

PTSA Committee Meeting Minutes 09/20/23

Board Members Present: Julie Lubbe (President), Elizabeth Keegan (Vice President), Elizabeth Sughrue (Secretary), Christine Neville (Treasurer) and Jeff Litz (Principal)

Budget

- Christine Neville introduced the budget. \$145,000 was raised last year. \$92,000 was remaining at end of the year. Currently we have \$112,500 in the bank. Fundraising target for 2023/2024 is \$30,000. ANGC Revenue = \$80,000.
- The 2023/2024 Budget was presented, voted on and approved.

2022-2024 Financial Audit

- A CPA completed the audit, it has been submitted and is available on the PTSA site.

Introductions

- Representatives from the following committees introduced themselves: Hospitality, Academic Letters, Special Education, Marshall Market, Field of Honor, Membership, ANGC, Webmaster.

President's Overview

- Class responsibilities are posted on the PTSA site. We are trying to alleviate work from the Senior Class Parents. ANGC needs many more volunteers.
- Brick Sales close on 9/30 and will be installed early November. Celebration will be held at the 11/15 PTA meeting.
- Next month's speaker will be Rachel Baxter GCM Administrator, discussing grading policies and equity.
- PTSA new slogan: Empowering Students, Building Community, Shaping Stronger Futures. Julie encourages parents to be involved in the community and participate in school functions.

Principal Litz's Overview

- Goal is to have every Senior Graduate and have goals/learn more about themselves and their plan for their future.
- Marshall has 100+ clubs, Marshall Academy, the largest cyber security program in FCPS, large cosmetology, engineering and auto tech programs.
- There are currently 2,191 students at GCM. This is the most students since pre-pandemic.
- US News & World Report ranked GCM as one of the top 10 HS's in VA and in the top 1% of the US. Jeff attributes this to the staff and community support.
- Homecoming is the week of 10/2-10/7. Football game on 10/6, dance on 10/7. Dance will be held in a tent outside with game room in the gym. Many volunteers are still needed. Friday there will be a pep rally on the field.

- Parent coffees by grade level are being held this and next week.
- Graduation will be 6/3/24 10:30am at DAR.
- PSAT will be held on 10/11. 9th graders will stay home and be given asynchronous work.
- National Merit Semifinalists and their parents are invited for a breakfast next Thursday.
- There are 3 new school counselors this year.
- Things are going well and back to pre-pandemic levels.
- FCPS schools are no longer tracking covid cases. Students who miss school due to illness should keep up with online info given by teachers.
- Currently 240 Staff including 170 teachers.
- Jeff and staff have spent a lot of time on grading practices and are focusing on what's best for students.