

LMC Lecture Hall, 7:00 PM

Attendees:, Ed Grzeda, Lynn Goddard, Sue Voltz, Scott Thompson, Janice Mayeran, Linda Lawlor, Chrystal Moynahan, Marcia Tenreiro, Suzanne Miska, Christine Magliocco, Jenn Jacobsen, Alison Jones Allen, Christine Vitale, Greg Hatzis,

I. Call to Order**II. President's Report – Alison Jones Allen****a. Events / News since last meeting:**

i. AlphaPrep and Next Street Driving School - continuing as usual.

ii. January

- 1. FLHS Operation Hope Meal**
- 2. Student Exam Breakfasts** (850 students served)
- 3. District curriculum reviews** - PTA members participated
- 4. Headmaster's coffee** - Senior families
- 5. Creating Lasting Family Connections Session 1** – attended by 20 families from Warde and Ludlowe High Schools.

iii. February

- 1. PTA Technology Drive** – very successful in collecting devices for students.
- 2. One Town One PTA / Senior Center Valentine's Day Luncheon** – Warde and Ludlowe culinary students served 160+ town seniors and combined strong ensembles performed.
- 3. State Reflection Winners announced** – 5 from FLHS.

iv. March**1. Town Budget Meetings**

- a. Budget process at the State level will continue into early June. Final determination of potential cuts and their impact will not be known until then.

2. Project Runway – Very successful. Raised \$5,462, exceeding budgeted revenue of \$5,000. Participation by senior models set a new high.

- a. Tickets almost entirely sold online. A big success for first year of online sales.

3. Teacher Grants – Spring cycle for grants has begun.

4. Creating Lasting Family Connections Session 2

5. Three State PTA Education Scholarships – only one student was selected for entry from FLHs, didn't have applicants for the other three scholarships.

6. HSSFF Scholarships – unclear if PTAC is covering. If so, we decided to use scholarship budget dollars for other items.

7. Compassion Committee: Charlie Capalbo – Sent care basket and helping with fundraiser dinner to be catered by Paul Ghiorzi.

v. April

1. Custodian's Luncheon – very successful, held on Thursday during spring break week.

b. Upcoming Events and items

i. Teacher Grants – Teachers should complete purchases for Fall semester grants and return forms for reimbursement.

ii. BOE Town Hall – April 25, 7:00 PM at district Central Offices.

iii. Falcon Awards – Nominations collected and committee will begin conducting interviews soon.

iv. Teacher Appreciation Week – Starts May 1.

1. Still in need of volunteers

2. Signup genius for volunteers and items needed will be up very soon.

v. Life After High School – May 9, 7:00 PM at Fairfield Warde HS.

- 1. Warde PTA program, formerly “Life After Warde” targeted to current seniors focusing on the dangers of alcohol, drugs and other potential pitfalls when entering college.
- vi. **“Safe-Guard Yourself” workshop** – Presentation by Fred Villari’s Studio of Self Defense on June 5 at FLHS will provide Safety tips/Self-Defense information as well as anti-assault and rape prevention techniques to students.
- vii. **PTA Parent Book Club** – *Learn Better* is the book. Discussion will take place at the Fairfield Library, check the PTA Flash for more information
- c. **Next PTA Meeting** – Thursday, May 11, 6:00 PM Library Lecture Hall, Room 277.
- d. **Officer and Committee Chair Vacancies for 2017-2018 school year**, including the highly coveted Recording Secretary position, still need to be filled.
- e. **PTAC exploring Selectmen candidates Q&A event**
- f. **Post-Prom Party** – Volunteers needed for the post-prom gathering at Circle Diner. Junior Prom May 13, Senior Prom May 20. Could use more marketing to increase attendance.
- g. **Graduation** – Date set for Thursday, June 15. Senior Balloons will be advertised soon.
- h. **End of Year Teacher Appreciation Breakfast** – Decision made to have breakfast on Monday, June 19. Marcia Tenreiro is the committee chair.

Post-Meeting Note: After this PTA meeting, it was decided to hold the EOY Breakfast on Friday, June 16, at 8:30 AM. Volunteers need to show up at 7:45 am.

