**Douglas S. Freeman High School PTSA**

**PTSA Executive Board Meeting**

**Minutes**

**June 2, 2015**

Present:

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| Alan Crouch | Jose Alcaine |
| Ellen Gilliam | Anne Poates |
| Anne Anderson | Suzie Hendricks |
| Betsy Beamer | Kay Larkin |
| Susan Armentrout |  |
| Cornelia Corbett |  |
| Brenda Irby |  |
| Cheryl Pacious |  |
| Brenda Miller |  |
| Mary Neary |  |
| Liz Siebers |  |
| Meredith Ingram |  |
| Jennifer Hollis |  |
| Ali Brown |  |

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Suzie Hendricks.

Established Quorum

***Approval of Minutes from May 4, 2015 Meeting***

Clarification was made to the May 29th date noted in the Principal’s report to clarify that the last day for seniors is May 29th. The Change was made to the minutes.

Motion was made to approve as distributed and seconded.

No further discussion

All in favor; no opposition

Motion carried.

***School Reports***

***Principal: Mrs Poates reported:***

* Mrs. Poates thanked everyone that has volunteered for so many years and the faculty and staff looks forward to working with the new members on the board this upcoming year.
* Graduation practice will be held Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday morning next week.
* Graduation will be held Thursday night.
* Baccalaureate will be held next Wednesday night.
* Mrs. Poates will send out one more email to junior parents requesting assistance decorating for the all night graduation party.
* Senior Awards ceremony was held last Thursday night
* Today the 9th and 10th grade awards program was held
* The 11th grade awards program will be held on Thursday.
* Exams start next Tuesday; many of the students are exempt from exams due to SOL scores
* Retake of SOLs will be held this week
* Upper level math students have been helpful in preparing students who have to retake the SOL exam.
* Mrs. Crowder could not attend this meeting due to a regional Field Hockey competition
* If students do not have an exam they do not have to be at school.
* The first exam of the day will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the second exam of the day will begin at ll: 00 a.m.
* Exam Schedule is as follows:
  + 1st and 2nd period exams will be on Tuesday
  + 3rd and 4th period exams will be on Wednesday
  + 6th and 7th period exams will be on Thursday
  + 5th period exam will be on Friday
* No note is required for Senior Skip day
* August 3rd is Virginia High Schools first official day for the majority of the sports teams.
* Field Hockey starts on August 10th
* DSF is looking for hourly instructional assistance in the exceptional education program that will consist of a part time position totaling 29 hours per week. In addition, hourly assistance will be needed in the clinic. This position maybe up to 29 hours a week or maybe a job share opportunity with the current clinic assistance totaling 40 hours per week. If you are interested or know of someone who is interested please let Mrs. Poates know.

No School Counseling Report

***Faculty – No Report Presented***

***Students – No Report Presented***

***Officers Reports***

***Treasurer’s Report***: ***Dona Lawson submitted the report and Suzie Hendricks presented:***

* Additional $100 to Freeman Fund and has been deposited and was reported at last meeting
* Please get receipts in as soon as possible; Dona has to finalize report before June 30th
* Reimbursement form is on the website and can be scanned and emailed to Dona directly.

***1st Vice President Membership:***  No updates and no report

***3rd Vice President Freeman Fund***:

No Report

***2nd Vice President*** ***Programs***: Cheryl Pacious reported:

* Dr. Linda Hancock, VCU Wellness Center, presented to the seniors and juniors on social norms in the Auditorium May 21st. Clickers were distributed to the students so that they could respond electronically to questions. An interesting statistic was that 20% of the student body had vaped and 4 % smoke cigarettes. This was a well received and interactive program.

***President: Suzie Hendricks reported:***

* Four of us attended the HCC Banquet on May 18th. Jessica Densley was in attendance as recipient of a Moody Scholarship.
* **Moody Scholarship Recipient**

The Henrico County Council of PTAs George H. Moody Scholarship has provided financial assistance to Henrico County graduates in pursuit of higher learning for more than 20 years. The Scholarship is in honor of Dr. George H. Moody. Scholarships are made possible by donations of each PTA and PTSA unit in Henrico. This year 9 scholarships were award. One of the recipients was Jessica Densley a Douglas Freeman High School student. Below is the information shared about this talented young woman.

