

## **FCAHS PTO Meeting Minutes**

November 14, 2018 9:30am

In Attendance: Mike Hower, Erin Butkovic, Dan Lentz, Dan DiDesiderio, Sandy Garcia-Tunon, Candace Uricchio, Anne Marie DeGeorge, Diane Markovitz, Kelly DiNatale, Kelly Caracciolo

**PRESIDENT'S WELCOME-Sandy Garcia-Tunon**

\*meeting commenced at 9:39am

**TREASURER'S REPORT-Anne Marie DeGeorge**

\*memberships continue to come in. Now have 22 teachers total

\*\$140 paid for supplies for the Foxes Burrow

\*\$250 premium paid for insurance liability coverage

\*have not spent the extra \$1000 donation from earlier this year

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT- Mike Hower**

\*continue to investigate/plan for patio furniture. Bids are higher than expected. Money has been secured from other sources with \$18000-\$19000 now available. Discussion of possibility of adding extra PTO \$1000 to the budget. Goal of having all patio furniture in place by spring 2019. Tech Ed will design planters.

\*Keystone results were very good across all 3 disciplines (algebra, biology, 10<sup>th</sup> grade literature) with average growth well above the 1 year of progress targeted. More Keystone data will be available in December to check FC vs other schools

\*Both AP scores and participation were up. 93% of students scored a 3 or better on exams.

\*Discussion of subgroups/classification of students with input from Dan DiDesiderio, Director of Student Achievement and Instructional Verification.

\*Follow up discussion of making College and Career Essentials a required class. Slight modifications will be needed to align with standards. Presentation will be made to the school board.

\*Possibility of adding 2 Potential additional classes: English 12 Acc Film Studies, Phys Ed 3 day elective based in Exercise Physiology/Kinesiology. Both would start as a pilot program and require school board approval.

\*Thanks given to all in the FCAHS community for the support following the tragedy at Tree of Life.

\*Follow up on previous PTO meeting discussion re: WPA learning academy courses with explanation of the cost structure. 2 SAT prep classes have been completed with a tuition cost of \$100/each. Scholarships available for those in need. Successful classes also completed in effective communication along with a summer theater workshop.

\*Upcoming program being planned for FCASD parents to drop their younger children off for a night of supervised activities with hs students earning service hours for working/supervising that evening.

\*Discussion on PTO possibly funding a charging station for student electronics.

#### ACTIVITIES REPORT-Erin Butkovic

- \*Powder puff is tonight. \$5 to enter or \$3 with a donation of a hygiene item. It is a fundraiser for the sophomore class.
- \*Food Drive currently underway for local food pantries.
- Toy Drive currently underway through 11/30 for Children's Hospital
- \*Students are filling out holiday cards to be taken to the VA Hospital when holiday decorating is done 11/29.
- \*School participated in World Kindness Day yesterday.
- \*Telethon begins 12/1 with monies being raised for Make a Wish again this year. Last year the monies raised granted wishes to 10 children in the district. Telethon will be live streamed from 11am-1pm on 12/21/18.

#### FC'S GOT TALENT- Candace Uricchio

- \*First committee meeting held Monday and we are ahead of schedule. More help is still needed on the committee.
- \*Reworking solicitations to target fewer businesses and offer three levels: title sponsor/gold/silver
- \*ticket prices will be \$7/adults and \$3/seniors and kids.
- \*2 judges obtained
- \*show is 4/25/19 in the auditorium

#### ADMINISTRATION-Dan Lentz

- \*Team working since last August to get ready for every 7 year process of Middle States Accreditation. We are already accredited through the PDE. This is an extra process to establish us as an elite high school. We are judged on how we meet 12 standards. Process began with self study with surveys aligned to the 12 standards sent out to parents, students and staff in fall of 2017. From the surveys goals will be made in categories of: academic, student success and organization. Discussion followed about possible goals. Middle States Accreditation team will be here in March of 2019 and will need to meet with a small number of parents.
- \*We are applying to renew our program of distinction accreditations in music, guidance and art.

#### DISTRICT FORUM-Kelly DiNatale

- \*Second public meeting held last night that was well attended.
- \*Speakers from local community groups gave short presentations followed by Q and A.
- \*Next public meeting 2/29/19 9:00 am in the LGI

#### OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Kelly DiNatale moved to approve the changes to the PTO bylaws. Anne Marie DeGeorge seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35am.

