**Campbell PTA Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2016
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**Approximate # of Attendees: 18**

I. **Announcements**

* **Overview of School Board Liaison Meeting with Barbara Kanninen, School Board Representative for Campbell; Beth Cavey, President**:
	+ Discussed the school budget which includes a staff salary increase and full time gifted resource teacher for each school and a technology coordinator. For Campbell, Pam Clark will be full time – she is the EL Coordinator, but also the full time gifted resource teacher. The School Board passed a budget with a $3 million overage of what County had said. The School Board is now going to the County to ask for additional funds. County will fund half of this, but will give a tax break. Negotiations continue between School Board and County Board.
	+ Also discussed CIP Process (capital improvement plan).
	+ Funding Arlington Tech Program at high school level to provide kids who don’t fit in a traditional school setting to have an opportunity to get an education and degree with a technical focus (this is opening in the Fall).
	+ School boundaries will be changing for all 3 levels of school. VA hospital center land – has not officially been purchased by the County yet.
	+ Transportation – adding new staff to this office; discussed having a Crossing Guard on site at each school to help direct traffic.
	+ There is an interest in addressing issues from the whole child perspective – there is a committee called the Whole Child Working Group – Beth Cavey is on that committee.
* **Wetlands Festival Update; Kathy Cordon, VP of Fundraising:**
	+ **Saturday, May 14th 4-7 p.m.**
	+ Still in need for items for the grade level gift baskets – there are boxes set up in the hall for donations; Parents encouraged to donate to the baskets or personally donate to the auction
	+ Four bands are lined up (3 adult bands and one kid band from Bach to Rock!)
	+ Food arranged – Dave Cahill will be providing some food for sale
	+ There will be an art project
	+ Volunteers needed: Need volunteers to follow-up on solicitation letters. If you can do this, please contact Kathy Cordon Evan at Walking / reaching out to local restaurants for a donation. Sign – up Genius to volunteer. Trying a new raffle this year – heads and tails raffle. Will have some great items for the raffles. Wet Your Whistle Auction made almost $1200. Will do a scavenger hunt – job posters for 5th graders – need help at Wetlands – sign up for an hour shift to help with Scavenger Hunt. Also have some volunteers to talk about the Greenhouse.
* **Math Dice County Wide Competition for 5th graders; Anne Oliviera**: Every school in Arlington sends a team of 6 kids. Pam Clark, Anne Oliviera, and Ms. Tareen work with the kids. Calculation game with the dice.
	+ Going to the competition on **April 30th**. At Drew Elementary in the morning. Pam Clark put in a funding request for t-shirts (6 for kids; 3 for teachers). Come up with a team and have a team name. Kids tried out and were selected in January. 25 kids tried out. Bill Ritchie (Think Fun) is the developer of the math dice.
* **Upcoming Events**:
	+ Dog Fishhead Ale House (located in Severn Corners, near Shoppers Warehouse) Restaurant Night: All day on **May 17th** – we get 15% of everything sold that day; Reminder that we are representing the Campbell Community, so please use this as an opportunity to talk with kids about appropriate and respectful restaurant behavior.
	+ Garden Work Day, **Saturday, June 4th from 9-12**; will have food from Chipotle

**II. Presentation, 5th Grade Mapping of the Wetlands; Ms. Norwood, Campbell Art Teacher**

* **Wetlands Mapping Project**: 5th graders have been working on how to put Wetlands into visual art form, which included gridding off a mini zone and figuring out the landscape using measurements. Each child got a section of the space and then used clay to turn it into visual art! The clay tiles will be fired in the kiln and then hung.
	+ The kids wrote reflections – responding to questions like: Skills We’ve Learned; How might this project affect me in the future? I was inspired by this project because? Things I/we really did well; Things I/we would go back and change; Things I didn’t understand but now I do; People who helped me.
	+ There were great mentorship opportunities as well. Thanks to Ms. Christy, Anne Oliviera (math coach), and Ms. Dunbar and Mr. Danny.
	+ Guest speaker – Jeremy Mack, Architect – came and talked to the kids about how he uses topography and map making in this work. Mount clay tiles on wood – there will be a ceremony
* **4th/5th Grade Museum Visits**: Ms. Norwood has organized outings to museums with 4th and 5th graders. The outing includes seeing an exhibit, writing in sketch books and having lunch together. The next outing will be at the National Gallery of Art to see the Serial Graphs at **10 a.m. on April 30th** followed by lunch in the Sculpture Garden!
* **Rain Barrel Project/Go GaGa for Green Ceremony**: – 4th graders have been designing and painting a rain barrel; it was submitted into a contest which will be voted on April 30th 5-8 p.m. at George Mason in Virginia Square. It will then be auctioned off.
* **Exhibit at Arlington Ed Center**: Stephanie Zimmerman and Ms. Norwood both have work on display there for the month. Open to the public until 4:30 p.m. Check it out!

**III. PTA Executive Board Nominating Committee, Eva Clark, Chair**

* Executive Board – nominated at May PTA Meeting; elected at June PTA Meeting
* Positions include: President; VP of Fundraising; VP of Programs; Secretary; and Treasurer. See the attached list of positions with roles & responsibilities
* The Nominating Committee is: Eva Clark, Chandi Krohl, and Amy Yenyo
* **If anyone interested in serving in one of these positions on the Executive Board, please reach out to Eva Clark at** EvaMClark@gmail.com.
* We are also in search of volunteers for various committees and events. If you are interested in volunteering, let Eva know by contacting her directly at the email address noted above.

**IV. Treasurer’s Report, Nathan Zee**

* DC United Game: we made profit
* Year to date at $29,000 in; 20k out; available cash is $36,000
* Upcoming – Wetlands; Project Discovery; Teacher Appreciation; Garden Docent – will be called Outdoor Classroom Coordinator ; Campbell Wear pre-order
* Exec Board working on draft of next year’s budget
* Amazon – we are grandfathered in to get a higher percentage of sales; do not go to Smile to place Amazon order; Target going away in June; Safeway gone.
* Escrips – links to restaurants that are a part of the program; register your credit card – then when you use it at participating sites, you get a percentage of sales!

**V. Funding Requests**

* Karen Anselmo – two soccer nets for outdoor recess for $200: MOTION ADOPTED
* Beth Cavey -- $200 to pay a Campbell parent to buy supplies and make pupusas for wetlands festival – includes labor; will recoup costs at the festival: MOTION ADOPTED
* Dave Cahill - $500 for food and supplies at wetlands festival – will recoup: MOTION ADOPTED
* Pam Clark – Math Dice T-shirts for $99.95 for 9 shirts: MOTION ADOPTED
* DC United Tailgate – brought in $500 more than we paid for tickets – we have 100 tickets; have a tent that says Campbell Elementary for tailgating; PTA money to provide snacks and water – up to $500 to buy food: MOTION ADOPTED