

MINUTES

Felix Festa Middle School PTA

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 7-8 PM | Meeting called to order by Laura Pestone

Board Members L. Pestone, S.Wold, K.Ottenheimer, H. Fagan, C.Schulz, S. Humbach, E. Yuen

Administration – M.St. John, C.Madigan, D.Mitchell, S.Lercher, J.Schatz, M. O’Casey, A.M.Hastings

Total Zoom Participants: 40

FFMS January PTA Meeting- 1/13/21- 7:00 PM

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PTA

Motion made to approve meeting minutes from December 9, 2020, seconded and passed.

PTA President Report presented L. Pestone – FFMS Staff expressed appreciation to the PTA for Thank You cards received. PTA rule does not permit gambling-related fundraisers.

PTA Treasury presented K. Ottenheimer –8th grade t-shirts purchased and expensed.

Council Report presented by C. Heidelberger and S. Humbach – Instructed vote on contributions of \$300 at elementary level and \$750 secondary school level in lieu of the percent of profits from school photo event. Any profits from school photos may be kept by schools. Scholarships to be awarded by the Council are: ten \$500 scholarships for North HS students and ten \$500 scholarships for South HS students, totaling \$10,000 in scholarships. Council contribution is \$5000 of total awarded. Any money received by contributions will be retained by Council. Vote responses recorded on Zoom Chat: 25- Yes 0-No. passed.

- Other items discussed at Council meeting include: Beth Capuano Photography Session fundraiser running until March; A/B scheduling can not be done for Middle School due to higher numbers; The need to increase social emotional support; Banners delivered to schools; 51 Reflections entries in the District.

Committee Reports:

Reflections by S. Small – The FFMS students who moved on to the Central Hudson regional judging are:

Shane Ripps (Visual Arts)

Vinayak Ramakrishan (Visual Arts)

Kathleen Ottenheimer (Literature)

Ella Yomtov (Literature)

Fundraising presented by S. Wold, S. Ruzzi – Valentine’s Donut Fundraiser in works, details to come.

Spiritwear Report presented by C. Schulz – No active online store currently, next online store will plan to be open sometime in March with new offerings. Larger sized masks will be available on the next online store.

Scholarship Report presented by A. Gottlieb – no new update.

FFMS Administration Report

A School Report presented by M. St. John – Updated deadline dates for Yearbook. Refer to FFMS website, Yearbook Link for all information. Pre-Order deadline January 16; 8th grader Baby Photos and Boosters February 22; At-Home portraits extended, deadline TBD; Candid photos accepted through April.

C School Report presented by D. Mitchell, S. Lercher – Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences scheduling will be via TEESO for 3rd consecutive year. Parent letters regarding conferences will be sent out by Tuesday, January 19. 2/8 will be daytime slots and two dates will be available for night slots. Signup for any of the slots will be available on the first date to sign up, 1/21 6 A.M.

D School presented by J Schatz/M O'Casey– Currently working with Central offices on End of Year ideas. Parade at the school will be planned based on positive feedback from last year's event. Confirmed PTA commitment on providing Congratulation signage at end of parade route and decorations/balloons. A former FFMS student, Jerrard Degala, and retired FFMS art teacher, Peggy O'Hara, collaboration book, "Color My Artist" available on Amazon for purchase. Proceeds go to support local Autism efforts. The revised bell schedule was created to promote consistency and support launch of Social Emotional Learning check-in (8th period teachers to present to students about mood/well-being and will use the dismissal time as a check-in for in-person class). T-shirt distribution planning underway.

Festa Administration Presentation

Course Recommendation Process Presentation by D. Mitchell

Flowcharts Overview by M. St. John & D. Mitchell

(Presentation is available on FFMS website, access via Quick Link and Parent sections)

Questions

A question about the status of the proposed structure change to FFMS. The Superintendent and School Board have approved the move for students to have same administrator, counselor, psychiatrist and are currently working out the details. A presentation will be made in the near future by Administrators.

Any questions to PTA should be directed to FelixFestaPTA@gmail.com

Any questions to Administrators regarding FFMS can be directed to the school principals.

Next Meeting

Next meeting scheduled February 10, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.