

Fairfax County SEPTA

February 15, 2022

General Membership Meeting

7:00-9:00 PM, Virtual - Zoom



7:00pm **I. Call to order (13 paid Members - 74 total participants)**

7:05pm **II. Announcements & Reports**

- Vacancies & Opportunities:
 - Chairperson needed: **Fundraising**
- SEPTA at Work
 - Quarterly meetings with Dept. of Special Services, representatives on the Literacy Task Force and Special Ed Conference Planning
- Treasurer - Financial Report
 - The current balance including reserve accounts is \$14,813. We have \$7,313 left to spend this year. The largest costs are mini-grants.
- Nominations Committee Election - An electronic vote was held for paid members nominating Cathy Greulich, Diane Cooper Gould and Vanessa Hall to serve on the Nominating Committee. Members of the teller Committee will confirm voting members are paid SEPTA members and finalize the vote for this slate of nominees.
- National PTA Parent-School Partnership Listening Sessions
 - The response was very positive to the sessions. The participation was not completely from Fairfax County and the National PTA has created a questionnaire for Title I school participants to ensure input from as many different people as possible. [English survey](#) [Spanish survey](#)

7:20pm **III. Upcoming Events**

- **FCPS School Board Work Session** Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 11:00am
 - Discussion of ESSER III funding
- **ACSD Meeting** - March 9, 2022, at 7PM, Gatehouse Room 1600
Public comment can be submitted via email until Tuesday night at 5pm, or show up in-person on the night of the meeting to speak.
- **SEPTA General Membership Meeting** - Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 7pm
- **SEPTA Annual Awards Nominations** - <https://tinyurl.com/SEPTAawards2022>
close February 28, 2022.
- **FCPS Special Education Conference** (virtual) - Saturday, Mar 26, 2022

7:21pm **Adjourn Business Meeting**

Presentation recording can be found on the Fairfax County SEPTA Youtube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/c/FairfaxCountySpecialEducationPTA>

Full presentation by Bridget Geraghty, Special Education Advocate (non-attorney) with Belkowitz Law, PLLC. Bridget most recently was a special education teacher

in Fairfax County Public Schools. Bridget worked with elementary school students as a Learning Disabilities (LD) teacher and as a Multi-disabilities teacher. Bridget attended Saint Louis University, where she received a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education. Bridget was awarded a Masters Degree in special education from The George Washington University's Graduate School of Education and Human Development. Her Masters Degree focused on students with emotional and behavioral disabilities. bgeraghty@belkowitzlaw.com (703) 246-9274 (direct dial)

Thank you for attending; we hope to see you at our next event!
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SEPTA Board and Delegates

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TITLES IN BOLDFACE ARE COMMITTEES - EMAIL CHAIR TO JOIN OR COMPLETE THIS FORM:

<https://fairfaxcountysepta.org/volunteercommittee-sign-up/>

President: Michelle Cades - president@

Vice President: Amanda Campbell - vicepresident@

Secretary: Stephanie Smith - secretary@

Treasurer: Rich Hem - treasurer@

ACSD liaison: Ally Baldassari - acsdliason@

Advocacy chair: Diane Cooper Gould - advocacy@

Awards Chair: Jenn Benecke - awards@

Communications co-chairs: Luis Larazabar (graphic design) & Helen Minor (website)
& Christina Caporale (social media moderator) - communications@

Educator: Amy LaCrosse - teacherliaison@

Events & Programming chair: Cheri Belkowitz - events@

FCCPTA delegate: Michelle Cades

Fundraising chair: **VACANT** - fundraising@

Membership & Outreach chair: Lenora Gumbs - membership@

Military Families liaison: Kait Erkkila - militaryliaison@

Mini Grants chair: Lauren McCaughey - minigrants@

Reflections chair: Jenn Benecke - reflections@

Special Ed Liaisons chair: Kate Volpe - spedliaisons@

Twice Exceptional co-chairs: Emily Haeckel & Tammy Owens - 2ecommittee@

Underserved Populations chair: Margaret Behrns - underserved@

Volunteer coordinator: Cathy Greulich - volunteer@