“Jessica’s goal is to be a microbiologist and study bacteriology. She states that with her dad being a nurse, she has always been aware of microorganisms. Her family often played the “Positive Game”. She said that once you said one good thing, a dozen more would follow. She says she learned that there is good in this world and that she could be a part of it. She said that while she does not come from a rich family, they learned to make due with what they had. Jessica’s GPA is a 4.69.

Her teacher says her “kindness and willingness to help others only served to highlight her strength of character and leadership potential.”

She has been accepted at VA Tech, George Mason, Christopher Newport and is still waiting to hear from the University of Virginia and the University of Rochester. “

Jessica will be attending VA Tech as a member of the Honor College. She will be majoring in Microbiology. Congratulations Jessica!

* **Award of Excellence**

Freeman was one of 4 PTAs out of 60 to be recognized. Award of Excellence. Thank you to everyone who had a part in making Freeman stand out as an exceptional PTSA!

* **Annual Conference**

July 16-18 Richmond Marriott, Boot Camp Sessions for Presidents, treasurers, and membership. A variety of workshops are offered and the annual awards breakfast. We have over $500 remaining in this account for registration fees.

* **Thank you**

To those of you leaving the board I would like to say thank you for all you have done.

Cheryl Pacious

Laura Trevey

Jen Hollis

Paula Crouch

Lisa Gray

Brenda Irby

Betsy Daly

Amanda Carr

Renee Riggs

Kate Moore

Ginger Shover

Wendy Daniel

Dona Lawson

* Thank you for all of your service to our students, teachers and parents.
* I would like recognize those who will be leaving the Freeman family for good:

Cheryl Pacious

Jen Hollis

Besty Daly

Brenda Irby

Anne Thompson

We wish your student well in his or her future endeavors. Just remember this applies to you as well as your student, “Once a Rebel, always a Rebel.”

***Committee Reports***

* **All Night Graduation** –Ellen Gilliam
  + A brief update was given on the event that will be held at the Tuchahoe YMCA
  + Help is still needed with decorating
  + Everything is going well
* **Baccalaureate** – Cheryl Pacious reported that the service will be held on June 10th, 7:00, Hope Church
  + There will be 7 or 8 performers or speakers
  + Service is an hour – Seniors to arrive at 6:30 in gowns only – no caps
* **Cultural Arts** – Presented Freshman award this morning and will present to the junior recipient at junior program.

* **Directory** –No Report
* **County Council-** Suzie Hendricks reported**:** 
  + Meeting at Jackson Davis for new presidents held last night
* **Lay Advisor-** Alan Crouch reported:
  + Last meeting was held on May 18th
  + The strategic plan and code of conduct comments were reviewed and discussed.
* **Hospitality**
  + Luncheon held on May 5th for the teachers. The event was beautiful and held in the library.
* **Landscaping –** No Report.
* **Legislations** – No Report
* **Pencils & Peppermints** –Jennifer Hollis reported:
  + Soliciting volunteers to distribute pencils and peppermints during exam week and a signup sheet was distributed. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 8:30 a.m. for project Pencils and Peppermints.
* **Signals** – Last issue of the year will go out tonight or tomorrow
* **Volunteers**- All night graduation volunteer needed.
* **Webmaster** – No report

No new business

Installation of new officers for the 2015-2016 PTSA

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| PTSA President | Liz Siebers |
| President – Elect | Paula Holm |
| Corresponding Secretary | Anne Anderson |
| Fact/Program (VP) | Julie Eddins |
| Freeman Fund (VP) | Meredith Ingram |
| Membership (VP) | Ali Brown |
| Recording Secretary | Brenda Miller |
| Treasurer | Susan Armentrout |

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Calendar

6/1 HCC PTA Incoming President Meeting

6/2 DSF PTSA Board Meeting/Officer Induction, 5:30 pm

6/4 –PTSA Board Social

6/8-6/12 Exams

6/10 Baccalaureate

6/11 Graduation

6/12 Last Day of School