

Fairfield Ludlowe High School

PTA Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Attendance: Steve Baker, Amy Cooke, Debbi O'Keefe, Jen Hinkle, Chris Blanc, Maria Bake, Dorene Herron, Alison Jones Allen, Sue Voltz, Greg Hatzis, Missy Savard, Trisha Pytko

1) **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Steve Baker at 6:06pm

2) **Reports of Officers**

- **Headmaster's Report:** Greg Hatzis
 1. A Cappella group Close Harmony competed in the Wyvern A Cappella Festival and placed 3rd in the competition.
 2. The Scholastic Art Award of CT announced the statewide winners for 2018. The gold key winners have the opportunity to compete nationally.
 3. Indoor track competed in the FCIAC championship
 4. Girls basketball is having a great season and has qualified for state playoffs
 5. Overview of the thought process that went into the course selection for PE/Health and Science and proposed elimination of the mini

- **Guest speaker:** BoE Representative Trisha Pytko
 1. Overview of budget process from Trisha
 - 3.1% increase for the 2018/19 budget
 - 20% savings in health insurance; using part of the savings to order new technology
 2. Next step is to advocate to the Board of Selectman and Board of Finance; they go through the budget in four meetings, line by line
 3. Biggest percentage of budget is salary/health insurance
 4. BoE only budgets for what is known to be available from the State
 5. 80-89% of budget is spent by January

- **VP Volunteers:** Sue Voltz
 1. In search of a BoE representative and Budget representative
 2. Fairfield Cares – \$1,250 allotted for this which needs to be spent
 3. Project Runway is coming up and looking for Volunteers
 4. Stop & Shop Rewards program – Steve Baker will look into getting FLHS signed up

3) **Reports of Committees**

- **Project Runway:** Jen Hinkle and Debbie O'Keefe
 1. Takes place Sunday, March 11 from 1-3pm; this is the 11th year
 2. Greg Hatzis is the Master of Ceremony
 3. Lots of great clothes donated from local stores
 4. Biggest PTA fundraiser
 5. Early bird tickets are now on sale
- **Reflections Committee:** Missy Savard
 1. Sent top winners to the State, will hear back in March
 2. Low submission numbers compared to years past, more teacher involvement next year to promote
- **Bagel Giveaway:** Katie Holmberg
 1. Reduced bagels by 8 dozen, and increased cream cheese; \$9 per dozen; had 9 volunteers, 12 people would be best to volunteer
- **PTAC:** Dorene Herron
 1. Meeting on Monday, no report yet
- **Teaching and Learning Grants:** Carrie Rullo
 1. Reported through Steve that she has sent out information for grant submissions for the spring cycle

4) **Announcements**

- Greg Hatzis made a request for parent volunteers to serve on the committee for NEASC. Greg also previewed the next PTA meeting to include conversations about: how courses are named, cleaning up the student transcript for better transparency to colleges, how courses are weighted, mid-term exams and how to rethink structure of marking periods and recalculate grades.
- Chris Blanc reported that his son won a VantageTV SportsNet video award which included new video equipment for FLHS.
- Review of upcoming "Save the Dates" as outlined on the Agenda.

5) **Approval of Minutes:** Steve Baker motioned to accept the January 2018 PTA minutes; Alison Jones Allen seconded. Motion passes.

6) **Adjournment:** Steve Baker adjourned the meeting at 7:10pm.

Report respectfully submitted by Amy Cooke