

SVGS PSAC Meeting Minutes  
Monday, September 18, 2017

Attendees: Tom Benzing (WMHS)      Mike Burnett (SDHS)      Debbie Gordon (SDHS)  
Margaret Hersh (WHS)      Sheila Smith (RLHS)      Beth Voss (RHS)  
Lee Ann Whitesell (SVGS)

- 1) Welcome and introductions:  
Tom welcomed all the attendees followed by a round of self-introductions. Tom read a list of parent representatives for each high school, based on attendees from tonight's meeting and last month's meeting. Some schools (Buffalo Gap & Fort Defiance) still do not have a parent representative confirmed.
- 2) Reports:
  - a) SVGS Director's Report:  
Lee Ann gave a financial report.
  - b) Financial Report:  
Lee Ann reported the balance of the PSAC Fund, after awarding the grants as voted on during last month's meeting, is \$3,846.88. The Endowment Fund balance is \$63,019.58.
- 3) Old Business:
  - a) Breakfast for Staff on Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> will be provided by PSAC. An electronic sign-up was not created asking donations from SVGS families for this event since we have the Fellowship & Fundraiser dinner on the following Monday. Beth will bring an egg dish; Margaret will provide juice and tea; Sheila will bring fruit; and Debbie will provide bagels and cream cheese. SVGS Fellowship & Fundraiser Dinner will be on Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30pm – 7:30pm. Lee Ann has sent out emails to parents with a link to the [www.perfectpotluck.com](http://www.perfectpotluck.com) sign-up. Debbie reported on the status of the sign-ups. With one week until the dinner, more families are signing up, especially since a reminder email was sent out today. A suggestion was made to provide nametags. Lee Ann will add the sign-up link to SVGS facebook page.
  - b) Speakers Series are moving forward with the first speaker scheduled for this Thursday, Sept 21<sup>st</sup>, Dr. Erica Cavanagh. Beth donated 3 hardback books with beautiful photographs of Virginia, to be given to each Fall speakers. (Thank you, Beth!) A suggestion was made for someone at SVGS to consider self-publishing a similar book with photographs/artworks by SVGS students as a fundraiser.
  - c) Tom announced that the Augusta County's Plans for Education of the Gifted has been approved. SVGS is mentioned several times in the document. Staunton school board is in the process of revising their plan. Waynesboro has an approved plan posted on the school board website. Lee Ann explained that a steering committee, comprised of representatives from each of the region's school boards meet about 4-5 times a year and determines the budget for SVGS.
  - d) Tom has drafted a fundraising letter to be sent to parents in November. After some suggestions from attendees, Tom will revise the draft and present it during the October meeting.

- 4) New Business:
- a) A suggestion was made to clarify the purpose and responsibilities of PSAC and its members/attendees, to be more informative for new parents. Attendees were asked to read the descriptions from the website and provide feedback to Lee Ann.
  - b) Host families are needed for the 10 Romanian students and 2 Romanian adults. Anyone interested should contact Lee Ann.

The next meeting will be on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
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8/28/2017 PSAC Meeting Sign-In

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