

SVGS PSAC Meeting Minutes  
Monday, August 28, 2017

Attendees:	Tom Benzing (WMHS)	Bonnie Brown (RLHS)	Mike Burnett (SDHS)
	Sandra Calvano (FDHS)	Michael Courtney (FDHS)	Tammie Gilligan (WMHS)
	Debbie Gordon (SDHS)	Mia Kivloghan (RLHS)	Dave Rochford (RLHS)
	Jeff Shuey (RHS)	Sarah Shuey (RHS)	Beth Voss (RHS)
	Lee Ann Whitesell (SVGS)		

Tom welcomed all the attendees followed by a round of self-introductions. We had a good representation of parents from the various home schools and from both grades.

Reports:

A. SVGS Director's Report:

Things are moving well. There were some technology issues earlier but they've been resolved. This year, there are 216 students at SVGS (47 Arts/Drama and 169 STEM) and 16 staff members – with two new teachers. The newly added Humanities classes are going well. A Computer Science program is being developed and may be available next school year. In October, SVGS will host the AYGS (Academic Year Governor School) conference for the governor schools in Virginia. Lee Ann was asked if she received any feedback with regards to the effectiveness of the Trigonometry and Excel workshops offered to the junior students prior to school starting. Teachers have noted that the students who attended the workshop showed a greater comfort level at the start of classes.

B. Financial Report:

Lee Ann gave a brief history about the Endowment Fund and an explanation of the PSAC Fund and its uses. Since the bookkeeper was out of the office today, Lee Ann was only able to get an estimated balance of the PSAC Fund, which was \$4,800.

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

- A. Four students requested financial assistance with tuition. PSAC unanimously approved financial support for all four students for a total of \$791. There may be more students asking for financial support next semester.
- B. Three Speakers are scheduled for the Fall Semester. Beth Voss volunteered her husband, Dr. Voss, to speak in the Spring on Microbiology. Thank You gift ideas for each speaker were discussed. They included embossed portfolios, 3D printed items, plaques, etc. For the September speaker, Beth will donate a gift item. PSAC will decide at the September meeting on future gifts for speakers.
- C. Tom explained that the Plans for Education of the Gifted for Augusta County and Staunton schools are due to be revised. It would be beneficial if both school boards would solicit input from those associated with SVGS (director, staff, parents, students). It's unfortunate that there's minimal programs (and budget) available to nurture the Gifted students. He challenged each attendee to find out more about the Gifted program (if available) at their home school. Is there a gifted plan? Budget? Who's on the committee?

- D. SVGS Family Fellowship & Fundraising dinner will be on Monday, September 25, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Lee Ann will send out a “Save the Date” email to SVGS families. Debbie will send out sign-ups for food. A suggestion was made to have “To Go” containers available. We will discuss the Donation Letter Campaign at the September meeting.
- E. Anyone interested in representing their home school as a PSAC contact should speak to Tom, Lee Ann or Debbie.

Upcoming Dates:

- A. Friday, September 22, is a teacher work day and no school for the students. PSAC will provide breakfast for the staff. Debbie will email sign-ups for this event.
- B. October 7-14, Romania Student Exchange – families interested in hosting a Romanian student should contact Lee Ann.

The next meeting will be on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Gordon

8/28/2017 PSAC Meeting Sign-In

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