

# MINUTES

## Felix Festa Middle School PTA

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*Wednesday, November 4, 2020 7-8 PM | Meeting called to order by* Laura Pestone

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

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

Total Zoom Participants: 32

### **FFMS October PTA Meeting- 11/4/20- 7:00 PM**

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### PTA

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PTA President Report presented L. Pestone – seeking a North parent volunteer Reader for Scholarship Committee

PTA Treasury and Membership presented K. Ottenheimer – Membership drive is slowing down, currently at 213 members. Hastings will continue to work on faculty membership drive with individual departments and staff but noted difficulty from normal drives due to lack of in-person activities.

#### Committee Reports:

Council Report presented by C. Heidelberger – school picture dates will be rescheduled due forced virtual; 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Committees shared concerns about ability to fundraise virtually and were referred to National PTA website for additional ideas; access to playgrounds need to be revisited due to concerns about disinfecting between groups of students; Concerns about CCSD school, i.e. Link, required COVID testing due to inclusion in Yellow Zone should be addressed with Department of Health and State Assembly; Festa panoramic picture (for 8<sup>th</sup> graders) is planned; FFMS Scholarship reps needed; FFMS seeking Reflections Chair, Discussed Virtual Book Fair; November 10 is next Council Meeting.

Spiritwear Report presented by C. Schulz – FFMS store is open for second time, sales is slower than first store. First store generated \$400 for PTA. 8<sup>th</sup> grade shirt design is in process of finalizing and preparing order/sizing in next couple of weeks.

Scholarship Report presented by A. Gottlieb – Scholarship form is in process of finalizing form and will be sent to HS Counseling offices. Need to confirm whether Basso scholarship will be selected by Basso or committee for 2021.

Reflections presented by S. Small – Reflection for FFMS will run as the Chair just took position and is currently planning to get all materials and information on FFMS website soon.

Fundraising presented by L. Pestone – Carousel Cake Fundraiser going on through November 10, \$20 for any cake/pie and order through MemberHub form. Pickup TBD (either Monday or Tuesday before Thanksgiving). Cookie Fundraiser order and distribution ran smoothly. Beth Capuano Family Photography session Fundraiser goes towards council scholarship.

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## FFMS Administration Report

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A School Report presented by M. St. John – FFMS Remote until November 12 due to staffing issues related to latest COVID positive case. C. Madigan reported that 3 days of school pictures are completed but will work with BNL for makeup date on retakes. Yearbook and boosters are on sale. The Yearbook will have decreased pages but will continue to include photos from events taken by Yearbook committee and will have also plan to include opportunity to submit photos of events, in addition to baby photos of 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

B School Report presented by D. Mitchell – End of Marking Period on 11/6, students should note the changes for the exploratory classes with new marking period. Emphasized that interaction and help for students will be focused on during lunch periods, homework center. Also, guidance counselors are available for support.

D School presented by J Schatz – Focus is currently on developing non-academic activities for students. This includes working with Club Advisors to offer programs for students. A Virtual Theatre program is planned. A flyer will be published to support animal adoption through program Pause for Paws. Look to Daily Announcements on school web page for these programs. M. O’Casey reported that 8<sup>th</sup> grade was sent a tshirt survey with 500 responses so far. Communication was sent to inform 8<sup>th</sup> grade that a mosaic photo design will be used in place of the normal panoramic in-person photo. Yearbook tab on FFMS web page has all information regarding Yearbook.

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## Festa Administration Presentation

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RULER presentation - Self Care for Parents (St. John) with small group break out session.

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## Questions

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Yearbook sales is not a fundraiser. Yearbook ordering and general information is on Yearbook tab of FFMS web page.

Parent/Teacher meeting is February 8 (day) and February 25 and March 4<sup>th</sup> (night).

NYS allows School Districts, such as CCSD to determine application of Snow Days.

School portraits will be used for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Mosaic photo. There will be more than one mosaic option to choose for purchase. Further discussions with BNL will be needed in order to include submitted photos.

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## Next Meeting

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Next meeting scheduled December 2, 2020, all future PTA meetings will be virtual.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.