

C. Marshall PTSA Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2022

Board Members Present: Julie Lubbe (president), Tara Henigan (vice president), Elizabeth Keegan (secretary), Christine Neville (treasurer), Jeff Litz (principal)

Guest Speakers: Due to low parent turnout, the guest speakers who were scheduled to speak about teen drug use will return to present at a future meeting.

President's Report:

Julie announced the winner of the Amazon gift card, for participating in the membership drive. We held a moment of silence for the victims of the UVA shooting. Julie reported that we received \$3000 in donations for Cindy Blakeley, Director of Student Services, as she continues to recover from an illness. Two GCM students are moving forward in the Reflections art competition. We will be hosting a meeting with Novastar Prep and sophomore parents to discuss SATs going online next year. The PTSA will host an in-person mock SAT test on February 4th. Our college essay course through Novastar was a success. Julie is working to fulfill teacher wish lists.

Financial Report:

Christine reported that we have \$94K in the bank and raised \$18K more than we've spent this year. Two changes to the budget - \$4100 for camouflage t-shirts and \$1500 for class magnets - was approved by the membership.

Principal's Report:

Mr. Litz reported that Brian Stanton, the Dean of Students, is leaving to take an AP position. He will be advertising for his replacement. Dr. Reid will be rewriting FCPS's strategic plan because it is currently overcomplicated. She wants to hear from all stakeholders. Mr. Litz has begun hosting student focus groups and will continue through June 1st. Parent focus groups will be held at GCM. Principal Litz got approval from the school board to spearhead a task force working on creating uniform grading policies across the county, to make grading more understandable and consistent. This is a 3-5 year project. Winter sports have begun and there was a large turnout for all sports, which he was happy to see. Kat Bond, GCM orchestra teacher, won Teacher of the Year and was presented the award in Richmond.

The next PTSA meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 18th.