

MINUTES

Felix Festa Middle School PTA

Wednesday, October 7, 2020 7-8 PM | Meeting called to order by Shauna Wold

Board Members S.Wold, K.Ottenheimer, C.Schulz

Administration – M.St. John, D.Mitchell, S.Lercher, J.Schatz, M. O'Casey

Total Zoom Participants: 40

FFMS October PTA Meeting- 10/7/20- 7:00 PM

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PTA

Review and approved changes to PTA Budget presented by Katie Ottenheimer: budget includes funding for cultural arts program on LGBTQ Pronoun Presentation and \$1000 additional fundraising item to minimize amount from Reserves to balance the budget. Budget approved with none opposed.

Membership Committee Report by Katie Ottenheimer: membership currently at 179, Anne Marie Hastings will continue with faculty membership drive to increase sign-up.

Fundraising Committee Report by Sabrina Rizzi: Per CCSD and PTA rules, there will be no in-person fundraisers for 2020-2021 school year. Committee Chair is open to suggestions on fundraising ideas. Orders for Cookie Fundraiser due 10/9 with planned distribution by 10/15. Proceeds from Family Portrait Fundraiser to be earmarked for PTA Scholarships. Pie/Cheesecake Fundraiser planned for November with option to donate purchased items. School store website will open again within 2 weeks to accept orders, including face masks.

Open position for Reflections Chair remains. If position is not be filled, Reflections will not be able to run.

Review and approved new Bylaws presented by Shauna Wold: Executive Board to include 2 vice presidents; Removed Corresponding Secretary position; Raised FFMS PTA dues to include fees incurred using MemberHub to collect dues. (Individual \$12, Additional Family \$8, Family \$20). This is in line with other PTAs in the district using MemberHub. Bylaws approved with none opposed.

Nominate and approved new Board Members Laura Pestone, Co-President; Sue Humbach, Vice President Honor Fagan, Co-Treasurer; and Elizabeth Yuen, Secretary. New board members approved with none opposed.

FFMS Administration Report

Dr. Michael St. John reports administration has been focused on incoming transition, offering of virtual resources and holding in-person orientation with full staff and busing.

Dr. Diane Mitchell reports administration has been focused on proving extracurricular opportunities such as the FFMS Athletic Skills and Conditioning program and is looking to add club offerings.

Mr. Jonathan Schatz reports that even with the added stress and anxiety of the students, teacher feedback has been positive on students' abilities to adapt to the hybrid model.

Festa Administration Presentation

Dr. Michael St. John walk through presentation of the FFMS Homepage. Homepage provide information on Hybrid Cohort Schedule, Bell Schedule, Share 911. Quick Links for recent information distributed by school along with link to Library Tech Help Schedule, Bi-Lingual Parent Newsletter, Cycle Day Calendar, Extra Help Schedule. Parent Link provides updated digital student agenda and addendum, Hybrid and Remote Learning Schedule Links, Calendar Link and links to historical quick link items.

Extended Homeroom schedule for 10/20 – 10/22 for student activities: No Place For Hate, Yale RULER Lesson, and Drop Everything And Read (D.E.A.R.)

Questions

Time was provided for questions and answers.

- For technical difficulties encountered with Share 911, contact Share 911 Tech Support.
- If an error was submitted in Share 911 questionnaire, direct error correction to Nurses Office/Email.
- Dr. Mitchell indicates that district is in process of updating and modifying printed district calendar.
- Extra Help sessions may conflict with student's in-person day, suggestion was made to try to plan ahead of time for extra help or reach out to teacher for special arrangement or use other resources available for assistance.
- Posting of grades is determined by teacher and will not be consistent across teachers or teams.
- H.S. pickup of Laptops and return of Chrome books is finalizing. It will be 7-10 days to begin process to determine chrome book needs and distribution effort. Parents need to complete CCSD Technology Loaner Program form link from 9/22 district email.

Next Meeting

Next meeting scheduled November 4, 2020, all future PTA meetings will be virtual.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.