

**YHS PTA MINUTES**  
**10/15/07**

**Welcome:** Fall/Winter President Margie Bell opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Each person present introduced him/herself.

**Minutes:** A motion to accept the minutes of September 2007 was approved.

**Principal's Report:** Dr. Pasi advised that interim reports for the first grading period had been mailed. The end of the grading period is 11/5/07, with the report cards being mailed by the county on 11/14/07. He outlined the construction process, and his philosophy regarding renovation – which is – that YHS focus is on educating the current students – not losing them during the process of physical plant change. He advised cooperation and flexibility on everyone's part for the next three years.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Debra Fairweather provided a revised statement for September and a statement for October. The revisions reflect greater cash on hand, and increased appropriations for the Arlington County Foundation's Teacher Scholarships and YHS teacher grants.

**Teacher Grant Committee:** Chair Mary Ann Smith introduced herself. Mary Ann described the process of award. She distributed RFPs in each mail box. She will follow up by email blast two days prior to the deadline, which is 10/26/07. Between 10/26 and the next PTA meeting, 11/19/07, her committee will select the awardees. Funding totals in previous years have varied based upon PTA revenue. Previous requests have not been funded because the requests were submitted after the deadline. Mary Ann was seeking volunteers for the committee for purposes of reviewing the requests.

**Teacher of the Year Committee:** Margie Bell reported that she is gathering information regarding how to proceed with the nomination of YHS' Teacher of the Year. She is looking to open the process for faculty input.

**Construction and ACB vote:** Patty Petroccione reported that the ACB voted 4 – 0 (Zimmerman abstention) to approve the use permit allowing the next phase of construction to proceed at YHS. The next step, which is expected, is a school board vote on Thursday. Patty counseled that those parents who contacted the ACB may want to email a thank you message.

**Foreign Language meetings:** Patty Petroccione distributed an ACI invitation for two sessions to discuss foreign language education in Arlington County. Further information is available at the ACPS website.

**Old/New Business:** None

**Announcements:** YHS Family Network is hosting Dr. Stixrud on recent developments in understanding the adolescent brain on Tuesday, 10/23/07, at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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