



Colonial Forge High School P T S O

September 11, 2006 Minutes

Call to Order: 7:00 PM

8 Board Members, 3 Faculty, and 7 PTSO members present



Principal's Message

Principal

- This year, there are 1742 students at CFHS, which is only 90 over the projected number.
- Thanks you for your patience as we adjusted the students' schedules. Because we lost 16 teachers due to the budget cuts, we had to make some adjustments in order to attempt to keep the class sizes under 30.
- We made AYP on all of the 29 benchmarks.
- With our SAT scores, we lead the county, and we were 2nd in the region.
- According to the "Northern Virginia" magazine, out of the top 60 high schools, we were ranked #24. The criteria was based on the SOLs, AP classes, Advanced Proficiencies on the SOLs, Socio-Economic factors, discipline of students, and the teacher:student ratio.



President's Report

President

- Welcome to the new Executive Board members: (Secretary- Stephanie Evans, VP of Membership-Anna Minogue and VP Ways and Means-Tracey Williams.) Welcome also to the new members of the PTSO!
- The Stafford School Board will meet on September 12. At 7 PM, the meeting will be open for anyone to attend. One issue that will be addressed is the potential of having all of the county high schools using the Expo Center for graduation. There will not be a vote on this issue at this meeting, due to the board collecting feedback from the class officers of the high schools.



Secretary's Report

Secretary

- June minutes were approved with the correction of the date.
- FORGE articles are due to the PTSO secretary by the 13th of each month.



Treasurer's Report

Treasurer

- The beginning balance for the 2006-2007 year is \$6,632.86.
- Three of the five scholarships have now been paid.
- There are currently two Nissan Pavilion deposits and the Open House membership deposits to be made.

- The current balance is \$7,825.64.



Renaissance

VICE PRESIDENT FOR MEMBERSHIP

- There are currently 227 Families that have joined the PTSO.
- 50 Faculty members have joined the PTSO.
- Dr. Martin has agreed to a “Coffee with the Principal” for approximately 1 hour on a selected date. This will be an opportunity for parents to meet Dr. Martin in a smaller group setting. The details will follow.
- Volunteer Accountability will come under the VP for Membership. It is necessary to keep a record of volunteer hours in order to assist the school with various certifications.
- Judy Martin volunteered to coordinate the volunteers needed for setting up the parent-teacher conference appointments. This involves manning the telephones on designated days, and scheduling the requested conferences.



Teacher/Staff Appreciation

VICE PRESIDENT FOR WAYS AND MEANS

- The Craft Fair will be on October 28th, from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. It was agreed that we would have a table to sell our CFHS items. Volunteers will be needed.
- We will have a table at the Senior and Junior Breakfasts on Sept 16 and Sept 23, respectively, to sell our CFHS items, as well as, to recruit new members.
- Volunteers are needed to help sell the CFHS items at the home football games.
- A large fundraiser for later this year or next year needs to be investigated. The goal is to cut down on the multiple smaller fundraisers.
- The 2006 prom cost the PTSO approximately \$18,000.



After Prom After Action Report

TEACHER APPRECIATION

- The first event for the faculty will be during homecoming week.
- A lot of members signed up to volunteer for the various teacher appreciation events, such as breakfasts, luncheons or giving goodies.



Elections

RENAISSANCE

- 135 members were signed up during the Open House.
- There will be the opportunity to sign up for Renaissance at both the Junior and Senior Breakfasts.



Ways and Means

Scholarships

- A coordinator for the Scholarship Committee is needed.
- Six scholarships are given by the PTSO
- The criteria needs to be rewritten.
- The Executive Board voted to have the selection of recipients made by a separate committee rather than utilizing the school's selection panel. This position will be responsible for this coordination.
- This position will also be the liaison between the PTSO and the Guidance Department.



After Prom

- A committee chairperson is needed for the After Prom Committee.
- A decision will have to be made in the near future if the PTSO wants to take the after prom celebration back to Funland for \$7,500-\$8,000 or look at other alternatives.



- On Friday, October 20th (Homecoming), student photos will be taken with the Eagle mascot for either key chains or magnets. This will be **free** for all students, and the photos will be taken during the lunch periods.
- Helen Torosian and Cindy Trant will be the Faculty Representatives to the PTSO for the 2006-2007.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:42 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Evans
2006-2007 PTSO Secretary