

**Fairfield Ludlowe High School
PTA Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting
Thursday, May 9, 2019**

1. **Attendance:** Steve Baker, Elizabeth Dillabough, Jane Corbett, Christine Magliocco, Sue Voltz, Janice Mayeran, Amy Cooke, Greg Hatzis, Jessica Gerber, Marcia Tenreiro, Kathy Russell
2. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Steve Baker at 6:10pm
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Sue Voltz motioned to accept the April 2019 PTA meeting minutes; Marcia Tenreiro seconded. Motion approved.
4. **Reports of Officers**

Treasurer Report: Kathy Russell

- Report submitted and on file
- Most classroom grant submissions have come through and been paid
- Project Runway income was deposited in April; came in at \$7,000 which was higher than budgeted

VP Programs Report: Courtney Bradley

- Courtney was not in attendance, but asked Steve Baker to promote “Life after High School” at FWHS on May 15, 2019

President Report: Steve Baker

- Steve proposed the 2019/20 budget to be voted on at the next PTA meeting
- Funds were added to Staff Appreciation Week and the Freshman Picnic

Volunteer Report: Christine Magliocco / Sue Voltz

- Coordinators are in the process of filling the slate; in need of VP of Membership, Website Coordinator, among others
- Looking for prom after party volunteers at the Circle Diner; Sue will arrange the menu which is \$13.75 per person and she will drop off the balloons

Headmaster's Report: Greg Hatzis

- Thank you for the Teacher appreciation week festivities; everyone has enjoyed and appreciated – especially the donuts
- In the throes of AP testing, implementation of testing going smoothly
- Successful mock crash with the Junior class and Grim Reaper experience with Seniors to realize dangers of distracted driving
- Seniors last day is May 22 before internships start; May 24 is early dismissal day; Tuesday after Memorial Day school is closed
- BOE meeting: Graduation time changed to 5pm and Dr. Steven Tracy named as Interim Superintendent; he was interim between Dr. Title and the hiring of Dr. Jones as well
- A parents’ guide to final grades email was sent out, tips were provided to help manage stress that comes with finals

- Senior exams start June 6, the following week are underclass exams
- "Internship Software" listed at \$2,500 in the budget can be redistributed to other line items; Counseling office can now handle this in house through Google and those funds can be used elsewhere
- An external group contacted Greg regarding a fundraiser; they proposed selling Class of 2019 signs for front lawns. All fundraisers need to come through the school. Greg explained that the PTA already offers balloons as a service to the school. Greg proposed in the future a way to offer a sign in addition to balloons. Discussion amongst the PTA members ensued.

5. Reports of Committees

- **Teacher and Staff Appreciation Report:** Elizabeth Dillabough
 - Successful week so far. The Pantry donated four trays of goodies and 79 gift cards were donated. Any teacher who doesn't get a GC gets a scratch off ticket.
- **BOE: Jessica Gerber**
 - RTM voted on the budget and there were no further reductions
 - Dr. Jones reported \$2.8M FTE at the high school level (part of that increased health requirement in 2023) looking to fill a \$1.3M hole; 10K reduction in capital for each high school; 20% school allocation reduction for ALL schools. Further discussion on this will be held at the May 21st meeting.
 - Dr. Tracy is the Interim Superintendent and will start on July 21st
 - FLHS and FWHS graduation time will change to 5pm on June 14th
 - Hartford is still deliberating the budget and there is still a chance we could be saddled with teacher pensions from other areas; email your State Reps
 - Music curriculum for grades 6-12 has been approved
- **Reflections**
 - May 15th award ceremony for Reflections winners; timing of this does conflict with the "Life After High School event" at FWHS
- **Miscellaneous**
 - From Mary Kate Frost, VP of Scholarships, High School Scholarship Foundation
 - Channeling money through them for Falcon Award and Academic Scholarships; their thought was kids will benefit because they might be eligible for other things.
 - the SAR indicates their level of need; they don't have to fill out the application, but then won't be eligible for need based scholarship
 - Mary Kate Frost said the process starts in March and FLHS/PTA sets criteria, MKF is okay with them not filling out the paperwork

6. **Adjournment:** Steve Baker adjourned the meeting at 7:06pm