

FRIENDSWOOD JUNIOR HIGH PTO MINUTES

Nov 28, 2018

Executive Board: Allison Cravens & Jenny Wiest: President; Leslie Fortenberry and Dene Dexter: V.P.; Liz Fischer: Treasurer; Aimee Reyes: Secretary

Call to Order: 9:35 AM

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 am. A sign-in sheet was distributed.

Attending were Aimee Reyes, Allison Cravens, Liz Fischer, Dana Drew, Dene Dexter, Paige Rideout, Katie Pendle, Lexie Buyajian, Marlene Tamarozzi, Christine Spark (?), and Freddie Larson.

Approval of Minutes: Copies of the minutes from October were distributed for review. A motion was made by Aimee Reyes to approve the minutes, and Katie Pendle seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously passed.

Principal's report

- Volleyball and football finished strong in district championships.
- Basketball season is starting.
- Cross country is disappointing to us because the district changed and the other schools don't really have teams. Will try to get on other agendas for next year.
- Band qualified with more kids in the last competition.
- Choir has regional auditions this weekend.
- Theater performance a few weeks ago.
- 6 grade performances this week or next.
- Schedule change for 7/8 grade finals
 - Reducing time for final exams to about 80 minutes and moving them to three days. Administration tried to eliminate as many possibilities for students having three finals in one day.
 - All staff like to end school before Memorial day which means we push starting date early. The state has pushed up STAAR testing dates to interfere with final exams. We don't think this is good to have the kids stressed out over these exams and finals. Two opportunities is to do the star manually and online. State has said if we do it online, there is a two week window to spread out the test. The state has had glitches in the past but supposedly they are worked out.
 - There are advantages to this schedule for finals setting them up for high school. We like the data to find out how much our kids are able to retain throughout the year. Right now we are just working with the calendar and STAAR testing
- Safety - have new monitor Jim Goodwin on campus. Being present and checking doors.
- The media center/library: When the library was transformed into the media center, a "classroom" was created in the center with open areas so students could go in and out. But have taken the very back bookshelf out so that kids can be seen from the front. Putting in two new cameras located in the ceiling towards front and back with 360 view. A TV will be mounted behind the media center desk that has the view of the cameras so students will know we have full access to entire center. Office area will have one also that will be on all day. Check in/Check out procedure will be changed; students will have to have an admit from teacher and will need to sign in and sign out.
- Time line - getting cost together and should be done by the time we come back from the holidays.
- District is providing the funds.
- Houston Craft here Dec. 22 - selected the 6th grade to listen because the auditorium doesn't hold the entire school. They were selected because they will be at the JH for two more years. Houston Craft is part of the Character Strong group, he is very vibrant and engaging. He will be reinforcing self awareness, good decision making, social learning, etc. They provide the curriculum for the impact classes. Mr. Drew notices the hallways the most and interaction between kids, teachers, counselors has been improving. Kids are exhibiting kindness. Pearland school came to leadership class and other schools wanting to visit the impact classes.
- Vaping, Juuling, E-cigarettes - program on Dec. 12 at FHS. Encouraging parents to attend
 - The reason our kids are the way they are is because of the adults. It's our responsibility to be role models, check on them, don't trust them. We need to have a checks and balances. Encouraging due diligence with your kids and social media. Porn is the new addiction with the kids. Mr. Drew is concerned about our kids and wish it hadn't taken him so long to come to this realization sooner. This is something we need to know about.

Grant Program - Has started; many of grants can be adopted for the teachers and schools. Through school auction there is a website. Multiple people can go in together to purchase a grant. Please call Paige Rideout with any questions. If the funds are greater than the grant, those funds go directly to that campus. FJH PTO picks up many grants that usually aren't very popular for parents.

Treasurer report:

- Still on track compared to prior year we are a little ahead thanks to the socials and the raffle. Socials were higher attended. Our only income for the rest of the year is candy grams and spirit store. Profit for 7/8 grade social was about \$4K.

Fundraising Report

- No report.

Committee Reports

- Volunteers - Mrs. Miller reached out for book fair for help Dec. 7th for set and Dec. 10-14. Not too many volunteers are needed. Will send an email out for volunteer help.
- Directory - complete and posting online. Trying to figure out a plan for it to be sent electronically. Will be posted online.
- Spirit Store
 - Last day for sweatshirt orders is tomorrow and hope to have them by second week of Dec. May just leave in front or do porch pick up.
 - Get with Dene to post all info and put on Facebook pages.
- Candy Grams
 - Will be gathering volunteers later this week for December.
- Teacher Birthdays
 - Great for November and partnering with hospitality for Dec. Great response from volunteers.
- Hospitality
 - Teacher luncheon Dec. 14 during lunch periods. Will be finalizing today where to order from and teaming up with birthdays to provide dessert. Will be posting for gift cards and will need between 75-80 gift cards and will be sending out email for requests.
- Mustang Care Committee
 - No report.
- Character Counts
 - Doing pizza once a month. During the month the staff will turn a child in for good character. Then 8 kids per grade are selected and they will get a pizza lunch. Pizza and cupcakes will be provided by PTO. May try to figure out something different for next year. Will email special projects volunteers to help.
- Science fair: Jan 23. Every grade is welcome to do projects. About 20 participants this year which is about average.
- Pi Day: March 8. Met with Mrs. Litszinger. Kids will design their shirts. Also sell the shirts to students in a different color. 8th grade present projects they have to do as part of TEKS.
- Website: No report

Adjourned at 10:30.

No December meeting. Next meeting is Jan 16 at 9:30.

End of Meeting Minutes