

LMC Lecture Hall, 7:00 PM

Attendees: Ed Grzeda, Carolyn Trabuco, Lynn Goddard, Linda Raymond, Jenn Jacobsen, Dorene Herron, Alison Jones Allen, Christine Vitale, Greg Hatzis, Chrystal Moynahan, Kathy Fitzmaurice Russell, Amy deLannoy, Chris Spearing, Christine Magliocco

I. Call to Order**II. President's Report – Alison Jones Allen****a. One Town, One PTA**

- i. Presented to Dr. Jones & John Convertito
- ii. ADL presentation being coordinated by both HS Counseling offices
- iii. Getting input from teachers as well
- iv. Calendar of events being finalized
- v. Themes of empathy, unity and diversity are prominent

b. Holiday Teacher's Luncheon – 180 staff attended on 12/21/16. Special thanks to Nancy Bigonette & Rachel Alcosser**c. Compassion Committee – Raised \$2,680 (just exceeding last year's \$2,600) for 35 families identified by counseling staff as needing assistance at holidays. Special thanks to Julie Smith.**

- i. **Next Year** – Need to get started earlier and research ability to put donations online. Also may consider incorporating a "Technology Drive".

d. PTA Headmaster and House Donations - \$1,100 directly to student groups. Includes expenses by student house councils for Battle of the Houses and other team building.**e. Science Curriculum Overview – FLHS parents participated in discussion on requirements and changes for next generation science standards currently being prepared by state.****f. Amazon Smile – Continues to raise funds, though nominal for FLHS PTA. Approximately \$20 in Dec. 2016.****g. Membership gifts – Available for pickup at The Perch.****h. Upcoming Events:**

- i. **FLHS PTA Operation Hope Meal 1/17/17** – fully staffed with volunteers
- ii. **Student Exam Breakfasts 1/20/17** – updates to appear in Falcon Flash, volunteers still needed.
- iii. **Course Selection Night 1/25/17**
- iv. **Headmaster's Coffee for Senior parents 1/26/17**
- v. **PTA "Creating Lasting Family Connections" workshops** – start 1/31/17, currently at full capacity. May look at additional dates if demand is high enough.
- vi. **Valentine's Day Luncheon** – Senior Center on 2/14/17. Ludlowe & Warde Cooking program students will provide food (for a class grade).
- vii. **Project Runway 3/12/17** – Mandatory meeting for interested seniors on 1/26 in College and Career Center.
 1. Ticket sales online through MySchoolAnywhere.

i. Fundraising VP – Current VP Jane Corbett resigned. Christine Vitale volunteered to fill-in until replacement is found.**j. Special Events Chair – Amy Delannoy will continue to assist this year but full replacement needed for next year.**

- i. Consider splitting the current role into 2 positions next year, one for staff and one for student events. Has been 2 positions in the past.

III. Treasurer's Report – End of Dec. 2016 balance of \$36,799. Nothing unusual or unexpected in past month.**IV. Headmaster's Report, Greg Hatzis**

- a. Family & Consumer Science / Textiles Dept. recently ranked highest in CT
- b. LGBT Forum – “What’s life like for you at FLHS?” – Open discussion with faculty.
- c. Senator Murphy and Representative Himes forum for students – Upcoming in February. AP Gov students are coordinating.
- d. Student Diversity Club – Warde-Ludlowe Talent Show in development for Feb.
- e. Footprints cutouts – currently on display on FLHS walls. Advisory on small steps making a big difference. “Pay it forward” messages written on footprints by students.
- f. Cafeteria Digital Kiosks are installed.

V. Approval of November 3, 2016 and December 8, 2016 minutes

Motion – Amy deLannoy moved to approve the general meeting minutes for November 3, 2016 and December 8, 2016.
Second by Christine Vitale
Motion passed 13-0.

VI. Initial Thoughts on 2017-18 School Budget – Carolyn Trabuco

- a. **School budget presented to BOE equals \$168.8 mm**
 - i. Represents +\$5.1 mm and a 3.12% increase over the current year budget.
- b. **FLHS impacts**
 - i. Among others, the budget adds a ½ time secretary in the main office, increases in the number of electives to be offered, +1.9 FTE (+1.0 Special Ed & +0.9 Electives teachers)
- c. **Concerns**
 - i. Drop in revenue from the state a major concern
 - ii. Racial Imbalance plan – remains an ongoing challenge for Fairfield

VII. Overview of One Town, One PTA

- a. **Monthly events for remainder of school year** – FLHS & FWHS continue to collaborate on programming.
 - i. Events to include speaker for Black History Month, movie screenings (*To Kill A Mockingbird*, *Brown Eye-Blue Eye classroom experiment* Documentary), and a “Unity Walk”

VIII. Committee Announcements

IX. Adjourn