

FBMS PTO General Meeting Minutes – February 15, 2018, 6:15 PM – FBMS Auditorium

Amber Caver, President, called meeting order at 6:44PM (following the conclusion of Town Hall meeting with School Board President, Trustee Rhonda Skillern-Jones). Quorum confirmed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - AMBER CAVER

- We are in the process of planning for next year. During our next General Meeting in March, we will be seating our Nominating Committee. Please send names to Amber Caver.
- Next general meeting—March 8 at 8:15 am followed by Coffee with Principal Castagnoli at 8:30 or 8:45.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - SINDEE BIELAMOWICZ (by Nicole Weaver)

- Nicole Weaver presented meeting minutes from the PTO General Meeting on November 17, 2017. No changes or corrections were noted. Minutes accepted.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT REPORT - MR. WELTIN

- The Havana Nights fundraiser was a great success. Please visit the FBMS PTO website to view the Thank You video featuring FBMS students and staff expressing their gratitude.
- We had a very successful Service Saturday. Thanks to everyone who volunteered.
- Be on the lookout for a Community Work Monday to help complete some of the projects. A parent project is also in the works to add acoustic tiles to the back of the stage area.
- Please stay active with the changes coming to HISD.

TREASURER'S REPORT - KEN COVINGTON

Distributed and reviewed updated **FBMS PTO Budget and Financial Activity Report from 11/18/2017 – 2/15/2018**: see attached.

- Financial Reconciliation Committee Report: Ken presented a brief overview of the committee's report (previously presented by Meredith Sipes at the February Board meeting). There were a few minor recommendations; in general, the audit went well and we are in compliance with the rules and guidelines.
- Merin Noonan and Dianne Murata presented the Grant Committee Report. (See attached Grant Purchase Tracking Spreadsheet). Grant Committee seeks to fund long term needs including equipment for various groups across campus; seeks to fill gaps that are not otherwise covered in the school budget. Items purchased include tap shoes (Dance), swords (Karate), washer and dryer (Athletics), keyboard (Band), and numerous other items as detailed in the report.
- **Motion made by Tim Weltin to allow unused grant funds of \$4,000 to be reallocated. Kristy Jhaver seconds. Motion passes.**
- Proposed project: Cosmetic improvements to the athletic hallway to include patching and painting walls, improved lighting, and wall mural to be painted by the same artist who painted the mural in the Community Room. Total estimated cost of the project is \$6,800.
- **Motion made by Dianne Murata to use \$4,000 remaining from teacher grants, plus allocate an additional \$3,500 to fund the proposed cosmetic improvements to the athletic hallway. Ed Muth seconds. The motion passes.**

1st VP—EDUCATION - ED MUTH

LIBRARY:

Tim Weltin: Love Your Library Campaign (annual appeal to raise funds for new library books) is underway through March 2. Amy Maddux requests details to share via PTO communications.

TEACHER APPRECIATION:

Teacher Appreciation plans for the spring are not yet finalized.

CAREER DAY:

Date has been set for March 9; Seeking presenters; contact Ed Muth.

CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION:

Tom Caver: Lockers have been ordered (shows illustration with layout); Lockers are being custom built to coincide with existing concrete bases and maximize space utilization; Set to arrive end of May/ beginning of June; Install by start of fall semester. Outdoor classroom: Having irrigation installed to help through the hot summer months. Install by mid-March. Scoreboards: Will be paid for through advertising sold on scoreboards; 10-year commitment; Details on FBMS PTO website; If you know anyone interested, refer them to Tom Caver; First come, first served on placement of ads.

2nd VP—FUNDRAISING - CARRIE BOTELLO

- Auction 2018 update: Very successful event. Thank you to all committee members, volunteers, and to everyone who played a role.
- Auction Committee forming for 2019; Open invitation for anyone to join; See Carrie Botello; Theme has been decided, but not yet announced.

3rd VP—COMMUNITY BUILDING - AMY MADDUX

- Color Run: March 23 after school; Open to current students, families, and outreach to community; Aim to make it a fun, community-building event; Registration to take place online; Push to get the word out before Spring Break. Purpose is not to raise funds (just break-even); Will create sponsorship opportunities for those interested. Sign-up Genius coming soon for set-up, color throw, etc.

GRADE LEVEL UPDATES

6th Grade Rep - Nicole Weaver

- Continuing to work with Ms. Livas and 6th Grade team to support various fundraising efforts for 6th grade end-of-year field trip.

7th Grade Rep - Jill Davis

Not present

8th Grade Rep - Leah Salinas

- BBQ Fundraiser April 7th. Great barbeque; Need volunteers; Students need to do the work; Students must sell 5 plates or pay for their field trip expenses; Seeking other venues to sell additional barbeque.
- Selling snacks at lunch on Fridays; Approximately 60 items per period sold; Seeking volunteers to staff sales during first half of lunch; Remember Friday/ iClub bell schedule; Seeking donations of chips and snacks to sell.

- Representative from Hartz Chicken contacted Leah; Wants to work in partnership with various school groups; He will do the work and staffing if we provide the events; Should do a Supper Club with Hartz; Amy Maddux: Send email to Adrienne regarding Supper Club opportunity with Hartz.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - MR. CASTAGNOLI

- Thanks everyone for attending the Town Hall Meeting and PTO Meeting.
- We are well into the Spring semester; Working hard to make-up for 13 total days of lost instruction.
- Knows there is much uncertainty surrounding all the HISD changes; Knows parents are concerned; Thanks parents for all their support; FBMS team is 100% committed to continuing to provide the same excellence in education regardless of the changes.
- Public schools need strong voice of the parents; Please stay in the public schools and continue to support them.
- Spring Break Camp: March 12-14 (Monday through Wednesday), 8:30 am – 12:30 pm with open gym until 1:00 pm.

Amber thanks everyone for attending.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:13PM

Submitted by Nicole Weaver for Sindee Bielasowicz