September 8, 2022

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Sabrina Easter
- II. Approval of last meeting minutes.
- III. Report of Officers

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Next PTO Meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2022, at 7 p.m.

V. Adjournment at 7:30 p.m.

December 08, 2022

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:20 pm by Antwanette Daniels, Secretary
- II. Approval of last meeting minutes.
- III. Report of Officers

President's Report: Ms. Smia Douglas. Not in attendance.

Treasurer Report: Ms. Latosha Brown. Our current balance is \$5,758.30. We provided pizza and drinks for the Middle School Dance. Our profit was \$566.00.

Principal's Report: Ms. Foor. Good evening! Thank you for your patience this evening as the board gets settled to start the meeting. On Dec. 2nd we held our Winter Dance which was lots of fun. Our Multi-Culture night was also a great success. The dance team performed, and the students had lots of fun. We are exploring some business partnerships and would like to solicit ideas/feedback from everyone. Please reach out. A survey was recently disseminated regarding extra-curricular activities and as a result we will be adding a Spelling Bee. As a reminder, extra-curricular activities are based on your availability so please let us know if you are interested and have ideas. There is a form on the Porter website that must be completed. We've also added our first Basketball Program, first practice was held last week. Next week, we will have a very important day/week - our Staff Holiday Luncheon/festivities. On our Porter portal there is a sign-up genius, please sign up for main dishes, desserts, etc. If there are no spots remaining to sign-up, please feel free to bring in a dish. The more the better. We will also offer raffles for that day and would like your support. Any contribution would be great; gift cards are welcome as our teachers look forward to this event every year. Our Annual Day of the Arts is approaching, there is signup genius for volunteers, we would like all the support. The theme this year is Read/Write/Recycle. We will have our Winter Assembly on Dec. 16th at 2:30 P.M., there will be information coming out tomorrow. Upon return from Winter Break – Jan 10th we will have our very 1st "Emotional Night". In the previous years' the night was geared towards parents. This year the targeting audience will be both students and parents. The students and parents will have the opportunity to learn great strategies and techniques. We will offer parent volunteer hours for this event. Please see the eUpdate for more details. Next week, there will be a virtual (zoom), "Parent Advisory Meeting Council". Last week, the 5th and 6th graders had their concert, and it was great. Tonight, is the band concert and next week is the Chorus concert. We have lots of events happening as we prepare for Winter Break. In closing, I wish you all wonderful Break.

Teacher's Report: Ms. Chapman: No report

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Membership: Brandi McIntyre: No update

Spirit Wear: Ms. Stewart and Ms. Mitchell are currently working to restock the inventory. They are working out the supply issues. More to follow hopefully the next meeting.

V. New Business: No report.

VI. Announcements

The step/dance team will perform in the upcoming Dumfries Parade. If you can please support them. Ms. Owens (Coach) is amazing and has a great group of students.

The application process is currently open. If you have a current student, you must still apply and go through the application process for your new student. You should characterize/select that you have a current student enrolled. If you have any questions, please reach out to the front office.

If you are experiencing issues with buses, please let Ms. Mears know but also check the Bus App. There is a shortage of bus drivers often resulting in double runs. A parent liaison was formed this year to tackle some of these challenges, resulting in good feedback and results.

Next PTO Meeting scheduled for January 12, 2023, at 7 p.m. (virtual)

VII. Adjournment at 7:48 p.m.

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February 09, 2023

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- II. Approval of last meeting minutes.
- III. Report of Officers

President's Report: Ms. Latosha Brown. In the absence of the Acting President Smia Douglas, Ms. Daniels and I will facilitate the meeting tonight. The "Porter Day of the Arts" that was halted due to inclement weather and the code orange day in December has been rescheduled for Friday, June 9th. The Volunteer sign-up genius will be posted as we approach the event. The Talent Show date has been scheduled for April 28th. Please see the Agenda and Porter eUpdate for Tryout and Rehearsal dats. Ms. Stephany Stewart is the chair for the Talent Show, please reach out to her if you have questions. We held a Spirit Wear PoP up store on 30 JAN 2023, it was a great success.

Treasurer Report: Ms. Latosha Brown. As of today, our current balance is \$5,263.12.

Principal's Report: Ms. Foor. Good evening everyone, I have posted the Parent Survey in the Chat Box. We would like full participation more than 54 response than the first quarter. The goal is to make the connections with you and the students as well as receive feedback to make the necessary improvements. This week is National Counselor Week, please support our wonderful counselors Mr. Lockemy, Ms. Bablack, and Ms. Mears. They are always supportive of the students social and emotional well-being. The second round of the VGAs are approaching. If you have any questions, please reach out to your students' teacher. This is preparation for the SOLs. March is quickly approaching and the Writing SOL is scheduled for 8th graders in March. Additionally, we are working on the SOL calendar, tentatively scheduled for end of April/May. Our STEAM night is going to be in March and our Literacy Night is scheduled for April. This is a great opportunity for students and parents to engage and work together. You can also receive information regarding SOLs.

Teacher's Report: No Report.

IV. Report of Committees

Membership: Brandi McIntyre: No update

Spirit Wear: Ms. Stephany Stewart: An order was placed in JAN 2023. Held a PoP-up shop on 30 JAN, a great success. We are low on winter items. We have spring wear items available. Please see the order form for updated inventory on stocked items.

