

FJH PTO Meeting 11/12/20

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Mr Drew recap- great start to the year, apprehension about mask wearing but has turned out great. Kids get lax in lunchroom, but staff reminding to keep them on. Numbers remain low. Thanksgiving a concern but hope families continue to be vigilant. Mr Roher's recommendation about future virtual learning- pull some back into F2F because it hasn't been successful for them. Documentation coming out in near future. Please ask questions. NJHS, student council can start meeting, judges for theater, practitioners for band & choir- all beginning to be allowed. But the school will still monitor temp, etc for safety. Teachers still struggling with state mandates, attendance, etc. Still burdensome for them- lots after hours and weekends. Please keep that in mind. When we recognized back in August that we'd be able to go F2F but must have standards, we were very apprehensive. Appreciative of families being careful. Low numbers- maybe 5 students. Then contact tracing. Thankful for our nurses. Luckily none of them have come down with it. QUESTION from a parent- during lunch seat checks- How often are they done? Can we have effective contact tracing if kids not sitting where they are supposed to. ANSWER- Having 6 lunch periods has made management of kids a lot easier. We are able to see if the kids are sitting in same places or not. But we still plan to have several seat checks. Last one was announced but there will be some unannounced ones, too. Kids are starting to become lax. So we'll continue to do those seat checks. Looking forward to seeing the gratitude signs coming up.

Agenda- approval of minutes.

Spirit night- Alexis- several local companies lined up. Menchie's was successful. Monday November 30th next one- planned as a break from Thanksgiving leftovers night.

Spirit Store- drive by did not go as smoothly as hoped. Some spirit wear still need to be distributed.

Hospitality- Megan- pre xmas break breakfast tacos from Rudy's- prewrapped and easy to pick up. Checking with school beginning of December on a date. Donations for drinks? Ask how Ms Bailey wants drinks to work. She may want individual grab and go drinks. We'll do what she wants for drinks. High school had pre poured coffee out for teachers. And need to ask school where they want us to do it. Will figure out the Spring and that budget soon.

Care Committee- kristen

Pie Day- Mrs Litzinger said it will be different due to covid. She plans on at least doing shirts. Students get to design and vote on designs. There was a concern about some families not having funds to pay for the Pi day shirts. The PTO has a Pi day budget for shirts. We can help those who can not afford a shirt. In January Mrs Litzinger will rethink expanding pi day. Maybe videos of kids doing things. Pi day last year was last day we were in school. Ask Whataburger to donate individual pies? HEB? Maybe pass out in Geometry as a fun treat to enjoy that day.

Science fair- big one will be virtual this year. Supposed to be first week in January

Website- we have one! Kristin Kipling. Nothing on it now but it is up and running. Slowly getting built. Eventually will have a store on it. Fjhpto.com We bought the domain name. Once it has more stuff on it, we will add to the school website.

Boxtop- last time only around \$3 on it. We thought the app would be easier. Just not producing.

Shout outs & bdays- continue to trickle in. Binder is with Mr Weston. Katie is dropping them off as we get them. Haven't heard anything about it. So assuming all is well. Some forms came in without money. Those were sent back in for payment.

Nurses- They have run out of snacks. They have asked for more mini water bottles and individual snack bags. Drop off donations to Katie Pendle.

Signs of gratitude- Mr Roher's challenge of sending out letter of gratitude. FISDEDFD switching it up- re-purpose those signs. Old signs will be dropped off at the school tomorrow, Friday 11/13. Kids can pick them up, decorate with words of thanks, return to school by Sunday, 11/14. Kids will put where teachers will see as they drive to school. Mrs Martin (NJHS) will ask those students to participate. They will be given service hours for it. Info will be on FJH PTO FB page, each class page, Mrs Martin will tell NJHS kids. Please have your child pick up a sign to decorate with words of gratitude for the staff!

Will we do anything for faculty? Gift cards. Hope school will reach out if they want something.

Treasure report- Libby- Budget vs actual- we've made more than we were expecting. And our expenses have been less than what we were expecting. We are pretty normal for this time of year.

Next meeting 12/10. Hoping by January we'll know how spring will look.