

PTO MEETING MINUTES

February 19, 2020 1pm

In attendance: Mike Hower, Dan Lentz, Erin Butkovic, Kelly DiNatale, Candace Uricchio, Diane Markovitz, Gina Boleng

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME- Kelly DiNatale

*Welcome at 1:09pm

TREASURER'S REPORT- submitted via email by Liz Rambeau

*Bank balance as of 2/1/20 statement is \$21,118.21. Not reflected in that total are Wellness Day expenses of \$267.49 and a deposit for \$250 from FC Plaza for FCGT.
*Still trying to figure out the best way to use a PayPal link in our emails and on our webpage

PRINCIPALS' REPORT- Mike Hower, Dan Lentz

*District Site Based Start School Later (SSL) committee met recently and results of the Transfinder report were presented. Of the 6 options presented by Transfinder, the team focused on Option 4 as being the best option for our district. Now that we have more information regarding potential start times, the high school principals are working on a presentation for the district site based team of the high school schedule within these parameters. Roughly 76 students have been a part of focus groups re: SSL as well. Principals will present their findings at next District Site Based SSL meeting. See district website for further SSL information.

*Scheduling for next school year begins 3/9 and all students will meet with their counselors. New pilot dual enrolment class with Pitt to be offered next year in Argumentation. New online offerings will be available next year as well along with increased options for 5th period electives at school T,W and Th. Refer to the current course description guide or contact your child's counselor for further details. A parent questioned the current structure of online classes. Principals informed the group that classes are asynchronous. Coursework has check in/assignment deadlines but all work is done on student's own timeframe. Overall student performance (ie-SAT/ACT scores) at FCAHS has not decreased as participation in online options has increased.

*Friday is move up day for students entering the high school next year who are not coming from DMS.

*3/4 is 8th grade parent night at DMS to discuss transitioning to the high school and scheduling.

ACTIVITIES UPDATE- Erin Butkovic

*Blood Drive last week went well.

*Club photos will be taken this week and next.

*Junior wellness assembly Friday 2/21 is on vaping.

*STEM Symposium on 2/25

*Musical 3/5-3/8

*Homecoming 10/9-10/10/2020

*ADMINISTRATION- No member present/no report

FCGT- Candace Uricchio

*Tomorrow is the last day for acts to register.

*Sponsorships are \$4,285.

*Still looking for a teacher to help behind the scenes on the night of the event and for additional raffle items

*3 judges have been secured.

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

DISTRICT FORUM- Kelly DiNatale

*Public meeting is 3/24 at 7pm in the high school LGI. Tentative topic is Fox Chapel Area Online (FCAO).

*High School District Forum rep needed. Contact Kelly if interested.

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START SCHOOL LATER

*See previous notes in Principal's Report.

GRANTS-Kelly DiNatale

*The grants committee has approved donating to the request for a reusable arch.

Donation amount TBD after the final cost is known but all are in agreement that we can donate over the current limit of \$500 as the arch will be used throughout the building for years.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS-

*FCAHS PTO board is in need of a vice president for next school year. Other officers will remain on the board for 2020-21.

*Research will be done into switching banks as local banks other than our current one have supported FCGT.

Meeting adjourned at 2:23pm.

Next meeting March 18, 2020 at 9:30am.