

**Douglas S. Freeman High School PTSA  
Board Meeting Minutes  
March 5, 2018  
DSF Leadership Center Conference Room**

<b>Present:</b>	
Kathleen Mills, President	Shannon Couvillion, Treasurer
Andrew Mey, Principal	Carolyn Luxton, Webmaster
Spencer Miller, Student Rep	Cornelia Corbett, Signal
Libby Brown, School Counseling	Betsy Beamer, Hospitality
Jaime Bargo, Teacher Rep	Paula Holm, Parliamentarian
Lisa Anderson, Recording Sec	Karen Ramey, Legislation
Cindy Worsham, Programs	Jose Alcaine, Henrico County Council PTAs

The meeting was called to order at 5:41 pm by Kathleen Mills.

**Call to Order**

Quorum certification, Welcome

**Approval of minutes:** Motion was made to approve the February Minutes, seconded, no discussion, and motion passed.

**School Reports**

**Principal's Report - Mr. Mey**

- As a result of Parkland, two student walkouts are planned. March 14th at 10am, lasting 17 minutes, and April 20 (Columbine anniversary). The school board cannot condone these events as they are political events. The school board has encouraged schools to have a contingency plan - which Freeman does. These walkouts create an uncertainty for students' safety. The April 20th event the students plan to leave school and walk/travel to the Capitol. I encourage parents to please speak to their students, so they are aware of the safety issues. For students who stay inside, teachers will remain inside with them. Teachers are not allowed to participate in the walkouts as they are civil servants.
- Betsy Beamer - is there a plan to make sure nobody extra reenters the school with the students? Mr. Mey confirmed there is a plan.
- Mr. Mey is proud of the students - they are very precise in their plan.
- Spencer Miller, Student Rep - this is not an attack on our school. Students are tired of gun violence, and everyone has the best intentions in mind.
- The plans are already in motion, probably not enough time for alternative plans.
- Kathleen Mills suggested using the 17 minutes to write a letter to your senator, rather than walk out.
- Black History Month - we had a speaker who marched on Selma, the students watched the movie *Selma*, students watched *Hidden Figures*, and the choir sang gospel music.
- Spring sports have started, tryouts were last Monday.
- Today construction begins on the football field. Greenwood Park is available for practices.
- "We The People" have a fundraiser under way.
- Testing season begins - SOL 10th Grade Writing is in March.

**Counseling Report - Libbie Brown**

- Friday, March 9th is the deadline for course selection, then we start on the master selection for next year.
- Evening hours with counselors is over and was a huge success.
- Registration for AP testing closed Friday, students have until Wednesday to pay. Fewer students this year have multiple tests on the same day/same time. Testing is in the big gym and the library.

**Teacher Rep - Jaime Bargo**

- March 9th - Virginia Blood Drive from 9-3pm. Students 16-18 can donate with a signed permission slip from their parents.

- March 24/25th - 10-5pm - Henrico Arts Festival. Looking for students to donate old t-shirts for the artist, Noah Scalin. We need volunteers on Friday to help with setup.
- March 24th - 9am - Rebel Run - Rebel 5K and Fun Run
- March 24th - Ford Drive
- The Freeman Project is redoing class pictures in the hallways - we're missing some pictures, if you have any, and know anybody who does, please give them to Mr. Robjent.
- Student shadowing day - or " a day in the life of a student". This is student centered, and I will be shadowing Spencer Miller. Example: are phones a distraction in class? We're trying to build relationships with the kids. This program was started by Drew Baker. The instructors know we will be in classrooms.

#### **Programs - Suzie Hendricks (reported by K. Mills)**

- Waiting to hear from Mr. Mey on scheduling the College Funding Coach. Glen Allen kicked off the program with an introduction by their Grasp Counselor and Freeman parent, Leeann Neeley.
- Linda Hancock, our desired speaker on College Transition is only available on April 13th. She can limit the program to 45 minutes. She is excellent and this may our last chance to host her as she is retiring at the end of April.
- We have most of the goodies for our teacher wellness treat. The last item should arrive today. If anyone would like to help us assemble them please email me.

#### **Freeman Fund, Kim McCall (reported by Paula Holm)**

- Freeman Fund has approved \$590 for the movie site license, and \$430 for the Spanish classroom.
- New proposals:
  - Julia Williams, Chemistry and Biology teacher - requesting funds in order to improve a teaching garden between the Annex and Green Acres. This garden has been used by other teachers in the science department and photography classes for lessons. Also, we are trying to create an area with native plants that foster populations of Monarch butterflies, bees, and other pollinators which are struggling due to loss of habitat and native host plants. Requesting \$600 for materials, FF proposes \$500.
  - The Freeman Project - this is a onetime funding opportunity and the group will need to establish their own ways and means in the future to fund their projects. FF proposes \$500 to get them started.
- Motion was made to approve \$500 for the garden, seconded, no discussion, and motion passed.
- Motion was made to approve \$500 for the Freeman Project, seconded, no discussion, and motion passed.

#### **Officer's Report**

##### **Treasurer Report: Shannon Couvillion**

- Income is in good shape.
- Henrico County PTA dues are due
- Paid for movie license
- Paid a portion of ANGP

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Membership, Jodi Bishop (reported by K. Mills)**

- 720 members

#### **President's Report - Kathleen Mills**

- Please let me know if you are returning to the PTA next year. We will plan to have next month's meeting as an open meeting, where people can attend and see if they want to join.
- Next meeting is April 9th.
- March 20th - Henrico PTA
- March 13th - Substance abuse program
- Baccalaureate - June 13th at 7pm, Hope Church.

**Calendar**

March 10      Football Cornhole Tournament  
March 11      Winter Sports Banquet 3:30 PM  
March 20      Henrico County PTA meeting - Hermitage High School 6:30 pm  
March 24      Rebel Run  
March 24      DSF Football Ford Drive-A-Thon  
March 24-25    HCPS Art Festival @ Freeman  
April 9        PTSA Board Meeting 5:30 pm  
June 14        Graduation 11 am  
June 14        All Night Graduation Party

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 pm by Kathleen Mills.  
Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Anderson, Recording Secretary