- i. **PTAC voted to provide \$5,000 for scholarships to each high school**
 - i. Unclear whether this will continue in subsequent years.
 - ii. Covers entire \$5,000 for scholarships budgeted by FLHS PTA for 2016-17 school year.
 - iii. There was discussion on what, if anything, to do with the expected surplus in the Scholarship budget line item. Focus was primarily on improving and facilitating work on upcoming events.

Post-Meeting Note: This was a miscommunication. FLHS PTA is indeed expected to cover the \$5,000 in scholarships it had already voted to approve to pay.

Motion – Christine Vitale made a motion to move \$750 from the budget line item “Scholarship – HS Scholar Fund” to “Staff Year-End Breakfast”.

Second by Sue Voltz

Motion passed 13-0.

Post-Meeting Note: At next PTA meeting, make a motion to move the \$750 referenced above from the Programs Budget. Re-do motion at 5/11/17 meeting to take from Alcohol Prevention Task instead

Motion – Christine Vitale made a motion to move \$750 from the budget line item “Scholarship – HS Scholar Fund” to “Special Events”.

Second by Sue Voltz

Motion passed 13-0.

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III. Treasurer’s Report – March 2017 Budget Report distributed.

- IV. Solar Panels Project** – FLHS Parking Lot. Scott Thompson, Chair of Fairfield’s Clean Energy Task Force presented plans that are currently moving through the Fairfield Town governing bodies for approval.
 - a. **Overview** - Upon completion, the panels will provide approximately 1/3 of FLHS’ electricity needs. The panels currently installed on the FLHS roof already provide about a third of current electricity needs.
 - b. **Scope** - Current proposal includes panels to be installed at Fairfield Warde HS as well.

- c. **Cost Savings** - Conservatively projects savings of at least \$1.2 million over 20 years, based on current United Illuminated electricity costs. Contract stipulates for town of Fairfield to purchase all electricity produced by panels at a fixed rate for the full 20 year term. Savings estimate assumes UI pricing will remain flat for next 20 years, which are already projected to increase. Solar installer will own the panels and be responsible for all repairs.
- d. **Other Benefits**
 - i. **Educational opportunities** - Renewable energy in action
 - ii. **Electric Car Plug-In** – Plug-ins will be installed under panels
 - iii. **Environmental** – Fairfield resides in an “Air Quality Containment Zone.” This project, along with other solar projects already in place in Fairfield, will have a positive impact.

V. Headmaster’s Report, Greg Hatzis

- a. “Best Buddies” Chapter established at FLHS. Best Buddies provides one-to-one friendships and social opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- b. Other recent/upcoming events include – All-State Music Festival with great representation from FLHS students, a successful Red Cross Club blood drive that exceeded it donation goal and the upcoming Spring Drama Play – *Mame*
- c. Sports Broadcasting & Communications Program opportunity
 - i. Students have expressed interest in a Sports Communications, something not currently a focus in the Communications curriculum.
 - ii. Greg Hatzis listened to presentation from company that sells cameras and software for sporting events that could provide a number of benefits for students interested in sports broadcasting.
 1. Cost is \$4,000 per camera, software included. Installation is not included but should not be a significant cost.
 2. Cameras could be installed in either or both the main outdoor FLHS sports field and the large indoor gym.
 3. Cameras can automatically follow sports events as they are occurring or can be controlled manually.
 4. Videos can be Live-streamed. Videos can also be posted to a website and be available to parents/coaches/teams for future viewings in their entirety or edited down to include, for example, just highlights.
 5. Opportunity to sell advertising in videos.
 6. Unlike other live-streaming services, the video content will be owned by FLHS. Once posted on a service like Facebook’s livestream service, for example, the content becomes the property of Facebook.
 7. Camera could be used for non-sports events as well – Music program performances such as the district-wide choral festival, Relay for Life, among others.
 8. A teacher has been identified to volunteer to sponsor use within a student club.
 9. Timing could be as early as Fall of 2017-18 school year if purchased soon.
 10. Will be placed on the agenda for further discussion at the May PTA meeting.

VI. Approval of January 12, 2017 Minutes

***Motion – Christine Vitale moved to approve the general meeting minutes for January 12, 2017.
Second by Laura Lawlor
Motion passed 13-0.***

VII. Adjourn