

Fairfield Ludlowe High School

PTA Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting

Thursday, May 10, 2018

Attendance: Steve Baker, Amy Cooke, Alison Jones Allen, Sue Voltz, Christine Magliocco, Kathy Russell, Greg Hatzis, Carrie Rullo, Janice Mayeran, Stephanie Mastino, Missy Savard, Marcia Teureiro, Chris Blanc, Courtney Bradley

- 1) **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Steve Baker at 6:07pm
- 2) **Approval of Minutes:** Alison Jones Allen motioned to accept the April 2018 PTA minutes; Missy Savard seconded. Motion passed.
- 3) **Reports of Officers**
 - **Headmaster's Report: Greg Hatzis**
 - Busy/stressful time for students: Senior internships start, AP testing going on, PPT season
 - Good stuff as well:
 - Senior and Junior Proms coming up in the next week
 - Sports teams are doing well
 - Junior Achievement Team won the annual High School Business Challenge for the Western Connecticut Region. Each student won a \$1,000 scholarship.
 - The PTA supplied cameras ran for the Battle of the Houses.
 - The Family and Computer Science Department presented to the BOE and won an award for their presentation.
 - The 4 digital signs around the building (PTA funded) are being used more often by student run clubs for advertising.
 - A student forum was held to discuss the elimination of mid-terms and cumulative grading. About 125 students attended. The questions asked/feedback received from the students was shared with the faculty.
 - Discussion ensued about the Student Representative Council (SRC) which used to be a vibrant in-school organization. Greg is looking to start it up again to increase school spirit and organize a school wide community service project.
 - **President's Report: Steve Baker**
 - Budget for the 2018/19 school year was proposed and will be voted on during the June meeting.
 - Teacher Appreciation Week is short on funding
 - Working with a deficit for program funding; hoping to raise money to cover these costs during the 18/19 school year
 - The following discussions arose during Steve's report:

- Project Runway – since this is the 2nd largest fund raiser how can we work to get the word out for more participation?
 - Central Office wants to purchase t-shirts for teachers to identify them as FPS staff. Greg asked the PTA Council for funding and also asked if Ludlowe's PTA would consider funding as well
 - Why did the Valentine Senior Luncheon go away this year? And how can we get it back?
- **Treasurer's Report: Kathy Russell**
 - Business as usual
 - Made a deposit for about 200 Senior Balloon sales thus far
 - **VP Volunteers: Sue Voltz**
 - Looking for a VP of Fundraising
 - Also looking for a Next Street Driving Committee Coordinator; this committee will bring in \$\$ for the school
 - Health classes are going to be held in the 3rd quarter of the 2018/19 school year, so the Freshman Forum will be held later in the year to coincide.
- 4) **Reports of Committees**
- **Teaching and Learning Grants: Carrie Rullo**
 - The "Drone for Art Experience" project grant is still outstanding since the committee has not heard back about the application for the FFE grant.
 - **Teacher Appreciation Week: update from Marcia Tenreiro/Janice Mayeran**
 - TAW going well, lunch and dessert was served today and the raffle is very exciting
 - Teachers are brought together and the raffle is exciting (makes everyone want to come in on a Friday)
 - 57 prizes in gift cards
 - **Reflections: Missy Savard**
 - There were 3 State winners
 - Next year's theme will be "Heroes Around Me"
- 5) **Announcements**
- Review of upcoming "Save the Dates" as outlined on the Agenda. Next meeting is June 7, 2018.
 - Staff Breakfast will be held June 21st
 - Volunteers are needed for Post Prom / Graduation events
- 6) **Adjournment:** Steve Baker adjourned the meeting at 6:54pm.

Report respectfully submitted by Amy Cooke