

Frank Black Middle School PTO General Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2019

Attendance: See attached

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Meeting called to order at 5:31 pm
Quorum was confirmed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Presented meeting minutes from the PTO General meeting on February 28, 2019. No changes or corrections were noted. Minutes accepted as presented.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (Ms. Honore):

The school has started locking all doors on campus. This is an added measure of security for students and staff.

We received our CleverTouch boards today, which is new technology purchased from Spring Auction funds. Sixteen teachers will be able to use them.

There are still tickets available for the Dynamo game on May 4. So far, 120 tickets have been purchased.

Houston ISD announced that it will not cut PUA from school budgets for the 2019-20 school year.

Houston ISD also approved seven new teacher/staff positions for our school! Our goal is to reduce class size and this is a huge step in the right direction! We are doing our due diligence to ensure that these positions will be filled with caring and sharp individuals who have the best interest of our Panthers at heart!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Amy Maddux):

Welcome and sign in.

The last general meeting of the year will be held on May 23 in the morning. We will vote on the PTO 2019-20 budget. After we adjourn everyone is invited to attend "Coffee with the Principal."

Friday (April 26) is the final day to fill out the PTO's online survey. We are fortunate to have more funds available than previous years and welcome feedback and guidance from parents, teachers and staff on how to program those funds.

Amy called for nominations to the board from the floor. None were put forth. She then called for a motion and second to vote of the membership on the proposed slate of nominees for the 2019-20 PTO board:

President - Ruth Mendez
1st VP (Education) - Jennifer Perry
2nd VP (Fundraising) - Lori Araiza
3rd VP (Community Building) - Jeana Teeter
Treasurer - Tracy Lisewsky
Secretary - Jenn Brown
6th grade rep - Cheyenna Brehm
7th grade rep - Michelle Galindo
8th grade rep - Nicole Weaver

The vote was approved by the PTO board and membership.

Amy explained the proposal to amend the PTO bylaws to allow delegation of treasurer duties so that the treasurer can be assisted by the assistant treasurer. The amended section(s) includes:

3.05. Duties

Treasurer:

Serve as custodian of the PTO's finances, collect revenue, pay authorized expenses, issue tax receipts for donations received, report financial activity every month, prepare year-end financial report, facilitate an annual reconciliation committee, be authorized to sign on bank accounts, and hold all financial records. The treasurer may delegate a portion of these responsibilities, including its authority to sign on bank accounts, to the assistant treasurer, who will be appointed by the treasurer.

6.02. Banking

All funds shall be kept in a checking account in the name of Frank Black Middle School PTO, requiring two signatures of the Executive Board and held at a local financial institution. Signers of the bank account shall not be related by blood or marriage and shall not reside in the same household.

Signers on the account are President, Treasurer, Vice President of Education, Vice President of Fundraising and the Vice President of Community Building. Provided the Treasurer has delegated his/her authority, the Assistant Treasurer is authorized to sign in place of the Treasurer and such signature shall suffice as one of the two required Executive Board signatures. The Secretary of the PTO shall not be a signer. An association member shall not sign a check if they have a direct or indirect interest in the expenditure.

She then called for a motion and second to amend the bylaws as written above. The board and membership approved the motion.

A new position has been added to the board roster. The Sponsorships chairperson will be in charge of cultivating a database of contacts and for coordinating sponsorship activities related to PTO fundraisers.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT REPORT (Tim Weltin):

2018-19 has been a great year at FBMS. Thank you to the PTO for supporting FBMS.

FBMS will hold pizza/tour/meet the Principal events for 4th graders from feeder schools on May 22 at 6 pm, and possibly Aug. 22.

June 22 is Service Saturday at FBMS.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Heather Golden):

Budget accepted as presented.

Please have all current board and committee chairpersons submit their budget requests by Friday, April 26.

1ST VP'S REPORT (Mandy Giles)

FBMS Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6-10 with many wonderful activities and treats in store for FBMS teachers and staff.

FBMS had a great showing at the Art Car Parade.

The FBMS Musical, *Once on this Island*, is May 4 in the FBMS Theater at 6:00 pm. Tickets are available to purchase from cast and crew members.

The FBMS Spring Band Concert is Friday, April 26 at 6 pm in the FBMS Theater.

2ND VP'S REPORT (Ruth Mendez):

The next FBMS Spirit Night will be different. The Dippin' Dots truck will be at FBMS on Wed., May 22. There are tentative plans for another Spirit Night event on May 16 at Hartz Chicken.

3RD VP'S REPORT (Kim Jackson)

Diane Scardino, PTO Legislative Chair, provided a status report on key legislation that is making its way through the Texas House and Senate.

- House Bill 3/Senate Bill 4 would provide for an increase in student funding, a pay increase for teachers and staff and a full day Pre-K program. This legislation has been approved by the House and Senate and now a joint committee is working through the two bills so that they are consistent when presented to the Governor for his signature.
- A bill related to the TRS pension funds has also been passed and is going to a joint committee for the same reason.

GRADE LEVEL UPDATES.

6th Grade (Michelle Galindo):

The 6th Grade service project was a great success!

The 6th grade field trip to Dave & Buster's will take place on Tuesday, May 21 and there will be a sign-up sheet for chaperones created soon. The cost of the field trip covers food, beverage and open play.

7th Grade (Nicole Weaver)

May 30 is 7th Grade Awards Day.

May 31 is the 7th grade field trip the Main Event. We will need 15 chaperones – a Sign-Up Genius will be created soon to gather those volunteers.

8th Grade (Jill Davis)

The 8th grade promotion ceremony is May 29 at Delmar Stadium.

The 8th grade field trip to Fiesta Texas is on May 31.

Meeting is adjourned at 6:02 pm.
Submitted by Karen Smiley.