

FFMS PTA meeting - 11/10/2021

Committee reports

- **Membership**
 - Great PTA sign up date
 - Met our goal for the year
 - Recognition from the NY PTA board
 - Raffle - Leiccroft Edmond & Aparni Tantri
 - 377 members to date, still looking to build membership

- **Scholarship**
 - Trying to recruit readers
 - Thank you to staff who have signed up
 - Still looking for two readers for south
 - Increased the \$ from last year - great news
 - Requirements
 - To review scholarships - no interview
 - 10 days to review
 - Need northbound parents - 2 reps needed (reach out to Elizabeth or generic PTA email)

- **Fundraising**
 - Great American cookies - over \$200 profit
 - Ms. Chocolates now holiday, running it before Thanksgiving
 - Very easy
 - Profit maker
 - Bonus for the PTA

 - Main Street Cafe -
 - 38 meals - great success
 - Sazone
 - First week in December
 - Carousel Cakes
 - End of this week until Dec. 3rd (pick up Dec. 20th)
 - 4:30-5:30 pick up due to weather

- **Council**
 - Mr. Sobel shared about how parents can get involved with the Superintendent Search, Question Forum, surveys, focus groups
 - Approved for in-person PTA meetings
 - Guidance to move forward
 - How many people can be present

- Currently 35 on the Zoom on today's meeting
 - Ideas for meetings moving forward?
 - Email PTA
 - Someone chimed in, it is nice to be home to log on
 - Can we also provide virtual as well as in person?
 - Many agree that this would be a great option
 - Founders Day - in person
 - Keep virtual going, especially with limit on bodies in spaces
- **Spiritwear**
 - Student Council - 8th Grade Shirts
 - Sizes - questions floating out there
 - Given out before the photo
 - Looking into the panoramic pictures, work backwards
 - Homeroom collects the sizes, distribute there
 - More coming soon
 - FESTA wear -
 - Another store opening next week - ish
 - Looking at inventory
 - product/supply - look into
 - Winter-offer ship to home option
 - All current orders are distributed
 - Holiday orders not guaranteed- hopefully, but not guaranteed
- **Reflections**
 - Deadline is past due
 - 7 entries- great number
 - Two finalists still move on
 - Send to regionals
- **Safety Team - District's Safety Team - Emily Antoine and Jason Hopper**
 - North and South Bound reps
 - Emily Antoine
 - Clarkstown Police was present at the meeting
 - Cyber Safety
 - Dr. St. John talked about Social Media Concerns (Tik Tok, video posts)
 - Facilities -
 - Lead testing
 - Phase 3-4 projects
 - 3 - roofs and transformers
 - 4- turf fields, tennis courts, drainage and lighting
 - Ventilation
 - Keeping up with HEPA filters
 - Ventilation systems

- Phase 5
 - Playgrounds for elementary schools
 - Birchwood - getting new gym floor
 - South Gym - AC
 - North - new traffic system, guard house, que system to prevent traffic
 - Sporting - Basketball - same rules due to Covid; middle school students accompanied by parents
 - Board meetings - limit to an hour, sign in with contact information (sometimes the information is not at the ready, so someone can circle back with answers); maintaining civility,

Fliers re: yearbooks?

- Best spot for information is the FFMS Parent Section

Communication

- Communication is a top priority
- Fine balance of not overloading
- Monthly newsletter (end of a month to preview what's coming up)
- Friday communications
- Website
- PTA meetings
- Back to School night
- Twitter
- Daily announcements

Principal's report

- Exciting Oct. - Halloween & Pink Day
- Friday ended the First Quarter, grades posted today
- School Play - SpongeBob - no students get cut
 - More info to come
- Food drive underway until Thanksgiving
- No Place For Hate in Homeroom Today; Identify Map and Sharing Traditions
- Look Ahead
 - Ruler lessons- Yellow (Part two from Last Month)
 - Developing a Charter in Homeroom (how they want to feel and treat each other)
- Student Ambassador Group visiting elementary schools - Share excitement for Reading
- Added another Homeroom this year to focus on being more organized (lockers, online)

Questions:

Chat: tried to order a senior shirt-Adult Men or any youth? Shirts that are for sale - Mr. Lepore is handling

Yearbook and 8th grade events- will be sent information directly

Upcoming 8th Grade - high school counselors will come down to address 8th Graders