V. Announcements

Next PTO Meeting scheduled for March 9, 2023, at 7 p.m. (virtual)

VI. Adjournment at 7:25 p.m.

June 9, 2022

- I. Virtual Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Sabrina Easter
- II. Approval of last meeting minutes.

III. Report of Officers

President's Report: Ms. Sabrina Easter. Welcome! This is our last meeting of the 2021-2022 school year. A big thank you to everyone this school year for all the donations and supporting the sponsored events. The PTO would like to thank Ms. Foor and Ms. Mears for the support, we couldn't have done all the great things without the support. Finally, we thank Amber Wilson, the fundraiser lead for her support.

Treasurer Report: We are in the process of making a small spirit wear order to replenish our stock.

Principal's and Teacher's Report: Ms. Foor. Thank you, Ms. Easter. On behalf of Ms. Chapman and the staff, they were so appreciative for the Staff Appreciation week. Thank you to all who donated food and supported the teachers and staff – they were very grateful. Today we had our National Blue Ribbon Award celebration. We had central office representation recognizing this achievement – it was an honor. During these last four days of school, we have several activities and will need everyone's support. We are very grateful for all the volunteers throughout the year as well as supporting the First through Fifth grade field day. On Monday, we will have Sport Day for our Seventh and Eighth graders. The yearbooks have arrived and are pending distribution once they've been sorted by class. Tomorrow is our big day for "Day of the Arts". Please come out and support. Thank you for all the PTO support and volunteers to successfully making this event. On Thursday, we will have the 8th grade graduation 9:30-10:30 AM and 5th grade graduation from 1:30-2:30PM. As the school year comes to an end, we will have a dress down day on the half day, the students should continue to use their star qualities. The SOL's results are in and I'm proud of all the hard work and perseverance the students have done. It's been noticed and they've done a great job. Please take the time to rejuvenate over the summer and come back ready at the start of next school year. Finally, if you can't make your sign-up slot for volunteer hours, please call the front office (Ms. Pat or Ms. Michele). This will allow other volunteers to sign up.

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Spirit Wear: LaTonya Mitchell: Porter spirit wear will be ordered in the coming weeks to fully stock inventory for the next school year 2022-2023.

V. New Business

Used uniform sale will begin in August 2022 before the new school year. The sale will be two days during the first week of August. We will need volunteers to make this event a success. First Day will be on August 4, 2022, 9:00AM – 1:00PM. The second day will be on August 5, 2022, 3:00PM-6:00PM. The

information will be posted on the Porter Website. For drop off in the front office you can contact Ms. Pat or Sabrina for donation during summer months. Finally, we will take credit card and cash payments on both sale event days.

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If your student did not get a Blue-Ribbon shirt today, they can pick up one from the front office.

For PTO membership, you must enroll again as this is an annual enrollment each school year.

For new parents with students entering 1st grade, we are working on opportunities for them to socialize over the summer. Please contact Ms. Michele.

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V. Adjournment at 7:15 p.m.

March 09, 2023

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by Ms. Smia Douglas
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- III. Report of Officers

President's Report: Ms. Smia Douglas. Thank you for joining us this evening. Our PTO Spirit Night at IHop is scheduled for Thursday, March 23^{rd} 4 pm - 9 pm at the Smoketown location. Present the flyer during your dine-in or take out. We will receive 20% of all proceeds. The talent show is quickly approaching. There is a digital form for the students and parents to complete. Teacher's appreciation week will be during the week of May 8^{th} . We look forward to any contributions and participation to make this event a success and show appreciation to the teachers, administration, and staff. There is no PTO meeting in April due to Spring Break.

Treasurer Report: Ms. Antwanette Daniels in the absence of Ms. Latosha Brown. As of today, our current balance is \$5,263.12. No pending charges or outstanding balances. Spirit Night is scheduled March 23^{rd} , 4 pm - 9 pm. Porter will receive 20% of all sales.

Principal's Report: Ms. Foor. Good evening, everyone, thank you to everyone who participated in the Parent Survey. Ms. Ann Wheeler attended Porter today which was a great experience and Porter represented very well. The 2023-2024 application process is over. We have an extremely comprehensive wait list. A total of 1300 applications, an increase of 300 from last year. I'm excited to report that we have a solicitation out for soccer coaches. I met with a parent this week for grades 1st – 3rd to discuss the possibility of having a soccer program. Anyone who is interested in helping the parent and/or has recommendations for a middle school program please reach out to Ms. Mears or myself. The interest from can be found on the Porter portal. Our basketball intermural league has been a great success with four teams. We have two games remaining on the 17th and 20th at 7 PM. Also during the Monday night game, the Porter step/dance team will perform. The team is coached by Ms. Owens, please come out and support the students as they showcase all their good work. On Tuesday, March 14th, is PIE Day. Our robotics team will be competing in the world competition in April in Texas. The 2nd Annual Literacy night is scheduled for April 17th 6:30-8:00 PM promoting ways to support students at home and prepare for SOL. Ms. Mears is finalizing the SOL calendar, more to follow. May 5th marks the start of SOLs. The first 8th grade writing SOL will be held next week, the week of March 13th. The middle school dance is scheduled for June 2, 2023, more to follow. The Virginia Department of Education will adopt a new SOL, adding a new component for 5th and 8th grade in future years, more to follow. We had one student who will compete for the Regional Spelling Bee. If they win, they will go on to the National Harbor to compete at the National Level. National Take Your Child to Work day in April will be an excused absence. The summer learning labs will be offered again this year and will be based off teacher availability, more information coming soon. SOL morning/afternoon bootcamp will be based off teacher availability also. The tutoring program will end at the end of March 2023. Porter Light The Night LLS, fundraiser will kick off during the month of April, the goal is to bring light to the darkness of cancer by

