

## **FCAHS PTO Meeting Minutes**

March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 9:30am (reschedule of meeting 2/20 canceled due to weather)

In attendance: Mike Hower, Erin Butkovic, Sandy Garcia-Tunon, Candace Uricchio, Diane Markovitz, Elizabeth Klamut, Liz Rambeau, Kelly Caracciolo, Kelly DiNatale, Matt Harris, Mary Jo Dunlap

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME- Sandy Garcia-Tunon

TREASURER'S REPORT- Sandy Garcia-Tunon for Anne Marie DeGeorge

\* Budget report attached. PTO was asked to support Hackathon. Executive board voted as per bylaws and agreed to give \$200 with \$100 for awards and \$100 for drinks/snacks.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE-Mike Hower

\*Hackathon was a success. Roughly 90 registered with 62 attending. Parents questioned adding a fee to encourage participation from those that register.

\*AP test registrations complete with 744 exams

\*Waiting for Keystone results

\*Presentation of artwork proposed for charging stations with those in attendance deciding on version. 3-4 weeks until completion

\*Middle States Accreditation coming up next week T-F. Guidance dept is complete receiving a favorable recommendation. Visual arts being completed now. Music dept in April.

\*FCAHS students working on outdoor patio furniture designs. PTO members invited to FabLab after meeting to see.

\*Schedule not yet finalized for snow make up days

\*NHS students present upon invitation of Mr. Hower to share info regarding community FunRun fundraiser on high school track. Possible day of 4/28. Multiple races along with activities/food set up around the track. PTO pledging to help in capacity to be determined at a later date when more details are finalized. Questioned using O'Hara or DMS track so as to be able to hold on a Saturday.

ACTIVITIES UPDATE-Erin Butkovic

\*Kennywood tickets on sale next week 3/13

\*It is International Foods Week with language clubs selling food

\*Health/PE department has started an assembly series for health and wellness with each grade level attending a presentation during a QRT. Freshman program is on social media, sophomore is on drugs/alcohol, junior is on managing stress and senior is on healthy personal relationships

ADMINISTRATION UPDATE-Matt Harris

\*The points below expand on the District Updates handout attached

\*Exploratory language program goal is to expose students in grades 3-5 at all elementary schools to four languages currently rotated through in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. (except for those in Kerr Spanish immersion) Students would have the same amount of time allocated to language yet would rotate through all four. Those in K-2 would just have Spanish. Parents

questioned overall time in language as district cut the time in 2016 but said it was temporary.

- \* Ruvna- All buildings running drills. Working on fixing issues with access by substitutes
- \*Kerr Pre-K registration- greater than 20 applicants therefore will have a lottery
- \*PTO members questioned Spanish immersion registration as update says it begins 4/1 yet possibly info disseminated from school board said that it was full

FC'S GOT TALENT-Candace Uricchio

Lots of registrations submitted. Video auditions due tomorrow. If more video auditions received than time allows for in the program, they will be chosen according to rubric

- \*Fox Chapel Advanced Dental is the title sponsor
- \*\$2700 in sponsorships received (on track with last year)
- \*working on soliciting gift card donations
- \*asked principals to make announcements at program to solicit parent(s) to take over as chair

DISTRICT FORUM-Elizabeth Klamut

- \*DF meeting minutes available at [fcdistrictforum.com](http://fcdistrictforum.com)
- \*last public meeting was presentation by Tim Mahoney re:special ed services with highlight of Best Buddies
- \*Next public meeting 4/9 6:30pm in the LGI will be a non-partisan/non political school board meet the candidate forum

START SCHOOL LATER-Liz Rambeau

Site based meeting 2/6. Administration hired the Hill Group to lead discussion on start times. Hill Group collected information regarding what kind of data needed. Administration will collect data and Hill Group will disseminate. Next meeting is in late April.

Dr. Freeman has asked parent well versed on SSL research to assemble a panel to present their research/expertise on the subject, similar to last year's DF meeting on the same topic

Meeting adjourned at 10:45am