

Mosby Woods ES PTA Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

6:30-7:30 pm, MWES Library

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:33pm

2. Guest Speaker: Alicia Hunter, Educational Specialist for Equity and Cultural Responsiveness for Region 1
 - The Equity and Cultural Responsiveness team (part of the Office of Professional Learning and Family Engagement), aims to help schools develop social and racial equity in the school environment, help FCPS staff/schools develop culturally responsive practices, and work to close opportunity and achievement gaps among FCPS students via Caring Culture Goals. This effort stemmed from the One Fairfax policy, which was created jointly by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and School Board
 - This initiative requires equity training for all FCPS staff
 - There are three main tent poles:
 - The Family Ombudsman--a neutral, independent, and confidential party for any issues families or students may have
 - Professional Learning—provides professional development for staff and administrators
 - Equity Dashboard—keeps track of all data and trends regarding equity in learning and achievement
 - A video on Cultural Proficiency Module 1 was shown explaining how FCPS staff and administrators undertake cohort training to delve into topics such as bias
 - Required training for FCPS employees started in 2017, with Module 1. Currently Module 5 is being rolled out
 - Had group discussion about the concept of Deep Cultural Issues

3. Presidents' Report
 - The Co-Presidents gave a summary of what the PTA is and what it's function is, i.e. to organize fundraising opportunities for the school, find and book student assemblies, create community building activities, and so on. Volunteers are always needed
 - Announced that the next Bingo Night will be 3/26

4. Report from Administration and Staff

- Thanked the PTA for the Maggiano's lunch for staff
- Wolf Trap ES PTA has collected and donated books/toiletries/supplies for our MWES students
- The 6th Grade Young Scholars Engineering Program designed a vertical garden, which the Department of Agriculture came and viewed. This opportunity came via a grant written by our teachers
- Mosby Matters is where to learn about our students' achievements, including our high math and spelling scores (some of our students participated in the WordMasters Challenge and achieved Highest Honors)

5. Upcoming Events

- Feb. 25th: Digital Citizenship Night for Oakton Pyramid schools at Crossfield ES
- Feb. 26th: Family Heritage Night (formerly International Night)—may try to include discussions regarding Deep Culture Issues as well
- Mar. 20th: 3rd Annual Career Fair
- Mar. 26th: Bingo Night

6. Committee/Event Updates

- After School Program update—6 full classes this session, 2 more classes will be added in Spring (math and science) for a total of 8 after school classes. The new session starts March 10th and registration opens February 24th. The After School Committee is looking for one volunteer to help with the Spring Session
- There will be a new speaker next month, a psychologist
- Ms. Levis gave a brief presentation on the 6th grade Candy Gram fundraiser—Candy Grams go on sale Wednesday, January 29th

7. New Business

- No new business