

**Minutes of the Tuesday, November 13, 2018
Gunston Middle School PTA Meeting**

Attendees:

Dr. Lori Wiggins, Principal; Beth Hicks, PTA President; Luann Wonders, Treasurer; Amanda Woodhead, Secretary; Audrey Gowda, VP Communications; Norm Odeneal, VP Fundraising; and 15 parent and teacher attendees.

1. Beth Hicks called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Announcements:

a. **Dine Out for Gunston Update and Save the Date:**

i. Our first dine out at Lost Dog Café generated \$157.18!

ii. Thursday, November 15th, Delia's Restaurant, 2931 S Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22206 <https://www.deliasbrickovenpizza.com/>

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b. **Spiritwear** - Submissions were due November 9th and some great options were submitted. Great sales at the Parent Teacher Conferences. We are ordering more hoodies as well.

c. **6th Grade Dance** - December 13th. More details to come.

d. **Silent Auction** - tentatively scheduled to open on Thanksgiving in time for Black Friday sales. Great items including a Nintendo Switch, riding to school with SRO Bello, and many other exciting items will be auctioned.

e. **8th Grade Promotion Party** - if anyone would like to help plan the 8th Grade Promotion Party please contact Susan Honaker at susaneh1126@gmail.com.

f. **December meeting** - to be announced but we will be meeting to announce the PTA Reflections contest award winners.

3. **Middle School Course Selection - Roadmap to Graduation**

a. Counselors review APS courses with all students for the next grade level in February.

b. Parents attend a Course Selection/Academic Planning meeting.

c. Review of course request process and course request form.

d. Review of Middle School sequence.

e. Students can sign up the first of October to take a "credit by exam" for 1-4 credits for language fluency.

- f. Gunston has a distance learning lab to work with students who take distance learning classes such as Arabic or Chinese.
- g. Review of academic planning sequence. This is the child's roadmap towards graduation. It typically looks at the students next two years of courses, career goals, college plans, military service, etc.
- h. Naviance is a college and career planning tool that allows middle and high school students to take inventories related to personal interests and strengths, explore careers, matches classes with career interest, create resumes, research colleges and more.
- i. Parents that are interested in intensified courses beyond what is offered currently, please email the School Board as they are considering these options now.

4.Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.