raising money towards research and cures. Each homeroom will have their own class page to try and raise the most money for children and families in need. Families can donate online using their student's homeroom class page. The elementary and middle homeroom class that raises the most money will earn a free catered lunch. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Meres.

Teacher's Report: No Report.

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Membership: Brandi McIntyre: No update

Spirit Wear: Ms. Antwanette Daniels in the absence of Ms. Stephany Stewart: No update, the order form is updated to reflect the current in stock items.

V. Announcements

Next PTO Meeting scheduled for May 11, 2023, at 7 p.m. (in person)

PTO Nominations for 2023-24 Board. The term in office is 2 years, starting July 1, 2023. The following positions are President, Vice President, and Recording Secretary. The deadline for all bio's is April 9, 2023 to the portertradpto@gmail.com. The voting will take place starting on 05/11/23 – 05/25/23 via Google form after the PTO meeting. This information will be posted in the eUpdate also.

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February 10, 2022

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III. Report of Officers

President's Report: Ms. Sabrina Easter. Good evening, welcome everyone! Next month the Treasurer position for the PTO Board will be posted. Elections will occur in April. Stephany Stewart will oversee the posting and elections for the Treasurer position. The Talent Show will be on 22 April with Try-outs occurring on 10 March. Rehearsals will take place before the actual show date. Stephany Stewart is also the main contact for the Talent Show.

Principal's and Teacher's Report: Ms. Foor. The principals and teacher's report will be combined this evening. Ms. Chapman could not join us this evening. Next week is Kindness week. I'm excited about all the wonderful things that are planned for the students, teachers, and staff. This year we are bringing the Golf Outing back at Old Hickory Golf club. The date for the Golf Outing is 24 April (Sunday) @ 1:00 PM — it's a lot of fun and we're very excited. Ms. Johnson will be working on the collections for the basket. We need water so if you're in need of a few volunteer hours and haven't donated this year, this is an opportunity to donate water and earn some hours. The second semester ended, and we are now in the 3rd quarter of the school year. The eight-grade writing SOL is upcoming, and this is a reminder to check Canvas and monitor ParentVue. The final SOL schedule is forthcoming, please check the Porter front page in the coming weeks for final schedule. We have two exciting opportunities this year; 1.) March — the 1st Math Literacy week and 2.) STEAM Night. In April — 1.) Literacy Week, an opportunity for students to immerse themselves building on their reading strategies and prepping for SOL. Lastly, as the weather get's warm, friendly reminder to please follow the car-line procedures for safety and security.

Treasurer Report: Ms. Dinah Idan-Biney. Limited activity for the month. This month brought in \sim \$638. We spent under \sim \$75 this month and earned \sim \$188 from the Brixx fundraiser. Approximately \sim \$450 was spent on spirit wear purchases.

IV. Report of Committees

Membership: Brandi McIntyre: We have 151 current members. The highest membership enrollment. All members must renew every year, otherwise you will not receive communications from the PTO.

Spirit Wear: LaTonya Mitchell: Fleeces and hoodies are out of stock. There are short sleeve shirts and masks available. We intend to submit an order soon, either for this year or next year school year. It's highly likely that there will be a price increase due to the supplier cost increase. There is a minimum order requirement now for each order. If you place an order for spirit wear, the delivery time is approximately 3-6 weeks. At times its challenging to meet the minimum requirement order, please submit recommendations to the PTO Board for other vendor/supplier options. Mr. Ryan Stancil – would

like to discuss a potential opportunity/recommendation for vendor/supplier options – willing to help anyway he can as he is a current illustrator for DoD. To place an order, you can go to the PTO page and click the link.

V. New Business

Ms. Banks – Librarian (banksdl@pwcs.edu) is seeking volunteers to pick-up baby chicks on 8 March in Manassas, VA. This is a first come first serve volunteer opportunity. This is a great way to earn some volunteer hours. Please contact Ms. Banks directly.

Porter Gives Back Day -02/22/2022. This is a partnership with ACTS and the women's shelter. You can donate 2 canned goods, boxed items, or toiletries items. There will be a box located in the building for drop-off. A sign-up via genius will be used for families to help with donations and drop-off. This is another great opportunity to earn some hours.

PTO Activities - There will be an upcoming "Talent Show" in April. The try-outs will be on 10 March after school. On 5 April – this will be a rehearsal day and the actual show is 24 April 6:30 PM. There will be a sign-up online this year on the Porter home page - the link will be posted. We will need 6-8 volunteers and donations for the show night. Parents must complete the parental form for student participation. Ms. Foor recommends doing some commercials in the morning to advertise the upcoming show. There will also be posters throughout the school in the coming days. Ms. Stephany Stewart is the contact to all Talent Show questions.

