

FBMS 2019-2020 PTO

General Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2019

Call to Order at 6:05pm

Quorum met.

President Report – Ruth Mendez

Welcome and sign in. Free dress bracelets can be used Friday, Oct 18th

Treasurer Report – Tracy Liswesky

Financial Reconciliation- Ending balance \$107,000. As of Sunday, we have spent 16K. Spending money on teacher grants. Opened up \$750 grants to teachers. Reconciliation is a check of books. 2017/2018 revealed we need to be more rigorous with use of the debit card. Not going with credit card. Voted debit card and use needs 2 approvals. Documented use of debit card. Theater club has an opportunity for volunteer hours. Agreed to a pass-through line item – will not incur extra expenses. Will receive matching gifts.

The following items were presented at the general meeting:

- **Supplement Article VI FINANCIAL POLICIES 6.02 Banking to include the following:
The Frank Black Middle School PTO may also have a debit card for its checking account. A debit card may only be used by the Treasurer or his/her delegate to pay for an approved expenditure with agreement in writing from another authorized signer on the checking account; provided that the foregoing persons may not process or agree to use of the debit card if they have a direct or indirect interest in the expenditure.**
- **Reduce Teacher Development budget by \$1,300.
Note: This reduction is supported by Principal Honore because she has a budget line for professional development. This item is included in this Emergency Vote because the money will be used to fund the FBMS mentor program (see item 2 below). This program has already kicked off so money to help pay for the uniforms for the program is requested ASAP.**
- **Create a new line item to the FBMS PTO budget for student mentor program and fund this line item with a budget of \$1,300.00.
Note: The \$1,300.00 will be used to pay for a portion of the cost of the uniforms for the students who participate in Rogers University, an FBMS mentor program. This program has already kicked off so money to help pay for the uniforms for the program is requested ASAP. This mentor program will be lead by HISD FBMS counselor Brandon Rogers. The program will be titled Rogers University. It is a campus based and led program with consistent and daily contact with about 25 scholars. This program will allow for leadership possibilities prior to high school and college. Mr. Rogers has already secured 7 volunteers to serve as mentors for this program.**
- **Add a line item to the FBMS budget titled "Theater Club Pass-through" with a budget of \$0 to the 2019-2020 budget.**

Note: This is included in the emergency vote because the license for the Spring Musical must be purchased ASAP. This is a one-time line item to the FBMS budget. Our Fine Arts Liaison requested this line item to solicit sponsors for the 2020 Spring Musical, with the intent that they will formalize a Booster club for next year. Monies donated to this line item will be spent entirely on the Spring Musical. The PTO will incur no extra income or expenses as a result of this vote.

Tim Weltin moved, Amy Maddox, second— all items passed

Community in Schools – Amanda Rhodes

Non-profit. 501c-3 housed inside of schools, offer resources for all students-enrichment/academic/counseling/teacher assistance. Year round/catered to the child's needs. Consent forms available. Individual and group sessions. Teacher recommended, student initiated, self-referred. Academics, behavior, attendance, home-life.

Principal Report- Ms. Honore

Surpassed our fall fundraiser goal of \$30K. She now gets to put the snake around her neck. Shout out to the PTO for providing teachers with lunches. Remind app- figured out a way to use the remind app without getting charged. Disregard previous Remind message.

Fifth grade day- 10 elementary schools, am/pm, middle schooler for the day. Invitation for the schools to bring their classes, not individual parents to pull kids and bring. Marketing to surrounding neighborhoods.

Ascending to Men- ATM, district funded. Mentors come from district. Rogers U is campus based and will have 40 students. Agenda same – mentors from campus only. Peer to peer mentoring as well. Overseen by counselor Brandon Rogers.

Female mentor program- PBIS – Restorative practices at FBMS. In the works.

Homecoming events – all events are on website- big week- spirit week- Is there a new coding for classes? Yes, due to teachers receiving their certifications. What is Hispanic Heritage Day? In the cafeteria on October 17th. Night with parents in the community to celebrate Hispanic Culture. Food/entertainment/student presentations. 5-7pm Campus wide. Are 6th graders trying out for fall baseball? Will have a 6th grade team and a 7th / 8th grade team. Fall ball will be only within the school. Info will be sent out. Short introductory season.

Secretary Report – Jenn Brown

April 2019 General meeting minutes- Minutes were presented. No changes or corrections. Minutes approved as presented.

May 2019 General meeting minutes- Minutes were presented. No changes or corrections. Minutes approved as presented.

