

FFMS PTA Meeting 12.8.21

Call to order; last meeting notes – approved

New/Old Business:

- Huge thank you to administrators, parents, wonderful staff – the reason we were acknowledged by the NY state PTA (chosen to be interviewed, article) was because they were excited about everything we were doing. Positive spirit of everyone working together & focus on the children. Article was published on the NY State PTA Facebook page (linked from the FFMS Facebook page)
- Some questions have been asked about Elementary school scholarships – please have your respective students look at Naviance. Parents can review this with the elementary school scholarships; if it isn't posted now, look soon.
- FFMS Staff – sponsoring a nice end of year breakfast for a Thank You. In the past few years, a Dunkin Donut gift certificate was given.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer Report

- Half way to our goal
- Good for three months in
- Spirit wear is doing amazing
- Membership has been great
- Fundraising doing so well
 - Raised \$2600 already
 - Expenses have been low so far
- FYI - Open donations are welcome – if you don't want to buy anything, some people have done open donation

Membership

- Going great, membership in good shape

Scholarship

- All volunteers have been contacted, confirmed

Fundraising

- Chocolates and Carousal cakes, Cocoa bombs
 - All did very well
- New Fundraiser for New Year
 - Supporting local parents that have businesses
 - Jan/Feb – Touchstone Crystals and Color Street Nails fundraisers
- Tomorrow night – Last night of the family meal special at Sazone Restaurant in New City

Council

- Nothing to report
- Meeting pushed to next week

Spirit wear

- Doing amazing!

Reflections

- Winners were announced in Newsletter
- It will be a while to hear additional winners at Regional

New Business/questions

- Need a new “Laura Pestone” as President
- Need to transition President position now for next year
 - If no one can take on the position, it goes back to a committee review
- Honor F. also could use help someone with Treasury

FFMS Administration Report (Dr. D. Mitchell and Dr. M. St. John, Principals):

- **Upcoming dates:**
 - **12/23** – Heavenly Gates fundraiser youth against cancer
 - Kids love it
 - Wear it, donate it
 - May go online
 - **12/15**
 - Wellness Wednesday
 - Reminder Loretta Brown
 - Wear Purple as a pancreatic cancer awareness day
 - Students should wear
 - Year book photographers will be present
 - Student council will sell purple items
 - **End of the year opportunism for 8th Grade – more information coming**
 - Moving up
 - Activity days
 - More info in Jan.
- **Successful 2nd team building days today –**
 - Theme for this year is “Be Your best Self”
 - Focus – foster this theme in students
 - Teacher/student; Peer/Peer connection
 - Boost self-esteem and relationships
 - Teams spent day in school diving into this theme

Presentation – Navigating Course Flow Charts, Parent Conferences and the Recommendation Process
(Part 1 of 2)

- Available to public – no notes; refer to presentation

Other items

- Winter concerts – virtual; Spring TBA