

PTO MEETING MINUTES

November 13, 2019 1pm

In attendance: Mike Hower, Dan Lentz, Erin Butkovic, Kelly DiNatale, Candace Uricchio, Diane Markovitz, Gina Boleng, Elizabeth Klamut, Elizabeth Carter, Kelly Caracciolo, Cherie River

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME- Kelly DiNatale

*Welcome at 1:11pm

TREASURER'S REPORT- submitted via email by Liz Rambeau

*Errors discovered in both the August and September reports that have been corrected. Copies attached of both the old and corrected reports. Items corrected in chronological order:

September

Membership numbers: 31 plus 10 does not equal 44. The actual number of parent members at that time was 34.

\$27.25 to reorder checks: this charge actually happened in September, so it has been moved to the October report

October

Membership numbers were incorrect.

Receipts were accounted for incorrectly (for 20 new members, the membership receipts, at \$20 per member, are \$400. Additional donations amounted to \$415. Discrepancies came from prematurely adding memberships which were actually deposited the following month)

\$27.75 check order added to October from September

\$30.00 check for new student breakfast actually went out in October, so has been moved to the November report.

PRINCIPALS' REPORT- Mike Hower, Dan Lentz

*27 students participated in Senior Picture sittings held at the high school on 11/1.

Roughly 10 students received scholarships for the fee.

*Screenagers movie shown for students this week with mixed reactions. Approximately 50 parents came to showing the evening of 11/12 with number possibly down due to weather. Question showing it again in the spring.

*Assembly 11/14 for Unified Sports Recognition. FCAHS is one of 2 in the state to receive.

*discussion regarding recent school closings/safe2say reports. Dr Hower recognizes that the language/word choice is critical when sending information to the community and students. These calls to safe2say were rumors, not direct threats. High school is currently reviewing processes and procedures. Currently, entrances to the building have been decreased to 2. High school administration recognizes this is causing major traffic delays on Field Club Road but putting more personnel at those two entrances has helped. QRT is no longer closed.

*Parents questioned making up time/possibility of online options when these instances arise. Principals state this is not a possibility due to the lack of online alternatives for special ed students and some students with IEPs.

*Thank you to Dan Lentz for working on Middle States. FCAHS now accredited through 2026. Music, visual arts and counseling departments were all awarded programs of distinction. FCAHS is one of 2 schools to receive accreditation and have all 3 programs of distinction.

*Future Ready Index shared with those in attendance and is available online. Mike Hower encourages parents to read it and reach out to him with questions or for any clarifications.

ACTIVITIES UPDATE- Erin Butkovic

*Blood Drive met goal and we received \$2200 in scholarship money.

*Wellness Day is in January 2020. Date TBD. PTO has been asked to help by donating/preparing/serving healthy snacks.

*Powder Puff is rescheduled for 11/20 due to weather.

*Telethon is on 12/20/19 at 11am. Planning underway with as much being student run as possible. Recipient of funds picked by district committee. Recipient this year and next year is Sharpsburg Community Library.

*Today is World Kindness Day.

*Wellness series of assemblies underway with each grade having a different assembly with different topic. 10th grade assembly is next week.

*ADMINISTRATION- No member present/no report

FCGT- Candace Uricchio

*Initial Meeting next week- day to TBD. Volunteers needed!

*Sponsor form is ready. Title sponsor needed. Cost is \$1,000.

* Contact Candace for any additional information. fcgtalent@gmail.com

DISTRICT FORUM- Kelly DiNatale

Public meeting is 11/19 at 9am in the high school LGI. Program features meet and greet with new and returning school board members.

High School District Forum rep needed. Contact Kelly if interested.
dinatalek@gmail.com

START SCHOOL LATER- Diane Markovitz for Liz Rambeau

Liz is away at a Pennsylvania Implementation Workshop and will be bringing back ideas for our start times team. Committee has been told they will meet in November but have not received notice of a date. No notice whether we will be bringing sleep expert Wendy Troxel to speak at our school.

GRANTS-Kelly DiNatale

The grants committee has received another request that will be reviewed. \$2494 has been already awarded this year in grants for the following: a telescope, kiln, stress relievers, manipulatives, supplies to make a library book depository, supplies to construct an escape room to adjunct English classes and supplies for a mindfulness room.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS- Gratitude bread email to be sent out again Monday 11/18 as we are less than half way to our goal of 265 loaves needed for 11/25.

Meeting adjourned at 2:19pm.

Next meeting January 15, 2020 at 9:30am.