

FJH PTO Meeting 4/8/2021

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Mr. Drew- update soccer tryouts, swimming, finishing up track, musical coming up 15, 16, 17
Annie Jr staff performance on 14th,
Capacity at indoor functions can be changed based on what we need and feel comfortable with.
So we will go to 50% capacity for musical
Awards and NJHS induction will be during the day and we will live stream-(tentative), getting equipment to do it nicely. Reason being some still refusing to wear masks. Not getting the cooperation from parents on wearing masks that we'd like. 8th grade NJHS induction attendance alone would break fire code.
No 8th grade dance this year.
Please go online to see STAAR dates, be first year for all online testing (paper copies for writing), an email will go out, too. Testing ends Friday before last week of school, make up days, awards, NJHS induction will close out school
Parents please help us enforce dress code policies
Video about recent incident on campus- unfortunate it happened and even more unfortunate that it got recorded and spread. Reminding students that using phone for unacceptable use (recording what is not approved by teacher) can cause them to lose phone privileges for the day. Parents seem to think staff can be everywhere all the time. Not possible. We try to be there, patrolling but impossible to be everywhere all the time. Working through incident with everyone involved.
Question to Mr Drew- what is electronics policy? cell phones can be used to check in between in hallways and during lunch, only. Headphone is just one ear. Cell phones are not to be used in class or in hallways for pictures or videos unless teachers have given permission ahead of time. No use in the restrooms or dressing rooms for any purpose at all.
Question about dress code violations- girls rolling up shorts to have shorter- must reach fingertips, leggings must have shirt that goes to finger tips, shirts must not show bellies, boys must also have shorts reaching fingertip length

Guest speaker, Dayna Owen- Executive director of communications- gives thanks to PTO for all we do and helping to spread information to parents- website, social media (FB, twitter, Instagram)- not so many emails because mostly COVID emails, Calendar- google calendar- PTO's, please keep it updated to help keep parents up to date What can we do better? What do you see that you like? See less of? Etc (for communication)

- parent suggestion- is there a way to not get communication when a teacher creates an assignment.
- is there a way to set up an alert when a grade falls below a certain number. ANSWER- In skyward, you can make the settings to a certain number to alert you when it falls below, you will continue to notify until it goes up
- it would be nice to get email or text the day before an unusual event at the school- picture day, STAAR, western wear day, etc. ANSWER- Parents may need to decide what is wanted in the district. Currently want to keep texts for emergency. Maybe survey if we want to change that. We can offer parents the option to opt in or out for texts.
- Usually calendar doesn't change. But this year the calendar changed. Asynch days given and then taken away. Harder for people to keep track of. People have to check emails and look at the website.
- Add to calendar- the registration dates, dates going to school to get schedules, etc
- Where do we get most of our information? Social media? Many say, yes. Many have stayed away from social media these days. It might be nice to have real time information from texts.
- please feel free to contact Dayna with any future questions, dowen@fisd12.net
- old website had schools listed on first page- now finding where the schools are listed- harder To find individual school, must go back to district page to go to different schools. ANSWER- At the top of the page, there is a grey toolbar with a SCHOOLS tab. The grey toolbar will be on every page in the website. But the mobile version doesn't have the grey toolbar to quickly find schools.

BUSINESS-

Dene- Looking at new minutes- approval of new minutes

Libby- Budget- only thing that happened in March- Sam's purchase for teacher monthly goodies- chocolate chunk cookies. Looking great for budget. Not much to talk about. Preparing a worksheet to send to the board to decide what we can give the school. We can gift something, won't be as big as last year. Bank statements will go out every month via email. Will continue to do from now on. Teacher luncheon- will be a good chunk of money, 2019-2020 \$1500-\$1700 for the lunch.

Alexis- spirit night- last Tuesday communication came out a little later than hoped, we did not get as much as we'd hoped-\$500 in sales and Scoop will give us \$100. Scoop is very friendly and easy to work with. Maybe go ahead and put something in place for May. Go ahead and do and add summer months, too. Can we add spirit nights to district calendar and even district newsletter? Maybe too many with all of the schools and all of the sports teams and foundations. I think better coordination between all of the schools. Summer is a good opportunity to tap into spirit nights.

No update on dodgeball for next year

Hospitality- teacher luncheon during teacher appreciation week- May7th. Probably pre-packed. Teacher treats once a month.

Website- still have on Weebly. We need to make the decision to pay, store, take off weebly name, etc. Weebly is still the cheapest and user friendly. Spirit store on website would be nice. Paper orders last year was very hard. Website prices are reasonable. We can keep spirit store under 25 items. Plan for in person registration. So have website up and store ready for registration. Is there a way to have PTO sign up, registration and payment on the website?

Voting for board- Kristen Westerfield & Trisha Bailey co-chair president, Michelle DeLaRoche VP, Libby Sims treasurer, Amber Pugsley secretary. VOTE- All voted yes (10 yes votes)- Amber Pugsley, Libby Sims, Dene Dexter, Katie Pendle, Michelle DeLaRoche, Heath DeLaRoche, Alix Attaway, Trisha Bailey, Alexis DiFrisco, Lia Nguyen- ALL VOTE YES

Usually do a lunch- with old board members and new board members. This is where we give Mr Drew the check from the PTO. The lunch won't happen this year.

Next meeting 5/6 at 9:30- new committee or board members, please email Dene- ptofjh@gmail.com to get your email listed for next year's communications. Usually in person meetings in the trailblazer room.