

Fairfield Ludlowe High School
PTA Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting
Thursday, February 7, 2019

Attendance: Steve Baker, Christine Magliocco, Greg Hatzis, Elizabeth Dillabough, Amy Cooke, Marcia Tenreiro, Stephanie Mastino, Dorene Herron, Meredith McCormack, Janice Mayeran, Jane Nelson Corbett, Missy Savard, Kathy Russell, Jen Hinkle

- 1) **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Steve Baker at 6:06pm
- 2) **Approval of Minutes:** Elizabeth Dillabough motioned to accept the January 2019 PTA meeting minutes; Marcia Tenreiro seconded. Motion approved.
- 3) **Reports of Officers**
 - **Headmaster's Report: Greg Hatzis**
 - College and Career Center are in the throes of Senior internships
 - A Community College Day & Fair will be held on March 1; and a Military Fair on March 28th
 - Cheerleading team won the co-ed FCIAC championship
 - Hello Dolly will be the spring musical this year; production is underway
 - 8th Grade Parent night was held last evening (Feb 6). The projected number of students coming is far below the actual amount. Another class of over 400 students; 403 have signed up for courses to date.
 - FLHS is hosting the NEASC in March. The committee arrives Sunday, March 10 and will finish on Wednesday, March 13. In 2 weeks, Mr. Hatzis meets with the NEASC Chairperson to organize the visit. On Sunday, March 10 the committee has asked to meet with 10-15 parents from a variety of experiences with children of varying interests (academic, musical, etc...) Mr. Hatzis has passed this along to the PTA in case anyone is interested in participating.
 - Course selection night was held last week, January 30th. This week the student selection sheets are due to the counseling office. The counselors will then talk to the students about their selections; will advise if they are shooting too high/too low. In early March parents will get a schedule sent home for sign off. From there, it takes March to August to organize the final schedule.
 - An update about the Falcon Footprint homeroom challenge was requested:
 - Janice Mayeran reported in Mrs. Parkers homeroom of sophomores, a toy drive was conducted in September along with Wakeman Boys/Girls Club. This homeroom is currently conducting a pet drive for the animal shelter in town and in March they will be holding a food drive.
 - Mr. Hatzis explained to the PTA members that a challenge was posed to each homeroom to participate in an event of their choosing to gain an understanding of the impact that can be made. A coveted trophy is passed around weekly to a homeroom that has participated in the challenge and the trophy reads “Most Impactful Homeroom.” At the end of this month, every homeroom that has participated will take party in a bagel party. Clubs have also contacted Mr. Hatzis to see what organizations they might be able to donate too.
 - A question about how the homework policy is being enforced was asked:
 - Mr. Hatzis explained there are philosophical differences about scoring homework, but the policy is based on a lot of research that is done. It goes against a popular long held tradition. Trying to fit PD time in about homework has been hard because of work being done for NESEAC; a lot of what has been discussed is over email. A dialogue is needed with teachers to discuss their philosophical differences.
 - A question was asked about the scholarship process:

- Mr. Hatzis said in the springtime he asks teachers for nominees, they vote in April and wrap it up before students leave for internships. All students nominated need to fill out a form so Steve can submit for PTA purposes. Mr. Hatzis said he will look into that, he doesn't think it has anything to do with the scholarship foundation.
- **President's Report: Steve Baker**
 - Steve reviewed the BOE budget report
 - Steve motioned that the following written statement be approved in support of the budget: "True to our mission of promoting children's health, well-being and educational success, the FLHS PTA supports the Superintendents' budget as passed by the Board of Education and on behalf of all our members asks that all of the town Bodies pass it as is." Kathy Russell seconded the motion. Dorene Herron abstained from the vote. All other PTA members in attendance voted in favor. Motion passed.
- **Treasurer's Report: Kathy Russell**
 - Report provided
 - Any leftover funds from the bagel budget will be made available to students who have food insecurity during the February weekend break
- **VP Programs: Courtney Bradley**
 - Report provided
- **VP Volunteers: Christine Magliocco**
 - Thank you to all who volunteered for the senior center Valentine's Day luncheon
 - Will be looking to for committee volunteers for Senior awards
 - Christine will work with Stephanie Mastino for any volunteer needs for the Freshman Forum

4) Reports of Committees

- **Freshman Forum: Stephanie Mastino**
 - The Forum is Thursday, March 7th
 - May not need as many volunteers in the past; will work with Christine Magliocco as needed
 - Officer Kovac has been secured to come and speak; Tim Morris is lining up other speakers
 - 3 events are being held on March 7: Indoor track banquet, the Forum and the PTA meeting
 - The Forum will now be moved to 7pm to avoid interfering with the other events
 - Forum snow date has been set for March 19th
- **Reflections: Missy Savard**
 - Received a handful of entries; ultimately a good year but would still like to see more submissions
 - Entries for literature, music, fine arts and photography were sent to the State
- **PTAC: Suzee Mehan**
 - Fairfield Cares presents "Hidden in Plain Sight" on March 4th at the Fairfield Woods library
 - There is a Health and Wellness Fair on March 14th at Fairfield University
 - PTAC has a community service grant that should be taken advantage of
- **Project Runway: Jen Hinkle**
 - March 24 is Project Runway
 - A meeting will be held with students on March 7th
 - Will need volunteer help with programs/tickets
 - Will need guidance on how to reach students through school avenues

5) Announcements

- Headmaster Coffee for parents/guardians of Seniors on Feb 21
- March 2019 PTA meeting on Thursday, March 7 @ 6pm

6) Adjournment: Steve Baker adjourned the meeting at 6:57pm