooster.org](http://parentbooster.org) to obtain 501c(3) status.
- We are glad to hear that Chris Gardner, our communications chair, received a benign prognosis and is recuperating at home.
- Later in the meeting, Mary asked for the September meeting minutes to be approved.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Grocery Rewards** (Anne Allen) – No update.

**ANGC** (Amber Tolbert) –

- We are in need of food and security chairs.
- The next meeting is Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> in the Career Center.
- ANGC is considering a poinsettia fundraiser; those present noted the Band normally conducts this fundraiser.

**PR** (Amber Tolbert) –

- In the absence of a new chair, Amber Tolbert (previous chair) will communicate with Mr. Pearson for blog updates.

**Legislative** (Cheryl Howard) –

- Election Day is November 5<sup>th</sup>. There is a \$250M school bond vote which includes \$35M for Thoreau Middle School construction. This is an off-year election where turnout is not as high.
- The next school board meeting is Thursday October 10<sup>th</sup>. They will be reviewing the big legislative agenda (e.g., charter school authority with local school boards, calendar by local school board, flexibility in testing [e.g., IB equivalence with SOL], against letter grading (A-F) of schools).

- There is a new FCPS app (available from the fcps website) featuring the calendar and how to contact school board members.
- Mary Pope, our PTSA VP, attended the Fairfax County Council of PTAs meeting. The community is being asked to provide advice to Dr. Garza, our new superintendent and to vote on ideas. The FCPS web site includes a citizen's guide to understanding the budget. Concern was expressed over teacher salaries.

**Real Food for Kids** (Mary Pope) –

- Joanne Hammermaster, the founder of RFFK, was nominated as a Mom on a Mission for Healthy Child, Healthy World based on her efforts for RFFK. Please vote!

**Orchestra** (Margaret Walter) –

- Orchestra is conducting a citrus fundraiser; the citrus will be delivered the first week in December, 3 days after being picked in Florida.
- They held a car wash as a fundraiser toward student accounts for the spring music trip on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Their fall concert is Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in the auditorium.

**Theatre** (Mary Chapin) –

- The fall play, "Candide," will be performed the first weekend in November.

**Beautification** (Melissa Franks) –

- The first Beautification Day will be held on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 1-5 pm.
- Melissa Franks asked about a mass bulb planting of daffodils around the school. They would be sustainable. Mr. Litz recommended talking with Mr. Pearson and Elaine.

**Volunteer Coordinator** (Maureen Quattrocki) –

- Volunteer forms were available at the meeting.

**Hospitality** –

- The Hospitality Committee with Malou Rennert hosted a great retirement reception for Marlene Felder. Bonnie Shannon, a Marshall graduate, is the new Principal Executive Assistant; she has worked in elementary schools and the school board office.
- Bus Driver and Food Service appreciation will be held on October 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.
- The Teacher and Staff PTSA membership luncheon will be held in November with a repeat of the grab 'n go baked potato and salad bar in the teachers' lounge.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

The next meeting will be November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. We will post the PTSA meetings on our website calendar.

The minutes were accepted as submitted. \_\_\_\_\_

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**George C. Marshall PTSA**  
**Meeting Attendees**  
**October 7, 2013**

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Table 2

**2011-2013  
Sat Average Scores for Fairfax County Public Schools by School  
As Reported by College Board**

Schools	Critical Reading Average			Mathematics Average			Writing Average		
	2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013
Annandale High	503	501	<b>497</b>	517	523	<b>513</b>	494	492	<b>483</b>
Centreville High	529	539	<b>525</b>	556	565	<b>549</b>	526	533	<b>519</b>
Chantilly High	538	540	<b>541</b>	564	569	<b>570</b>	524	535	<b>532</b>
Edison High	514	497	<b>513</b>	514	513	<b>522</b>	494	488	<b>499</b>
Fairfax High	548	537	<b>539</b>	559	549	<b>559</b>	531	527	<b>523</b>
Falls Church High	484	495	<b>494</b>	510	510	<b>524</b>	473	480	<b>469</b>
Hayfield Secondary	506	511	<b>513</b>	497	512	<b>501</b>	495	496	<b>492</b>
Herndon High	547	547	<b>536</b>	541	563	<b>543</b>	525	531	<b>523</b>
Lake Braddock Secondary	552	557	<b>546</b>	572	570	<b>560</b>	541	542	<b>530</b>
Langley High	605	602	<b>609</b>	617	617	<b>628</b>	597	593	<b>600</b>
Lee High	495	483	<b>491</b>	515	499	<b>507</b>	488	486	<b>481</b>
Madison High	585	577	<b>588</b>	590	588	<b>594</b>	571	565	<b>571</b>
Marshall High	554	564	<b>574</b>	572	576	<b>579</b>	546	562	<b>565</b>
McLean High	589	578	<b>591</b>	605	602	<b>608</b>	578	575	<b>582</b>
Mount Vernon High	493	475	<b>479</b>	491	465	<b>474</b>	479	460	<b>464</b>
Oakton High	574	575	<b>586</b>	593	603	<b>604</b>	566	575	<b>574</b>
Robinson Secondary	553	551	<b>551</b>	565	572	<b>568</b>	545	543	<b>540</b>
South County Secondary	526	531	<b>532</b>	532	550	<b>543</b>	515	522	<b>518</b>
South Lakes High	529	536	<b>548</b>	519	547	<b>550</b>	520	526	<b>532</b>
Stuart High	497	490	<b>513</b>	499	498	<b>516</b>	491	483	<b>500</b>
Thomas Jefferson HSST	720	717	<b>723</b>	748	751	<b>756</b>	716	718	<b>715</b>
West Potomac High	526	517	<b>524</b>	513	528	<b>523</b>	511	511	<b>515</b>
West Springfield High	546	558	<b>558</b>	556	558	<b>563</b>	530	544	<b>544</b>
Westfield High	541	535	<b>546</b>	556	563	<b>563</b>	531	525	<b>523</b>
Woodson High	578	580	<b>594</b>	598	600	<b>610</b>	574	574	<b>588</b>
<b>FCPS</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>541</b>
<b>VIRGINIA*</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>494</b>
<b>NATION*</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>480</b>