Fundraiser- 1.) Ice Skating 2.) Roller Skating – pending update from coordinator.

Open Gym Night – Middle School Night will be conducted for each grade 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. One grade per week. The sign-up genius will be sent out in the upcoming week. This is another good opportunity to earn volunteer hours. The time slot is 6PM-8PM and snacks/food will be provided.

Notable Commentary

Volunteer Hours – you can check via the Porter portal by using your students ID or give me Ms. Pat a call. The portal is updated monthly. Ms. Pat is still working through a stack hours provided by Ms. Easter.

The acceptance to porter for the school year 2022-2023 is through the Specialties Program. The lottery is mid-March. We received approximately 1,033 applications this year. The application website is updated, and you can find the most recent updates on the website. Ms. Machele is the lottery coordinator and can answer any questions.

Executive Board Meetings are held monthly for planning and open discussions regarding recommendations and suggestions.

VI. Announcements

New opportunity for hours next week. The teachers are looking for some extra time during their lunch breaks. Although parents cannot be in the cafeteria, teachers are looking for lunch runners, to take the students to and from lunch. Check the portal website to volunteer.

STAR Testing – new program directed by the School Board. This looks at the student's math level for middle school to determine their math level by grade. This does not apply to elementary students. The STAR assessment is like the reading program. Feel free to reach out to your student's teacher for more information.

Next PTO Meeting is scheduled for March 10 at 7 p.m.

V. Adjournment at 7:35 p.m.

March 10, 2022

- I. Virtual Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Sabrina Easter
- II. Approval of last meeting minutes.
- III. Report of Officers

President's Report: Ms. Sabrina Easter. Good evening, welcome to the March meeting. There will be no meeting next month (April) due to spring break. The next meeting will be in May. We are still seeking candidates for the Treasurer position 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school year. It's a great opportunity and you can also satisfy your volunteer hours by serving on the PTO Board. Ms. Stephany Stewart is the main contact if interested in the Treasurer position. On 2/22/22, we had our Porter Gives Back Day. Thank you for all the support.

Treasurer Report: Ms. Dinah Idan-Biney. Very short update. For the month of February 2022, we brought in \$250 for apparel sales and spend \$255 on events. There is roughly under \$8K in the account and based on the guidelines the funding must be used. The account should only have about \$2K remaining.

Principal's Report: Ms. Foor. The 6th, 7th, 8th grades completed open gym nights. A great success that included fun and entertainment for the students. Thank you to all the volunteers for making the event a success – much appreciated. Thank you, Ms. Easter for gearing up for the End of Year activities. There was an E-Update regarding the county-wide PWCS server issues. Emails and accounts with gmail are experiencing significant issues. If you've reached out to teachers and are waiting for response, please check your spam folder and/or give us a call. Due to the timing of the year, the students have had their computers for almost a full school year, and they have been doing such an amazing job taking care of them. Please continue to enforce good care of the device and that there should be no stickers attached to their computers. There is no guarantee that the student will have the same computer next year. The device number should remain in place as that's the number used for inventory/tracking of the device. Insurance is no longer available; however, it will be available during the beginning of the school year for \$30. As we approach spring and the end of year, we have field day, picnics, graduation, and many more activities that will provide opportunities for participation – great to see that we are getting back to some normalcy. Please continue to check the Porter website. The 8th grade semi-formal day will take place this year, please look for the correspondence, coming soon – the PTO will have some involvement. Next Monday, March 14, 2022, is Pie Day (First In-Person Event) and we will have some exciting activities. There will be two other evening events: 1.) Multicultural at the end of April and the Step Team will perform 2.) Literacy Night the week before Spring Break - check the Porter website for details. The SOL testing will commence soon – all information will be posted on website. As the weather starts to get warmer, please refer to the uniform policy and reinforce at home with the students. The golf outing is scheduled for 24 April 2022, the Talent Show is the Friday before with the Step/Dance team performing. The 1st try-out for the Talent Show is this afternoon. As the end of the year approaches, students should complete volunteer hours by 15 May to participate in June activities. The 1st week of May is Teacher's Appreciation week.

Teacher's Report: Ms. Chapman. The Lunch Shuttle has been a tremendous help to the teachers. Every teacher loves it and is greatly benefiting from it. We truly appreciate the support. We are out of water so for those who still need volunteer hours, providing water would be great, especially as the weather starts to change and get warm.

IV. Report of Committees

Membership: Brandi McIntyre: Roughly 100 members in attendance this evening.

Spirit Wear: LaTonya Mitchell: An inventory will be conducted in the coming days. The website will be updated accordingly. It's highly likely that refunds will be provided based on inventory of items. You can still order through the PTO page. We have lots of T-shirts available. Porter spirit wear will be ordered in the summer to fully stock up for the new school year.

V. New Business

STEAM Night will be on March 14, 2022. A genius sign-up will be sent out for volunteers. For Literacy Night volunteers are still needed. The Talent Show needs volunteers, please reach out to Stephany Stewart.

