

December General Meeting

Agenda 12/06/23

Virtual Meeting - ZOOM

- I. Meeting Call to Order - 6:37pm**
- II. Welcome
- III. **Principal's Report - Erin Sykes - Director of Student Intervention** speaking for Principal Retzer who cannot attend tonight
 - A. Winter sports season underway, lots of excitement around our teams and athletes, added sideline cheer to Winter sports; Band and chorus ramping up as well - Broadway Night coming up, with elementary students participating, big community event; Ethics day also coming up for Seniors - "dress to impress" meaning business casual, no sweats, PJs, yoga pants, etc; Security head is retiring, new member coming by mid-January, new SBTS taking over for Amy Beth Kramer, official start date is January 2, Mrs. Currens (school-health aid) is going to be a teachers, so replacement has to come from FCHD not FCPS; Calendar updates - change to snow days, not virtual learning days, they will be days off of school; Virtual instruction happening on primary day - march 5th; looking for substitute teachers, please apply via FCPS if interested, opportunity for flexible schedule, long or short term, December 12th is date for outstanding employee awards in the school, stay tuned for more details on all of this in school newsletters
- IV. **Community Spotlight - NWFCU Relationship Coordinator Alisha Little**
 - A. Longtime Reston-ite! Has a partnership this year with SLHS PTSA, what does that mean? That means that any member of SLHS PTSA can become a member of NWFCU! Credit Unions are members only and not for profit; put profits back to members and community - big focus on involvement and giving back to community via education, scholarships, drives, etc.; want to have a relationship with members offering a suite of benefits, not be just transactional; PTSA Members have access to open an account at NWFCU because of our partnership; dividends to members, lower cost or free accounts, free ATM transaction, lower rates on mortgages, loans,

etc; do not sell of mortgages, all stay in-house (unlike other lenders); financial planning etc.; Youth Club Accounts where you can start putting money very early, to teach kids about saving/spending/planning; One way NWFCU has given back to our community is by sponsoring our Back to School Breakfast for teachers (thank you!); Shared information on how to join; new promotion if someone opens an account and deposits \$500 3 months in a row, NWFCU will give you \$400!

V. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes (October 4, 2023)

A. Erin Gibbens made motion; Kristen Chaddock seconded

B. Minutes Approved

VI. Treasurer's Report - Ashley Kowalczyk

A. Doing well so far this year (through November); received some donations for Giving Tuesday - Thank you!; Teacher Appreciation received generous donations for upcoming TA events planned; Pantry received many donations plus their first grant in November to go towards fresh food; ANGP has fundraisers going, recently had poinsettia fundraiser, ongoing are event tickets and lawn signs

VII. Committee Updates

A. Pantry - Abbe Pascal

1. Last distribution was 400 families served (173 families, 214 student shoppers); Simple Gesture December collection happened on 12/2 with 9000 pounds of food and toiletries; shared info on upcoming volunteer opportunities

B. All-Night Grad Party - Michelle France

1. In "quiet season" now, only ongoing things are ticket sales and lawn signs; prices will increase on January 1st; next committee meeting is Tuesday 12/12 in SLHS Lecture Hall; Date of party is June 7th, 2023 starting at 10:30pm; ANGP is one of our biggest programs and it's to provide a fun and safe environment for the graduating seniors

C. Hospitality - Ashleigh Dorfman

1. Upcoming event is the Staff Holiday Luncheon coming up on 12/12, we will be providing food/beverages and servers

D. Scholarships/Mini-Grants - Vicky Stacy

1. We still have 8 mini-grants available! Please share with parents who might be interested or have a project that could use the funds to support their curriculum

E. Membership - Erin Gibbens

1. We are doing well towards our goal for the year; the goal was set the way it was to fund majority of mini-grants and scholarships

F. Fundraising - Erin Gibbens

1. Update on past and future planned events including photo sessions; upcoming International Cookbook idea; Senior photo sessions, other ideas may be coming depending on how our efforts go!

II. Guest Speakers - Heather Thomas, Director of Student Services

- A.** Discusses process for Academic Advising and Course selection coming up in January 2024 for the 2024-2025 school year; course catalog and info to help with process and planning will be available on SLHS website; this is important that you help your child choose the best possible schedule for them, because this impacts staffing process. We cannot accommodate a lot of changes at the beginning of the school year so need to be sure this is the schedule your child wants/needs now so we can staff accordingly; reviewed different types of diplomas (standard, advanced, IB); timelines for curriculum fairs, counselor conferences, course selection and final schedule deadline; best resource for which class to take the following year is the current year teacher (ie. this years math teacher can help your child decide which math course makes the most sense next year)

- B.** Relevant info will be posted here soon: <https://sites.google.com/view/d-1fd3/online-course-selections>

VIII. Q&A

- A.** Questions from parent around all the various boosters/orgs that have volunteer needs and events and wondering if there can be a way to collaborate between these orgs

Meeting Adjournment - 8:10pm