

FHES PTA Meeting
Tuesday, February 7, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 9:32 AM. Gayle Schlueter, PTA President, presided.

The minutes from the January 10, 2017 were approved without change.

Principals' Report (Mr. Rivera)

- **Problem Based Learning (PBL):** Initiative is implemented throughout Madison Pyramid, K-12. Teachers trying to have 2 PBL projects/year. PBL is an AAP activity. PBL training for teachers is continuing
- **Teacher Retirements:** A few coming; official announcement in June after SOLs; don't want children disrupted.
 - **Gayle Schlueter:** please give PTA plenty of notice if assisting with retirement party/parties.
- **Faithful Falcons:** Recognitions are starting next week; *Joey* cards from *Outback Steakhouse* are the reward; not to worry if *Joey* card is expired: *Outback* will honor expired cards,
- **Lice:** Only one class has been affected since beginning of year (letter was sent out to parents); current challenges are flu and colds
- **AAP Teacher Training:**
 - AAP Teacher training paid for by PTA;
 - Most FHES teachers have some AAP courses; need 4 courses to be qualified, many have 3 already. Goal is 100% staff officially qualified in AAP;
 - Teachers have a number of years to complete the coursework
 - Kids are now heterogeneously grouped in 4th & 5th grade (AAP with standard program)
- **Kiss & Ride**
 - Gayle Schlueter thanked Mr. Rivera for sending KIT message that Lindel Lane may not be used as a Kiss & Ride zone.
 - There are still problems in Kiss & Ride area in parking lot:
 - Parents getting out of cars; knocked down "no left turn" sign at lot entrance
 - Patrols and staff may not open car doors at Kiss & Ride; students inside car must open door by themselves.

Teachers' Report (Mr. Rivera):

- Teacher rep to PTA: Mrs. Gage
- Counselor Appreciation Week is this week

Treasurer's Report (Dana Worek)

- Midyear Update
 - \$34,000 raised this year; spent \$43,000
 - Friends of Flint Hill raised \$20,295

- 1/3 of total expenditures are paid to FCPS (field trip buses, reading program, etc.)
- Current fundraising
 - Readathon replaced this year by Silent Auction
 - Readathon raised \$12,000 in 2016
 - Will reassess return of Readathon for FY '17-18
 - Pennywars (May/June): easy management, donation of spare change; competition between classes/grades
- Membership Revenue: up to \$7,000 this year, was \$4,000 in FY '15-16
 - More people are joining the PTA!

Fundraising Report (Meaghan Molinini)

- **Original Works:** very successful, \$3,000
 - Should do it again next year; families, students, Mrs. Collatie happy with the project and results.
 - Not hard to do.
- **Luau & Auction:** Meeting on February 8, 9:45 AM, Library
 - Need volunteers for variety of tasks
 - Packaging items
 - Presenting them online
 - Spreading the word
 - Sarah Speer and Beth Hahn have been amazing help
 - Acquired great prizes: Disney trip; wine tour; wine tasting for 20; restaurant certs, etc.
 - Teachers: donated experiences
 - 50-50 Raffle
 - Prime parking spaces and seating will be auctioned for school events.
 - Asking parents for donations (vacations, sports tix, etc)
 - Auction Item Preview: going up on Facebook & Twitter
 - Stacey Ying is in charge of organizing Luau & Auctions social media presence
 - Everyone will receive booklet displaying auction items
 - No limit to attendance – need 250 people. Have 500 families in school
 - 20 tickets sold thus far;
 - invited all teachers & staff (70); haven't gotten all teacher RSVPs in yet
 - hors d'oeuvres + 1 drink ticket included in entry ticket price; selling additional drink tix

Committee Reports

- **Reflections (Jess Nichole Snow):** No one advanced to District level; planning small recognition ceremony in Front Office; during morning news? Mr. Rivera approved general idea; he and Jess will flesh out the program

- **6th Grade Dance** (Dana Worek): PTA cannot grant tax deductions for donations towards 6th Grade Dance;. Dance is supported by PTA but is not a PTA event; funneling donations FBO this project alone would not pass audit. Meaghan to update Shari Brown on PTA Board decision. Shari should take contributions directly; cannot set up PayPal account through PTA
- **Spelling Bee** (Eliza Morss): Jr. Spelling Bee successful; 35 spellers; Alexander Lu (2nd gr) won; Sr. Bee will be on Friday, February 10. Expecting 48 spellers (3rd-6th gr + Jr. Bee top finishers)

New Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 10:19 AM.

The next FHES PTA meeting will be held at 9:30 AM on Tuesday, March 14.

Attendance

Meaghan Molinini
Natacha Moore
Eliza Morss
Sal Rivera
Gayle Schlueter
Jess Nichole Snow
Kathy Tennant
Dana Worek