Porter Gives Back 2/22/22 – Eagle Scout (Andrew Butler) collection of school supplies. The PTO will support. All school supplies will be gathered by the scouts and boxes will be placed throughout the building for drop off. On 1 April 2022, the supplies should be ready for shipping to Cameroon. For electronics, please reset to factory settings. There will be a specific box located in the front office for electronics. We will promote this effort as the school in Cameroon doesn't have a lot and this effort would greatly support them.

Lunch Shuttle Program – this provides the teacher more latitude and time during lunch. The lunch shuttles are on a "5" minute rotation. Volunteers (parents) will receive a list to pick up the students and escort them to and from lunch. It's about a 2-hr. timeframe. This program has been underway for about 2 weeks and is going very well.

VI. Announcements

Volunteer Hours – you can check via the Porter portal by using your students ID or give me Ms. Pat or Ms. Michele a call. The portal is updated monthly. Students should be completing their hours. For 1st and 2nd grade the goal is for them to learn about their role in the community and how they can help, classroom support will count towards their volunteer hours. By the 4th grade the student should be able to independently complete their volunteer hours. If students are virtual, please ensure that they are still giving back to the community.

Used uniform sale will begin in August 2022 before the new school year.

Math 7 has been extended and offered to all students in 7^{th} grade. Accelerated math will be offered in 5^{th} grade if the student meets the requirements.

No meeting in April due to Spring Break. Next PTO Meeting is scheduled for May 12 at 7 p.m.

V. Adjournment at 7:33 p.m.

Mary G Porter PTO Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2023

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:01p
- II. Meeting minutes from the March 9, 2023 meeting were approved

III. Officer Reports

President's Report: Antwanette Daniels in absence of Smia Douglas

Porter Gives Back was a success. You can continue to give directly to Great Bright via their Amazon wish list. The Elementary School dance is tomorrow night, May 12th, 2023.

Treasurer's Report: Antwanette Daniels in absence of LaTosha Brown

Current balance: \$4,954.92.

Upcoming expenses: DJ and pizza for elementary school dance

\$261 were raised in concessions at the Talent Show

The Robotics team received \$730 between concessions and donations. Thanks to all that

supported.

We will host one more fundraiser this year. Double Good popcorn. Fundraiser dates TBD.

Principal's Report: Mrs. Foor

Teachers Appreciation Week was celebrated the first week of May. Thank you to the PTO! There are several volunteer opportunities available. See the volunteer website. SOL's are ongoing. Planning for the Middle School Dance is underway. The theme is being finalized. Sports Day planning is also underway. Check the Porter website regularly for updates. A question was raised in regard to the school start times. Per Mrs. Foor there will be no time change for next year.

Teacher's Representative Report: No report

IV. Committee Reports

PTO Membership: Antwanette Daniels in absence of Brandi McIntyre

Reminder – Membership dues are required each year.

Spirit Wear: Stephany Stewart

We have a plenty short sleeved spirit wear shirts, especially the active wear type. You can order online or while you are here tonight.

V. New Business

- Board Elections New board members will be announced at the June meeting.
- Elementary School Dance Tomorrow night from 6-830pm. The theme for the spring dance is Aloha Luau. \$5 per person for students and siblings 2 and up. Parents are admitted for free and must stay.
- Middle School Dance/8th grade semi formal June 2nd from 630-830pm.
- Day of the Arts rescheduled for June 9th

VI. Announcements

- Registration deadline for $1^{st} 3^{rd}$ grade Soccer Club is May 12^{th} . The club will meet at 5:30 PM. The start time is based on the availability of the parent volunteer.
- Registration deadline for the 3rd annual Summer Labs is May 26th at 4pm.
- Used uniform sale is tentatively scheduled for July. The exact date is TBD.
- The last PTO meeting is scheduled for June 8th at 7p. The meeting will be in person in the library.
- Open Forum:
 - a) Discussed school uniform guidelines
 - b) School construction is scheduled to begin a day or two after school lets out. A security door will be added directing visitors directly into the office. Visitors will have to walk thru the office to enter the school. This will affect the location of the used uniform sale and the learning labs. Parents should look out for directions on the entrance and exit schedule. Construction is slated to take 8 weeks.
 - c) Porter has also secured additional funds for security.
 - d) Elementary and middle school library books Porter follows the PWC guidelines. Questions can be directed to the librarian, Ms. Banks. New guidelines were approved by the PWCS school board. The new guidelines will be implemented in the new school year.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 7:30p

January 12, 2023

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm by Smia Douglas
- II. Approval of last meeting minutes.
- III. Report of Officers

President's Report: Ms. Smia Douglas. As we go through this transition, I will be the acting President, however, this is a joint effort so please feel free to reach out to any of the board members for assistance. We will have elections in the spring so if you're interested, please through your name in the hat. There are lots of opportunities.

Treasurer Report: Ms. Latosha Brown. As of today, our current balance is \$5,658.38.

