

Fairfield Ludlowe High School

PTA Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting

Thursday, November 8, 2018

Attendance: Steve Baker, Amy Cooke, Jenn Jacobsen, Janice Mayeran, Meredith McCormack, Kathy Russell, Lori Scala, Christine Magliocco, Greg Hatzis, Sue Voltz, Carrie Rullo, Courtney Bradley, Sarah Geary, Missy Savard, Ron Wilklaw

- 1) **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Steve Baker at 6:07pm
- 2) **Approval of Minutes:** Sue Voltz motioned to accept the October 2018 PTA minutes; Kathy Russell seconded. 8 in favor, 1 abstained. Motion passed.
- 3) **Reports of Officers**
 - **Headmaster's Report: Greg Hatzis**
 - A committee of students/faculty/parents met 3-4x over the past year to develop social/civic expectations. The idea was to develop something with purpose and give a mission for students. The campaign of "Your Falcon Footprint Matters" was developed and will be launching next week. Logos and posters will be in each classroom. Anything FLHS does socially will have the footprint logo on it which was designed by FLHS junior Abby McCabe. Students will be directed in Naviance, which has a resume feature, to document and record what social/civic things they are doing.
 - The following sports teams made it to State Tournaments: volleyball, boys soccer, girls soccer and field hockey.
 - The music department has a Veterans day concert this evening; the wind ensemble will play the fight song of each branch of military.
 - A cumulative grading email was sent to parents this week; some students are nervous around posting of the grades. The grades are continuous and are just a snapshot in time. Only the teacher/student/school team sees the grade – unless it is requested by a Senior student for a college.
 - **President's Report: Steve Baker**
 - Mid-term bagels are not being done this year since mid-terms have been eliminated. Mr. Hatzis suggested taking the 4-day weekend in February when there is a ½ day and have a bagel treat for the students.
 - Steve introduced Jenn Jacobsen who discussed the Fairfield Cares Community Coalition.
 - The program was established in 2009. It is a coalition of stakeholders in the community who come together to bring awareness of mental health and substance abuse issues in Fairfield. It is a 5-year grant from the State and is currently in its 4th year.

- A few community branches involved in the coalition are police, mental health service providers, local schools and universities, faith-based institutions, amongst others.
- One of the main goals is to study/prevent underage drinking in the community. The grant issued for this ends June 2020. Kids/parents have been surveyed and some of the goals have been met and some are in progress. Another survey is set to be conducted at a future date.
- Youth Committee: High School students from Warde and Ludlowe meet 1x a month. Part of the grant was to create a social norms campaign tailored to teens, parents, and law enforcement. The “#lifenotwasted” campaign has been built into the middle school/high school Health Curriculum; it is a heavy social media campaign. The youth committee put on their own health fair about stress and members went into all 3 middle schools and talked at the Risky Business campaign. The youth committee meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month and new members are always welcome.
- **Treasurer’s Report: Kathy Russell**
 - \$55k in checking / \$70k all in (which includes checking + money market)
 - Insurance was paid this month as well as the Classroom Grant to David Nuff for the speaker he brought to Ludlowe
 - The Freshman picnic was budgeted for \$1,000 and came in at \$1,430
 - Deposits of \$12 from the Amazon program and \$335 from PTAC membership were made
- **VP Volunteers: Christine Magliocco**
 - Katie Holmberg is all set for Alumni Day
 - Christine and Sue will be checking in with Elizabeth Dillabough and Marcia Tenreiro for the FLHS Staff Holiday luncheon
- **VP Programs: Courtney Bradley**
 - Courtney was looking for the contacts for Valentine’s Luncheon at the Senior Center; Mr. Hatzis suggested Linda Smith and Rachel Kelleher (or it could be Melanie Karmazin)

4) Reports of Committees

- **BOE: Jenn Jacobsen**
 - At an Organizational Meeting a new Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary were voted in
 - Special Ed consultants will present their audit findings in November
 - Discussions have been held around the ECC and what the options are going forward
 - Regarding the school calendar, Dr. Jones is making an effort to find quality/ meaningful PD time; which may mean more early releases and she is trying to find the right balance
 - The main goal of the budget process is looking at redistricting and the Walter Fitzgerald campus

- New graduation requirements for current 8th grade students and below were passed
 - Adding a community service requirement to graduation was tabled; some board members felt strongly / some felt it shouldn't be a mandate. The Board pulled it for now, but wants the Administration to come back with a proposal of what will work in terms of adding some component of CS to graduation requirements.
 - **Teaching and Learning Grants: Carrie Rullo**
 - Janice Mayeran and Carrie worked on getting the new application process together; it is a rolling basis – submission at any time. The committee is not exactly sure how to handle that dynamic response but it will work through any issues.
 - The application is on a shared drive so faculty will have access to it; Janice thought that was important to make it accessible.
 - Evaluations are asked for after the grant is used. The Committee is looking for feedback so they know the grant was worth the \$\$.
 - **Janice Mayeran – Teachers Report**
 - Report submitted and on file; teachers are so eager to show what they are doing.
 - After a class field trip to Sikorsky, feedback from Sikorsky was for teachers to make more group projects so students learn how to collaborate strategically.
 - **Reflections: Missy Savard**
 - The future Reflections theme contest (2 years from now) is due 11/9
 - Posters of “Heros Around Us” (the current contest theme) will be put up tomorrow
- 5) **Announcements**
- Steve put some thank you notes written to the PTA on the table for review
 - Review of upcoming "Save the Dates" as outlined on the Agenda.
 - Next meeting is WEDNESDAY, December 11th at 6pm
- 6) **Adjournment:** Steve Baker adjourned the meeting at 7:05pm.

Report respectfully submitted by Amy Cooke