

Fairfield Ludlowe High School
PTA Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting
Thursday, January 11, 2018

Attendance: Steve Baker, Amy Cooke, Jane Nelson Corbett, Maria Peterson, Christy McEldowney, Jim Accomando, Carrie Rullo, Christine Magliocco, Stephanie Mastino, Kathy Russell, Janice Mayeran, Sue Voltz

- 1) **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Steve Baker at 6:10pm
- 2) **Approval of Minutes**
 - a) Steve Baker asks for a motion to accept the minutes from the 12/6/17 meeting. Amy Cooke motions, Jim Accomando/Carrie Rullo second. All in favor, motion passes.
- 3) **Reports of Officers**
 - a) Headmaster's Report: Greg Hatzis
 - i) Overview of frozen pipe incident which canceled school on Monday, January 8. A sprinkler head cracked in the woodshop and another in the graphics lab; then the woodshop went again on Monday morning. Unsure of what happens going forward with graduation, last day of school, etc...
 - ii) Events in December were:
 - (1) Music Department held the annual Candlelight Concert
 - (2) Drama Club debuted school play "Fake News"
 - (3) \$2,145 in gift cards were collected by the Compassion Committee helping over 25 FLHS families
 - (4) Blood drive was held and 41 pints were collected
 - (5) 1st ever Career Day event for students was a success
 - iii) Greg met with the Broadcasting Club and purchased a wireless transmitter so they can broadcast live. Jim Accomando asked about the cover for the outdoor camera and current location of the laptop; Greg was not aware of needing a cover or where the laptop resided.
 - b) Whitson's Culinary Group: Representatives Maura O'Malley, Food Service Director and Rebecca O'Brien, Registered Dietician for Whitson's presented an overview of the Fairfield School lunch program.
 - c) President's Report: Steve Baker
 - i) Steve introduced Christi McEldowney, President-elect for the remaining 2017/18 school year through 2018/19. She will take over as President starting the 2019/20 school year. Steve will serve a two-year term as President per the current by-laws.
 - ii) Steve nominates Christi to President-elect effective immediately; Carrie Rullo seconds. All in favor, motion passes.
 - d) Treasurer's Report: Kathy Russell
 - i) Nothing out of the ordinary to report
 - e) VP Volunteers: Sue Voltz, Christine Magliocco
 - i) Everything going well, all set with mid-term bagels

4) **Reports of Committees**

- a) Reflections Committee: Missy Savard
 - i) Steve read Missy's report submitted via email
 - b) PTAC: Dorene Herron
 - i) Steve read Dorene's report submitted via email
 - c) BOE report: Jennifer Jacobsen-Tapsall
 - i) Jenn not in attendance, no report given
 - ii) Steve discusses the FLHS parking lot paving project is coming up for vote under non-recurring capital projects. This project was turned down last year and prices are up \$25,000. Steve encourages PTA members to email the Board of Selectman to pass the project. Vote will be on January 31 @ Independence Hall.
 - d) Teacher Appreciation, Holiday Luncheon – Elizabeth Dillabough
 - i) Update by Jane Corbett: The luncheon was fabulous and came together quickly. The teachers appreciated it and especially liked the ability to take things away.
 - e) Teaching and Learning Grants: Carrie Rullo
 - i) Carrie asked for the okay to begin soliciting for the spring grant cycle and approval was given. Greg asked that she wait until Feb 1 to send out an email as it is not ideal for teachers right now because of mid-terms/end of marking period. Carrie confirmed that the PTA does not fund school clubs.
 - f) Compassion Committee: Julie Smith
 - i) Not in attendance, no report
 - g) Membership: Alison Jones Allen
 - i) Not in attendance, no report
 - ii) Steve reported that he, Alison and others spent December handing out gift bags for some of the membership levels.
- 5) **Announcements:** Review of upcoming "Save the Dates" as outlined on the Agenda.
- 6) **Adjournment:** Steve Baker motioned to adjourn at 6:56 pm. Jim Accomando and Carrie Rullo seconded.

Report respectfully submitted by Amy Cooke