Parent Involvement Report – Tim Weltin

Spirit chain- Students can purchase a strip and the student council will construct. Displayed in cafeteria. Prizes given next week. Panther points can be used to purchase strips.

Campus tours are ongoing between now and December on Thursdays at 1:30pm

Adventure camp- 4th/5th Tuesday 11/5, Wed 11/6, 3:30-5:30, flyers sent out

Evening tour – Thursday 11/7 at 6pm

Waltrip- 6pm tour 11/6

Middle school for a day – 11/14, multiple schools visiting FBMS. Sixth graders off campus.

*Need one person between now and thanksgiving to rid campus of old art car, must be donated could be given to a charity, scrap metal donation

1M fabrication lab at Waltrip HS- it's open 4:15-6pm, free to attend Tuesday 10/22

Will the district have tours on 10/31? Yes, at FBMS.

Ms. Honore: On 11/4 we will have an 8th grade parent meeting. Representatives from Heights HS, Waltrip, Scarborough and others will be present. It's at 5pm in community center to answer questions. 11/1- 8th grade field high school field trip.

1st VP Education – Jennifer Perry

Campus beautification update- still has funds from last year, includes lobby of theater, outdoor classroom, striping of basketball court. Want a project that can be finished. Needs v. wants. Nothing finalized at this point. Appreciation event for the teachers- Pink Berry truck to thank for flooding day. Ongoing lunches funded by PTO and Title 1. Curriculum ideas in the works for teachers- looking at budget for this. How can we fill the gaps?

Ruth addressed teacher appreciation funds/ budget and showed where to find it.

2nd VP Fundraising – Lori Ariaza

Fall Fundraiser – Holly & Celilia- very successful exceeded \$35K. \$10K in sponsorships. 10/23 is the final part of the event. Volunteers needed- make sure to be VIPs approved

PTO newsletter – if you haven't signed up go get it. It has all info parents need.

Spirit Nights – Friday early dismissal Dipping Dots \$5 and Roller Skating from 2-6 at Dairy Ashford. Next one- October 23/24 at Tacos A GoGo

Amazon Smile, Box tops, Kroger- Box tops has a new app- makes it easy to scan receipt for eligible products. Submission for paper box tops are due by 10/25- there will be a Nov submission. No longer going toward individual houses.

Tailgate, Monday, October 21, 2019 – showcase clubs/organizations. No baseball showing. Bring cash. Announcement for small bills will be made to students.

Homecoming Dance – 6th grade Friday, Oct 25, 2019 and 7th/8th Saturday, October 26

Working on logistics. Signup on FB, Signup genius. Need volunteers for 7th/8th. Tickets sales start tomorrow 10/17. \$5 for tickets or 75 panther points. Will be given a wrist band. Pizza/chips/churros. DJ

Weltin. Photo booth, lighting, fog machine. Water donations needed. Does the school need to purchase the crowns for the game? Yes. Mr. Bridgewater is on it.

Auction – Jan 31st. Roaring 20s. Have had a couple of meetings. Needing volunteers.

School Store- PTO still open on Fridays only. All 3 lunches. Are we doing yard signs? Yes. Hoodies can be purchased online. Need volunteers. Link on PTO website for 11-1 lunch shifts for school store.

3rd VP Community Building – Jeana Teeter

Legislation -Newsletter provides an update.

Membership – membership incentive deadline is October 31, 2019 with principal dinner on Wednesday, November 13, 2019. Membership gives you voting rights. How do I get a yard sign? Tim Weltin. For fall fundraiser- when are incentives being delivered? As received, they will be delivered. PTO has purchased a shirt for the entire staff to wear on Black Out Day of HOCO week.

Grade level updates

6th grade rep – Cheyenna Brehm

Info from Mr. Mehta. DC trip is for the summer of 2021. Info on FB page. Tailgate booth will be confetti eggs. U of H will be the field trip. VIPs approval required.

7th grade rep – Michelle Galindo

Tailgate – shaving cream. Still need volunteers for setting up/ cleanup for dance. Field trip on 11/1 for Texas AM. Tinyurl.com/VIPs is how to sign up. Comes from Raptorware. Hisd wide.

8th grade rep – Nicole Weaver

VOLUNTEERS! Tailgate- donuts/water. Really need HOCO volunteers! 8th grade volunteers for FFF. High schooler for a day on 11/1- need 30 volunteers.

Adjourned at 7:03pm