Principal's Report: Ms. Foor. I would like to Wish everyone a Happy New Year! We are currently in the application season of the school year. If you have a sibling student, you must submit through the application portal through the specialty program. The close date to submit application is 01 FEB 2023. We will have another information night on Tuesday, January 17, 2023. Its very important that you submit by the deadline. Before the holiday season we had our first Code Orange. The status was posted on the Porter site, if you have any questions, please reach out to me. During Code Orange, the teachers have at least 1 hour for open door time. The Day of the Arts was initially scheduled, however, was cancelled due to the code orange. As a result, we will reschedule the event for March 2023, the exact is TBD. We had a great success with our first Emotional event with over 200 students and parents. They were able to visit stations to discuss strategies on Social Emotional Health. Feel free to reach out to our counselors if you have any questions about the event. Our STEM Night is pending a final date. We will have our Robotics activity on March 14, 2023. We are currently working on Literacy Night that will be held in April 2023, reinforcing reading skills for the students – more to follow on the dates. In December 2022 we had our Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, the teachers were very appreciative and grateful – thank you for all your support. Finally, we are almost halfway through the school year. The 2nd Quarter ends on January 27, 2023. There will be an early release on that day. Please feel free to reach to your student teacher for parent teacher conferences. Those conferences will be held on an as needed basis and/or parent request via in-person or zoom. Please check ParentVue for grades, this is a great time to check and review grades.

Teacher's Report: Ms. Mears in the absence of Ms. Chapman: The mid-year VGA SOLs for grades 3rd-8th are approaching. The students are working very hard to prepare. There will be a middle (6-8th grade) school Spelling Bee in preparation for the National Spelling Bee. Sessions will be held during lunch and after school. We will have a closed Spelling Bee where those winners will move on to the Prince William County level and then eventually to the National Level. More information will be disseminated in the e-Update. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Mears.

IV. Report of Committees

Membership: Brandi McIntyre: No update

Spirit Wear: Ms. Stephany Stewart: An order was placed, and our inventory should be replenished soon. Those pre-orders will be fulfilled first. We've received lots of orders, I recommend that you submit a pre-order to ensure that your order is fulfilled. There was an adjustment in prices this year due to inflation. Those that have requested refunds should have been received. If you did not receive your refund, please let me know as an email was sent out those that were on the list to receive a refund.

V. Announcements

Volunteer Hours for 1st- 2nd grade – 10 hours; 3rd-5th grade – 15 hours; 6th-8th grade – 20 hours.

The Basketball Program – Mr. Connor is soliciting more help. Additional information forthcoming soon. This program is only for 6th-8th graders. We currently have about 45-50 students, hopefully this will evolve into an intramural program. However, this will depend upon the parents support as extracurricular activities are supported by the parents.

Because Mary G. Porter was designed not to offer substantial extracurricular activities, if you have any programs that you are interested in pursuing, please reach out to Ms. Foor and complete the form on the Porter site.

Additional information regarding the upcoming Spelling Bee will be in the upcoming e-Update.

Next PTO Meeting scheduled for March 9, 2023, at 7 p.m. (virtual)

VI. Adjournment at 7:35 p.m.

May 12, 2022

- I. Virtual Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by Sabrina Easter
- II. Approval of last meeting minutes.

III. Report of Officers

President's Report: Ms. Sabrina Easter. Good evening, thank you for joining us this evening. We have one more PTO meeting for the school year. A big Thank you to all the volunteers supporting the multiple events the past few weeks: Teacher/Staff Appreciation, Open Gym night, Talent Show to name a few. The Teacher/Staff Appreciation was great success, we receive lots of donations and received double the number of items requested. There were lots of leftovers and the Teachers/Staff were very appreciative. We do have a new Treasurer that will encumber the board position starting on 1 June 2022. Her name is Ms. LaTosha Brown. We will introduce her at the next PTO meeting.

Treasurer Report: No report.

Principal's Report: Ms. Foor. Thank you for all your support for the recent events, Teacher Appreciation Week, etc. The administrative staff greatly appreciated the luncheon. The SOLs are underway and I'm excited. We appreciate the support from home and perseverance of all the students. We will have lots of volunteer opportunities in coming weeks. Please continue the website frequently. If you have any questions pertaining to volunteer opportunities and/or hours, please contact Ms. Pat or Ms. Michele.

Teacher's Report: Ms. Chapman. We really appreciate the Lunch Shuttle. It has been a tremendous help to the teachers allowing that extra time. Every teacher loves it and is greatly benefiting from it. The best idea ever! Thank you to the administrators, staff, students, and volunteers for making a great Teacher's Appreciation Week. We enjoyed all the food and snacks; it was the best week. There will be more volunteer opportunities for our field day and class picnic.

IV. Report of Committees

Membership: Brandi McIntyre: We have 171 PTO members.

Spirit Wear: LaTonya Mitchell: Porter spirit wear will be ordered in the coming weeks to fully stock inventory for the next school year 2022-2023.

V. New Business

Elementary Field Day is scheduled for June 8th. The Middle School Field Day is scheduled for June 13th. The Day of the Arts is scheduled for June 10th. Sign up for volunteers for Field Day will be posted on the portal. For the Day of the Arts, all volunteer slots are filled. There is a wait list and it's anticipated that there will be future openings as schedules may change, please contact Sabrina if you're interested.

Open Gym is scheduled for May 13th. There will be plenty of snacks and games (STEM, ART, Basketball, etc.) The last Open Gym held on May 6th was awesome. The students enjoyed and had a great time. Thank you to all the volunteers and parents that supported this event during the rainy/stormy evening.

