

FHS PTSA General Meeting
October 25, 2018
FHS Room M-221

Meeting was called to order at 7:01

Board members in attendance: Lisa Zuniga, Amber Wagner, Jean Hansen, Stephanie Roth, Amy Dirk, Richelle Morgan, Beth Azar, Heidi McNamee, Jonell Alvi, Chris DeMars, Laura Smoyer, Julie Reed. Student Representative was not in attendance.

Quorum was met

Introductions were made

Administrative Business:

Lisa said we don't have to have a motion to approve general meeting minutes. She just has to ask if we have seen them.

Seeing as there are no changes, they stand.

Changes to standing rules are:

- 1) The Executive Board meetings will occur prior to every PTSA General Meeting at 6:30 pm. Meeting times, days and frequency may be modified per Executive Board discretion.
- 2) The suggested order of business for meetings of this association shall be at the discretion of the PTSA President:
 - Call to Order
 - Administrative Business
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Board Reports
 - PTSA Program
 - Principal's Report
 - Old Business
 - New Business
 - Adjournment
- 3) Standing rules shall be reviewed and revised, if necessary, by November 15th general membership meeting.

Laura Smoyer moved to adopt the Standing Rules as amended. Richelle Morgan Seconded. The motion was passed.

Standing rules will be adopted as amended.

Educators of the Month:

Every meeting we have two staff that are chosen as Educators of the Month.

Kate Moore nominated Chris Qual, one of Franklin High School's custodians. The comment that has summed up his retirement the most is "I don't want him to go".

Raquel Laiz, who is the coordinator of the College and Career Center, was nominated by Jill Cornejo. Jill recognized her for her kindness and all the hard work she puts in. Raquel announced that she is transitioning to a position at the district office.

PTSA Program, FHS Systems:

This program is to shine some light on what parents find confusing. Tonight we will focus on ParentVue and grading with Vice Principal Emily Mather. And on fees with Sonja Harvey, the FHS Business Manager.

Emily Mather:

There are two philosophies, grading *of* learning and grading *for* learning.

Traditional grading helps to persist achievement gaps that have been in existence for a long time. Averages are a hallmark of traditional grading. Proficiency grading is a direct response to traditional grading methods. Proficiency pushes back against averages and deadlines. Proficiency asks teachers to make academic outcomes to be more focused and less on punctuality and behavior.

Franklin is still largely traditional grading. About 30% is proficiency grading, especially in the math department.

Post secondary education still leans toward traditional grading.

The teacher contract says teachers are required to report quarterly. There are various levels of how much teachers use the grade book. It's up to them how much they want to use it, aside from the required. Emily is hoping for eventually more clarity from the district level on this.

There is a healthy community of teachers that do and can use parentvue well. But there could be more work done. Parents can always email teachers from synergy with questions regarding grading.

Chris Frazier reported that Sheila Dygert will be giving a presentation(s) on ParentVue during conferences.

If you have questions about grading and ParentVUE, feel free to email Emily at emather@pps.net

Sonya Harvey:

First question is do fees from sporting go to school? We collect the money but it gets transferred to the district account. Amber Wagner mentioned that Boosters gets \$30 per volunteer.

Does money collected at Arts Events (plays, dance performance) go to specific programs? All those go to student body funds. All income goes to their specific departments. Arts Alive income gets divided between music, dance, and theatre. Does each department have a budget and who sets it? Yes, and the team of teachers in that department sets the budget.

Public records requests can be sent for to view the budgets.

Safeguards on money collected includes: The number one thing is pre-numbered tickets. We are required to see 2 signatures from volunteers, 2 people must count the money.

Money from field trips and the student store needs to be turned in on a daily basis. Athletic sale money goes back to PIL. The district tries to balance out the funds amongst the schools. It's not always equal but it helps out some of the needs at schools, recognizing that not all schools bring in equal amounts of dollars.

2018 Budget and Treasurers Report: Stephanie talked about the Budget Report. We haven't hit the actual direct donation amount but our membership dollars have doubled. We had a successful Pizzicato night. Wreath sale money gets deposited monthly. Jill McArthur gave PTSA the check for Rocklandia. Grant fund unused money from last year got deposited.

