

Daniels Run PTA

General Membership Meeting Agenda September 16, 2025

Meeting location: Daniels Run ES Library

I. Welcome and call meeting to order - Beth Brixius called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Introductions of the PTA Board:

Beth Brixius, President

Lizzie Brophy, VP Membership

Erin Dreyfuss, Secretary

Lauren McMinn, Treasurer

Jill Switzer, VP Fundraising

Introductions of guests:

Dan Philips, Assistant Superintendent and Acting Superintendent

Carolyn Pitches, Chair, City of Fairfax School Board

Amit Hickman, City of Fairfax School Board Member

Brandy O’Bryant, Assistant Principal

Janelle Alabi, Assistant Principal

Susan Mullen, Principal

Dan Philips - Vestibule was installed at DRES. The planning is starting for renovations to DRES and Providence. There is a virtual meeting September 17 at 6:30-7:15 PM about the Superintendent search.

Amit Hickman - Explanation of the City of Fairfax School Board responsibilities, which are the school facilities at DRES, Providence, Katherine Johnson, and Fairfax HS, and liaisons to the FCPS School Board. 98-99% city residents at DRES. 70% city residents at Providence. City residents are not affected by the FCPS boundary review; city residents go to city schools.

Beth Brixius - If you can’t attend the virtual meeting about the Superintendent search, you can share your feelings about what you want in a Superintendent through the form online. More info at <https://www.cityoffairfaxschools.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1663433&type=d&pREC_ID=2679871>

II. Principal’s Report and Q&A - Report moved to the Admin Reception after the meeting.

III. Reports of Officers

1. President - Beth Brixius
   1. Back to School Picnic recap - We gave out 300+ Kona Ice tickets
   2. PTA dues increase - The increase has already gone into effect. National PTA decided that dues would increase in July. Ours used to be $18 for family membership, $9 for individual, and $5 for staff. We increased ours accordingly to $20 for family, $10 for individual, and $5 for staff.
2. VP Fundraising - Jill Switzer
   1. Spirit wear store will reopen with deliver to home option - Spirit wear ordered before September 2 were sent home with children. The store is reopening for online orders.
   2. Dragon Day will be Nov 7th - Dragon Drive is October 17-November 7. All children will receive a t-shirt and prize at the end of the Dragon Drive.
   3. Fundraising Efforts- Local Businesses, employer Match - currently committed $6000 from corporate sponsors. Goal is to raise $2-3,000 more
   4. Spirit Nights - Third Thursday through 2025. October 18 at Noodles & Co; Nov 20 South Block; Dec 18 at IHOP at the Circle
3. VP Membership - Lizzie Brophy
   1. Membership report - 153 members, including 3 grandparents, 94 parents/guardians, 56 teachers/staff. $50 Amazon Gift Card winner is Megan Baker.
4. Secretary- Erin Dreyfuss
   1. Directory will be coming - PTA members will have access to a directory grouped by grade and class, so it’s easy to navigate. Anyone who opted out of communications will not be included in the directory.
      1. Get in touch with friends or your child’s whole class
5. Treasurer- Lauren McMinn
   1. Treasurer Report
      1. Financial Review for last year was conducted in July - It was reviewed and found to be correct. There were two flags that we have every year: The Virginia PTA wants two people to sign off on checks, but our bank doesn’t allow that. The Virginia PTA wants two people to approve purchases, but that’s not feasible.
      2. Present the Review at meeting for membership review
      3. Present the proposed budget for 2025-2026 - Dragon Drive last year was not as successful as anticipated, but some of the funds weren’t fully spent, so we carried that over into this year - the science lab incubators and eggs weren’t as expensive as budgeted and the teacher 10% wasn’t fully spent by teachers.

IV. New Business - 12 PTA members in attendance. 10 needed for quorum.

1. Motion to Approve the May 2025 Meeting Minutes as posted on the PTA website - May minutes were not printed for approval at this meeting.
2. Motion to approve the 2024-2025 Financial Review as presented today, so that it can be entered into the record. - Beth Brixius moved to approve. Susan Mullen seconded. 12 in favor. Approved.
3. Motion to approve the Proposed 2025-2026 Budget as presented today, so that it can be adopted. - Beth Brixius moved to approve. Brianna White Seconded. 12 in favor. Approved
4. Motion to approve the Organizational Structure Bylaws today, so that it can be adopted. - Bylaws were not printed for approval at this meeting.

VII. Meeting Adjourned - Beth Brixius adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM