

Felix V. Festa Middle School PTA Meeting

January 31, 2023

Call to order

PTA President's Report

- Color Run 2023
- Form a committee - first planning meeting on 2/6th @ 3:30pm via zoom
- Partnering with Student Council
- The kids voted on what they wanted to do for an activity, so we are moving forward
- Need committee members so please sign up!

Committee Reports:

- Treasurer
 - Payments for NY State PTA
 - Not a lot of money came out
 - Questions?
 - Maintaining a nice balance
 - Looking for a new Treasurer as Honor Fagan is going to rotate off, so if anyone is interested, please reach out to Honor to start learning the ropes
 - https://drive.google.com/file/d/12MZoSz8MNwB9n7qXyQU1ZCddMZTa1Gr6/view?usp=share_link
- Membership
 - 353 members as of today
 - Under our goal
 - Planning a raffle, prize
- Fundraising
 - Great American Cookies
 - Football or Valentine's day, orders due Friday, orders come in for pick up 2/10
 - Yankee Tickets
 - First purchase
 - Package of ticket, drink, hotdog, yankee bookbag
 - Sat in April
 - Check out memberhub
 - Yard Signs
 - Any ideas? We like to support local businesses. If you have a local business, please let the PTA know
- Council
 - Field trips - big push for Council
 - 6/7/8 - medieval times this year
 - Next year changing it up so they have different grades have different trips (not the same trip each year)

- Laptop issues - getting older. Normal wear and tear is covered by the insurance (not parents responsibility); 600 more chrome books, some testing going online
- Lighthouse teams
 - School based committees to talk about issues in the school, which will filter into district based team, for talking points, survey that was sent - THOUGHT EXCHANGE; key points where there needs to be conversation and possibly improvement
 - Feb - maybe a timeline for light house teams
 - Parents possibly putting their names in the running for these teams
- State mandate/budget - parents keep an eye out for communications
- Reflections
 - Council is trying to create a slide show for submissions, look out for this
- Pride PTSA
 - Next meeting 2/13 via Zoom
 - Email to contact: Chrstine Crilin ccsdprideptsa@gmail.com
- Council Instructed Vote to give a % of the BNL School pictures to Council
 - EVERY YEAR IS through school pictures, every PTA unit in the counsel pays a percentage back to the counsel for scholarships; \$2500 for north and south graduating students(in past years).
 - Margie Jennings read the official statement.
 - 1st VOTE:
 - Yes:46
 - No:0
 - 2nd Vote
 - Yes:46
 - No:0
- Spiritwear
 - Open again now
 - Closes this Friday (message will be sent out about store closing)
 - New stuff if you haven't looked yet
 - Spring items added, crop tops, tank tops, shorts, baseball hats
 - Spoke to elementary schools for 5th Grade; incoming 6th Grade
 - Hoodie, t shirt, flannel pants and string band - can pick the bundle or separate orders
 - End of Feb.
 - Schools would receive end of April
 - Beware of off brand Spiritwear NOT from FFMS - scam emails or on Social Media Platforms
 - Flier that is legit: <https://ffmsspring23.itemorder.com/shop/home/?success=true>
- Scholarship
 - Have some readers, but more readers welcome
 - Can't take all, but need some readers
 - Dates - March
 - 4-5 application/essays, you mark based on a provided grid (anonymous)

- If your child is going to south, you have to read for north and vice versa
- Reflections
 - Two of our Festa students that participated in Reflections won at the regional level and are moving on to state judging: Liara Nelson-Visual Arts & Adam Slomovitz-Literature
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- Field Trips
- 8th Grade
 - All set with Field trips - 3 activities (med. Times, activity day at Boulders and 8th Grade dance) - all available with my school bucks for sign up
 - Moving up - set Last week of School on the Wednesday at Boulders Stadium

New Business/Questions: Join a committee and be part of something exciting

- Color Run 2023
 - Sign ups for committee - please email Margie to sign up
- Staff Appreciation Luncheon on Tuesday May 2nd @ 8:30am
 - Need committee members for this as well
- Founders Day Wednesday, May 24th @ 7pm
 - Same - please get involved, let the PTA know (even if it incoming that day to prep, decorate, all hands on board)
- Executive Board Open positions: Treasurer and Communications
 - Two open positions
 - Treasurer - Honar can help teach you
 - Communications - same - Elizabeth will help train

FFMS Administration Report with Dr. D. Mitchell and Dr. M. St. John, Principals

- Presentation: Course Offerings and the Course Recommendation Process
 - View link online
- Questions & Answers
- What qualitative data is considered?
 - Each subject there are
 - Works for students benefit for performance
 - And for the teacher for what kind of learner the student is
 - Yes, it is in there
- My son is telling me the Art choice was extended to 2/10. Is that correct?
 - Yes
- Can this presentation please be emailed to families- it looks like there are hyperlinks that would be great to explore.
 - Yes, the presentation will be on the quick links and in the PTA communication
- If my son is in 8th grade Spanish 1 this year as a 7th grader, what option is there for Spanish 2 in 8th grade?
 - Class will be offered Native Language Spanish
- (<https://www.ccsd.edu/Page/3529>)

- Work on 8th Grade habits - recommendation from a counselor - reflection on how 8th grade students are doing now and what is going to come next

Upcoming PTA Meeting Dates:

March 14

April 11

- *Parents/students may check daily announcements on the school Website: ccsd.edu/ffms as well as Instagram: [Felix_Festa_Middle_School](https://www.instagram.com/Felix_Festa_Middle_School)*
- *Be sure to check the Felix Festa Middle School PTA Facebook page and the Website ffmspta.org for updates and information on upcoming PTA events*
- *Contact PTA via email at felixfestapta@gmail.com*

Place an order at: <https://ffms.memberhub.store>