



**Glasgow Middle School PTA Meeting Minutes -- Accepted
December 10, 2019 – 4th meeting of the school year**

Board Members' Attendance:

Position	Name	Present	Absent
President	Gina Pizziconi-Cupples	X	
VP, Organization & Outreach	Jenna White	X	
VP, School Activities	Sandy Bentkofsky & Lisa Farkas	X , X	
VP, Communications	Byron Schrecker		X
Treasurer	Becky Cranna		X
Secretary	Amina Khan	X	

Spanish Translator: Not present

Estimated Attendance: 10

The meeting began at 7:05 p.m., adjourned at 8:15pm and took place in the Lecture Hall.

President Gina Pizziconi-Cupples welcomed everyone and included the following mentions/actions:

- Motioned to approve minutes from Nov 12, 2019; motion was seconded & passed via voice vote
- Treasurer's report was mentioned and copies were readily available for meeting attendees
- Upcoming events and volunteer opportunities @ Glasgow:
 - o Teacher Holiday Grab'N'Go Breakfast on Wed, December 18
 - o Special Services/Parent Resource Center Event on January 14, 2020 – featuring information and resources and hosted by the Fairfax County Special Education PTA and Advisory Committee for Students with Disabilities
 - o Teacher/Faculty Lunch – January 28, 2020
- Next PTA meeting – February 11, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Principal's Report: Mr. Shawn DeRose

- Glasgow Staff survey conducted in November 2019 and survey results have been reviewed and focus areas have been identified and being reviewed by administration
- Teachers and staff have been receiving panther cards from students all week. These panther cards will then be raffled off for prizes for students.
- Rising 6th grade night scheduled for Wednesday, Jan 8, 2020 and Rising 9th grade night at Justice High School scheduled for Thursday, Jan 9, 2020
- Interior and exterior camera systems are a high priority among FCPS middle school principals. There is some funding available for these cameras, and Principal DeRose is hopeful that Glasgow will be on the short list of schools with priority for having an interior camera system installed.
- Students who wish to advocate for some type of change in the community (i.e. a new stop sign) → They can email their proposal to Principal DeRose, and he will make sure they receive the mentoring they need for their advocacy

Gina introduced Dr. Ricardy Anderson, newly elected Mason District School Board Member

Dr. Ricardy first discussed her background – She is a former educator and school administrator and has worked in VA, CA, and MD. Dr. Ricardy also has 2 children attending a Mason District School.

Education is her calling, and now as Mason District member-elect to the Fairfax County School Board, she intends to focus on bridging the gap in resources and opportunities that Mason District families face with regards to K-12 education.

Dr. Ricardy stated she is representing Mason District and would like to know what issues are concerning residents with regards to education and FCPS. The following are issues she would like to address:

- 1) To expand Advanced Academics programming resources in order to broaden the scope and ensure more students have the AAP opportunity
- 2) To address current Middle school start & end times and right size the school day so it is beneficial for students' learning and conducive to family schedules
- 3) To advocate additional funding for Mason District schools; the majority of them are title I schools (qualify for free and reduced lunch programs, etc) and are faced with limited resources
- 4) To expand International Baccalaureate curriculum among Mason District schools, so parents do not have to choose between schools due to differing options and could potentially stay within their neighborhood schools
- 5) To advocate to change the holiday name “Columbus Day” to “Indigenous Day”
- 6) To evaluate school boundaries and formulate strategies to manage overcrowding and maintain socioeconomic and ethnic diversity
- 7) To advocate for the renovation of Falls Church High School, which has not undergone a renovation in more than 40 years

Her top 3 priorities at this time are AAP expansion, adjusting middle school day start & end times, and conducting a needs based resource assessment of Mason District.

Dr. Ricardy then went on to answer several questions from PTA members and Principal DeRose contributed his insights as well.

You may reach Dr. Ricardy at the following email address: ricardy@ricardy4masonkids.com

Gina closed with thanking the presenters, reminding attendees about upcoming volunteer opportunities, encouraging everyone to sign up to be a PTA member if they have not already done so, and thanking everyone for attending.

Respectfully recorded on December 10, 2019 by Amina Khan, Glasgow PTA Secretary and submitted on December 11, 2019 by Amina Khan, Glasgow PTA Secretary.