There has been a change in leadership within the Black Student Union. Laura Smoyer made a motion to change the budget line item from "Black Student Union College Visit Transportation" to "Black Student Union--Community Building". Roger Kirchner seconded the motion. The motion is passed. The budget is amended to reflect the changes.

Board Reports:

Student News:

No representative this evening.

Legislative Liaison:

Oregon PTA is a no on measures 103, 104, 105.

Please vote November 6th.

Volunteer Coordinators:

Heidi thanked everyone for all support given so far this year. So far this year there have been 140 volunteer shifts by 70 people. We still need volunteers for the Clothing Center November 5th.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4ca8a923a0ff2-volunteer4>

Heidi asked if people are receiving mail from mailchimp. If you're not getting send Heidi an email. vipsfhsptsa@gmail.com

Membership:

We now have close to 300 members.

Communications:

No update

Members at Large:

Laura: Working with Kelly PTA to get it off the ground, one of our feeders, also went to Creston's Principal's Coffee. Laura is working to keep conversations within our feeder schools.

Julie wanted to acknowledge the hard work of the grants committee and Deidra and Laura's work.

Principal's Report/Q&A:

Principal Chris Frazier

We are at end of grading period. PLC (professional learning community) is up and going. We would love to have a unified team with grading processes but there is also a teacher's contract that has to be acknowledged.

Chris has spent a lot of time on getting departments together. For example, with counseling, how are we consistent, getting the same message out to each family regardless of counselor.

Monday is a planning day. We want to make sure we can give the best service to our students.

We look at things through our lens but will also look at parents' point of view.

Regarding the emails that went out this week pertaining to the threatening message report. Chris felt he wasn't as clear as he wanted to be on the second email sent. He is constrained on some information that can be given out when a situation is under an investigation. He will try to be clearer next time. Your children's safety is of utmost importance.

How are conferences working this year? We will be in gym but there will also be a couple of presentations. The one on ParentVue and also one on how to utilize the library.

What is the counselor load per student? 380 student per counselor. At the end of the day it comes down to systems. It can look like a lot of different things. Helping students get in alignment with what they want. Some counselors don't like their location, so how do you work with that.

New Business:

Grants: Deidra Krys-Rusoff thanked everyone involved. It's a thoughtful process. You get a good sense of what is going on in the school.

There were requests for \$44,000; we gave out \$20,000. We knew there were projects that we wanted to fund more and those are reflected.

Deidra highlighted some of the requests. In particular, we would love to get more student requests. There were only 3 grants that didn't get funded at all and most everything else either got partial funding or found other ways to fund the request.

Deidra made a motion to adopt the Grant's Committee's recommendations. Julia Sherman seconded. The motion was passed.

Flu-Shot Clinic: Flu-shot Clinics kicked off tonight. Monday is the next event. Parent-teacher conferences is the event after that. Students can go to health center at any time to receive the flu vaccine but these events include parents/teachers.

Landscaping: After the new building opened, Franklin had a contract that gave us one year of landscaping. Now that year is over PPS gives us mowing service every 3 weeks and that doesn't include things like trimming and weeding. Lisa would like to suggest a committee to be formed that would partner with The Alumni Association to advocate and approach the district. We would need a PTSA board member on the committee. Julie Reed agreed to be on the committee and Lisa Zuniga will be involved also. Julia Sherman also volunteered to serve on the committee.

Old/Outgoing Business:

Wreath Sale: the last day to order is October 30th.

We had 101 orders total last year and this year we have 60 orders to date.

Auction: Lydia Hess has made the posters already. December 5th is next meeting in this room, M-221 at 7 p.m. It's also never too early to buy tickets and invite people.

Darcy is doing procurement for the auction and could also use some help in soliciting donors.

Booster Club: Amber reported that Jill Grassman, the FAB President, wants the booster club to be the umbrella for all the athletic sales/fundraising. Making money by memberships, by supplying volunteers during varsity events and keep concessions open at all varsity games. Grants to be given out next year. Next meeting is November 5th at 6 p.m.

Anne Kimberly mentioned an upcoming Courageous Conversations meeting at Glencoe Elementary. The meeting is on November 8th at 6pm in the Glencoe

cafeteria. There will be childcare for little kids but anyone is welcome at the table. Pizza will be provided.

There are four more PTSA meetings left in the school year. Next month's meeting is November 29th at 7 p.m. and the topic will be College/Career.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