\*All Public School Students.

Treasurer's Report	Budget 2013-2014	Actuals 2013-2014	Budget vs. Actuals
<b>BEGINNING BALANCE AS OF 1 JULY 2013</b>	\$ 12,443.59	\$ 12,443.59	\$ -
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Income Dues-PTSA Membership*	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 7,165.00	\$ (1,335.00)
Contributions- PTSA Non-fundraiser	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,807.00	\$ (193.00)
Directory Ads			\$ -
E-Scrip	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 151.01	\$ (1,248.99)
SAT Fundraiser	\$ 3,500.00		\$ (3,500.00)
Bank Interest	\$ 35.00	\$ 4.01	\$ (30.99)
Kaplan Donation			
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 23,435.00</b>	<b>\$ 17,127.02</b>	<b>\$ (6,307.98)</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>			
State, National, & County Dues	\$ 2,850.00		\$ (2,850.00)
Student Assemblies	\$ 1,000.00		\$ (1,000.00)
Debbie Witherow Award	\$ 100.00		\$ (100.00)
Donations to Student Clubs	\$ 1,750.00		\$ (1,750.00)
Marshall Academic Enrichment Fund	\$ 6,000.00		\$ (6,000.00)
Teacher of the Year Award	\$ 100.00		\$ (100.00)
Staff of the Year Award	\$ 100.00		\$ (100.00)
DECA Donation	\$ 500.00		\$ (500.00)
Model UN Donation	\$ 500.00		\$ (500.00)
Hugh O'Brian Scholarship	\$ 500.00		\$ (500.00)
Beautification	\$ 500.00		\$ (500.00)
Hospitality (incl. end of the year award ceremony) / Staff Appreciation	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 226.45	\$ (2,373.55)
Liability Insurance	\$ 115.00		\$ (115.00)
Principal Discretionary Fund	\$ 1,000.00		\$ (1,000.00)
Corporation License Fee	\$ 25.00		\$ (25.00)
PTSA Printing	\$ 250.00	\$ 18.00	\$ (232.00)
Newsletter Distribution			\$ -
Communication	\$ 500.00		\$ (500.00)
Directory Printing			\$ -
PTSA Operating Expenses / Contingency Fund	\$ 750.00	\$ 150.00	\$ (600.00)
Senior Baccalaureate	\$ 600.00		\$ (600.00)
Senior Ethics Day	\$ 700.00		\$ (700.00)
Junior Focus Day	\$ 400.00		\$ (400.00)
Sophomore Class Event	\$ 400.00		\$ (400.00)
Freshman Retreat	\$ 500.00		\$ (500.00)
Staff Development	\$ 3,000.00		\$ (3,000.00)
International Night	\$ 750.00		\$ (750.00)
PTSA Tax Return Preparation			\$ -
New Facility Equipment (one-time)			\$ -
Paypal Fees	\$ 250.00	\$ 179.93	\$ (70.07)
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 25,740.00</b>	<b>\$ 574.38</b>	<b>\$ (25,165.62)</b>
<b>Receipts - Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ (2,305.00)</b>	<b>\$ 16,552.64</b>	<b>\$ 18,857.64</b>
<b>CURRENT PTSA BALANCE</b>		<b>\$ 28,996.23</b>	
<b>ANGC</b>			
Starting Balance July 1, 2012	\$ 7,420.50		
Receipts	\$ 3,415.00		
Disbursements	\$ 274.21		
<b>CURRENT ANGC BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 10,561.29</b>		