PTO POPCORN FUNDRIASER....The Porter PTO is having a **DOUBLE GOOD Virtual Fundraiser!** It begins Saturday, May 21st! It is 100% contactless and the <u>PTO keeps 50% of the profit!</u> And....the product ships DIRECTLY TO THE BUYER! This will be our last fundraiser of the year. The dates for the fundraiser will be 4 consecutive days: 5/21/22 – 5/25/22. Please see the flyer posted on the Portal main page and the PTO page.

Middle School Dance – excited to announce that we are bringing back our dances. The dance is scheduled for June 3, 2022, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The 8th grade will have a semi-formal and a dinner. The dinner will start at 6 PM for the 8th grade and after the dinner the 8th graders can attend the dance. This is great way to send our 8th graders off to high school. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the planning committee, please reach out to Ms. Foor.

Porter "First LEGO League". The LEGO Club will start next year for Elementary Students (4th & 5th graders). A survey will be disturbed to gauge interest and plan a structured and organized club for students. Ms. Goddard is leading this exciting new opportunity. The survey will be 9 questions. Please take the survey if you have interest.

VI. Announcements

Congratulations to the Robotics Team! They attended the VEX World Championship in Dallas, TX.

Volunteer Hours are very important. Please remember to complete your parent/guardian volunteer hours. It is a part of the Parent/Guardian and Student Enrollment contract you agree to each year. We have 8 weeks left for you to complete them. You can check via the Porter portal by using your students ID or give me Ms. Pat or Ms. Michele a call. The portal is updated monthly. There will be opportunities during the summer months. Continue to check the portal or contact Ms. Pat or Ms. Michele. Any hours earned after 1 July will count towards the following school year.

Used uniform sale will begin in August 2022 before the new school year. The sale will be two days during the first week of August. We will need volunteers to make this event a success. Additional details will be posted on the Porter Website. You can also contact Ms. Pat or Sabrina for donation information.

Summer Learning Labs are back starting on July 5th through Jul 29th. Information is posted on the Portal main page.

For the next school year 2022-2023, the PTO meetings will be hybrid (virtual and in-person). The first meeting will be virtual and subsequent meetings will be rotated.

Next PTO Meeting is scheduled for June 9 at 7 p.m., last meeting for the school year 2021-2022.

V. Adjournment at 7:26 p.m.

January 13, 2022

- I. Virtual Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm by Sabrina Easter
- II. Approval of last meeting minutes.
- III. Report of Officers

President's Report: Sabrina Easter. Welcome back everyone! Ms. Smia Douglas (Vice President) will be admitting people to the meeting and recording all attendees. Happy Principals week to Ms. Foor and Ms. Mears. There is no guest speaker tonight, therefore, we will conduct an FAQ session at the end of the meeting. Thank you for your support for the Brixx fundraiser event, we earned \$188. I also want to thank the PTO board for their help and support hosting the teacher's luncheon in DEC. It was highly regarded, and we look forward to doing another one, possibly during teacher's appreciation week. We do not have another fundraiser event, however, if you have any recommendations, please contact me. We currently have 78 attendees this evening, please ensure that you logged on based on your registration. We've experienced some challenges with the registration as some people are logging on with a different name or using telephone numbers rather than their registration information. Also, parents must log on separately to receive separate volunteer hours. There will be a new registration process commencing in FEB 2022. The registration form will now have the student's name to associate with the parent.

Treasurer Report: Dinah Idan-Biney. For the month of DEC 2021, we earned \$3,185 from the popcorn fundraiser, received a generous donation of \$500 - total revenue of ~\$3680. We've spent ~\$650 and year-to-date, earned ~\$10K, spending ~\$5100 for the year (2021).

Principal's Report: We're excited to have all the students back. I hope everyone had a great holiday and winter break. With the upcoming weather this weekend, please remember to check the Porter website for the Code Red, Green, and Orange guidance. Code Orange is asynchronous learning. The Porter website will provide additional information. There will be upcoming field trips, please continue to check your students canvas page, as this is an opportunity for volunteer hours. The application process opened in DEC 2021 and closes on 01 FEB 2022. If the student has a sibling and wishes to be entered into the lottery you must submit an application. To obtain further information, you can reference the school specialty website. The second information night is this week. We had 70 people that participated during the first informational session. Current students do not need to re-submit applications, only those that have a sibling. Lastly, Thank you to the PTO for honoring principal's week – very appreciative. I'm so excited to see all the students. It's been over 3 weeks since we've seen them.

Teacher Representative: Ms. Chapman. Not present and nothing to report.

IV. Report of Committees

Membership: Brandi McIntyre: We have 145 current members. All members must renew every year, otherwise you will not receive communications from the PTO.

Spirit Wear: LaTonya Mitchell: Fleeces are out of stock for kids. We still have hoodies in stock for adults. There is also T-Shirts available for students.

V. New Business

PTO Activities - We are coordinating the Open Gym Nights with Ms. Foor, more to follow. There will be an upcoming "Talent Show" in April. The try-outs will commence at the end of March. Ms. Stephanie Stewart will be lead POC for this upcoming event.

Used Uniform sale is usually during the beginning of the school year. We didn't have many donations this year. This is a great opportunity to earn volunteer hours and the PTO will need as many volunteers as possible. The PTO will host another sale at the beginning of the next school year 2022-2023, the date TBD.

Fundraiser- We are seeking and soliciting suggested opportunities. Please email the PTO for recommendations. In early spring we will contact Mr. Tim Reese, the owner of Campbell's Frozen as his location is designated to open in Stonebridge. The following events are currently in the coordination phases 1.) Ice Skating 2.) Roller Skating and 3.) Rock Climbing.

Notable Commentary – We will conduct an FAQ session this evening in lieu of a guest speaker.

- 1. Volunteer Hours If you register for the PTO meetings, please join so that you can receive your credit hours. Each parent must log in separately to receive credit individually. If you have questions regarding your total hours accrued for the year, please contact Ms. Machele. The front office (Ms. Machele or Ms. Pat) retains a roster on a database and will upload to the Porter website for viewing. You do need your students ID to validate your volunteer hours. Remember, you will only receive three (3) hours for donations (e.g., water, socks, hats, items for the nurse's office) nothing more than.
- 2. Opportunities to receive hours You can chair events, help prepare for events, reach out to your student's teacher for opportunities and be a guest speaker during one of the PTO events (receive 2 hrs.).
- 3. How will meetings continue? Meetings will continue to be held virtual until further notice
- 4. Why am I not receiving emails? Ensure that you are on the member list, contact a member of the PTO board as there could have been a typo on the form.

The application process is now included in the Specialties Program this year. If you have a student already attending Porter, the sibling must apply through the Specialties Program for acceptance into the lottery. Ms. Machele can assist with questions and acknowledged of application received. The deadline is 01 FEB 2022. The Lottery will begin March. For FAQs, you may check the website for additional information.

VI. Announcements

The end of the 2nd Quarter is on 28 JAN 2022, please check ParentVue to see student's progress. There is a half day of school on Thursday, 27 JAN and no school on Friday, 28 JAN 2022 – teacher workday, no students. Teachers will contact parents to meet at mid-year. Parents feel free to contact teachers as teachers are not required to meet with everyone.

Next PTO Meeting is scheduled for February 10 at 7 p.m.

V. Adjournment at 7:35 p.m.

October 13, 2022

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Smia Douglas
- II. Approval of last meeting minutes.
- III. Report of Officers

President's Report: Ms. Smia Douglas. Welcome, I'm the VP of the PTO. As we approach the winter months, the meetings will be hybrid in a virtual setting, converting back to in-person in the spring. We would appreciate it if all cameras remained on for active engagement. The President position is now open so if anyone is interested, please reach out to me or one of the board members. The President, Sabrina has decided to resign due to changes in availability. The fall festival is our next event where we will donate to ACTS — Thanksgiving drive. Please bring canned/non-perishable foods. A sign-up genius is posted for volunteers. If you are not receiving emails from the PTO, please let me know. We did experience some county-wide glitches. Also, we will have our fist fundraiser, Double Good Popcorn" 26-30 October. The top 2 sellers will receive a prize. This fundraiser is a staple and we have earned a significant profit each year, receiving 50% of all sales. Tonight, we will have a guest speaker discussing "Sleep Smarter."

Treasurer Report: Ms. Latosha Brown. Our current balance is \$4.501.57 as this morning.

Principal's Report: Ms. Foor. Good evening! Things are going well so far this school year. The Virginia Growth Assessments (VGA) and SOLs went very smoothly. We have some good lessons learned now. Parent Teacher conferences are approaching, and we encourage all elementary student parents to meet with their teacher. Typically, the middle school students are on an as needed basis with parent requests. A tutoring program will be offered soon with solely volunteers from the teachers. As the principal, I pay them, and this is included in the budget. The hours for tutoring will be 7:45-8:45 AM/ 3:45-4:45 PM accommodating morning and afternoon sessions for students to attend. We are excited for the fall festival this weekend from 11:00AM - 1:00PM. Its going to be nice to get out and the weather is expected to be nice. We have lots of volunteer opportunities so please check the porter website. Career day is scheduled for Friday, October 28th. We are still looking for volunteers for this event. The Elementary students can dress up based on their aspirations of who they want to be and/or hobbies otherwise they must be in uniform. The Middle school students should dress for an interview. Every year, this is a great experience and lots of excitement. There is a division wide survey that will be disseminated for parents seeking more opportunities for after school activities. We have an exceptionally long list and will reach out to parents to solicit future ideas/clubs. I recently met with some parents regarding basketball for Middle School and a Cheer Team. We currently have step/dance, the chess club, etc. All updates will be sent through the e-Update, so stay tuned. We have the Day of Arts coming, this is another opportunity for parents to knock out those volunteer hours. We will need lots of materials to make this event successful. Tomorrow is pink out day; students can wear any type of pink shirt but must be in uniform bottoms. We also will have visitors in the school tomorrow, hosting once a year approximately twelve principals.

Teacher's Report: Ms. Chapman: No report

IV. Report of Committees

Membership: Brandi McIntyre: We currently have 182 PTO members.

Spirit Wear: LaTonya Mitchell: No report.

V. New Business: No report.

VI. Announcements

Next PTO Meeting scheduled for December 8, 2022, at 7 p.m.

VII. Adjournment at 7:51 p.m.