

FJH PTO Meeting 9/10/2021

Attendance

Michelle De La Roche

Beth Abay

Emily LeRoux

Brandee Fernandez

Heather McCormick

Patricia Bailey

Leah Direkly

Diane Freeman

Alicia Wilson

Maria Karg

Libby Sims

Amber Pugsley

Kristen Westerfield

Dana Drew

Thad Roher

Kristen called meeting at 9:37

New Board was introduced- Co-Presidents- Kristen Westerfield and Patricia Bailey

Vice President- Michelle De La Roche

Secretary- Amber Pugsley

Treasurer- Libby Sims

Guest speaker- Thad Roher

Thankful for those willing to serve in the PTO- numbers of those dwindle at the higher levels.

Bond-

There are some district wide projects that aren't as exciting as the bigger projects but still need to take place- some safety and security items- door changes, technology updates, maintenance- like air conditioning and pumps.

#ANewLegacy

What are our hopes and dreams for our kids? What has driven what we do? Pandemic or not, we are on a tipping point of legacy of learning.

How and what we learn- examples- looking at FISD's 13 beliefs and 7 goals what drives us to do what we do

Goal 6- Students will be engaged in authentic learning experiences in and beyond the classroom- example Cline- the glow you see in cline is the garden growing in the hydroponic system. Experiences stick, not paper. Our hopes are to make it more and more each day.

Example at the high school- ambulance in the high school came through the UTMB grant for students to get hands on experience, cake wars in culinary department- Chick-Fil-A cake

Back to the BOND- 2 aspects- 1) new Cline plus classroom additions to Windsong (6 classroom addition), Bales (4 classroom addition), and Westwood (4 classroom addition). 2) high school-new auditorium, moving of the tennis courts, fine arts wing, gym and locker rooms, career tech spaces, additional athletic spaces.

Cline- people can have access to spaces after hours, bus loop on Pleasant Hill, plenty of parking- Showed the Cline video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MTwKBbnXDwc>)

High School- on the 20th the property we have purchased will be cleared- spring of 2023 we hope to have a program in the new auditorium, new parking, practice fields, gym, engineering space, culinary space, video tech area. Video of High School

Tax decrease- 2 cents, promised only 10 cent increase- that was financial predictions then- pandemic gave super low interest rates, appraisals have gone up, combination makes 2 cents decrease

Education Foundation- Helped fund some of the grants at our schools- ambulance is one example. Other ways to get involved- get involved with those activities- upcoming events- sporting clays, adopt a grant, gala, shop a thon, givebacks, legacy merchandise
Follow on social media

Also FISD podcast is newest venture- tune in there

Covid- safety and security of children is main priority- looking through that lens only would mean going 100% virtual, as we see community spread, we need to look through the instructional lens- some of these second graders have never known a school year without covid, in constant communication with Galveston county- looking through the lens of student learning, we need to navigate both lenses, trying to move forward together and be able to change as we go along

Question from a parent- Are you saying we will shut schools down? We will do everything we can to not. If we shut down, it will be because Galveston co made us. It is the belief of the board to not have a virtual option, except for students quarantining. The belief is in school is the best place for our kids.

Mr Drew- Principal's report- start of the year went well, authentic learning- touching students' interests and desires. Teachers are doing professional learning and continuing to pursue new ventures for students

Athletics in full swing and are exciting

We do allow drop offs- However, a person brings something in and asks to give to student, involves interrupting class for call, student leaves (more interruptions), student gets behind, teacher needs to catch up. Drop offs allowed, but know it does cause interruptions. Mr drew is asking for us to think about what can our child do without, can I drop off at another time, what can I do to limit interruptions.

Social media/bullying- students watched a video in Impact- students have to learn to be respectful. You don't have to be friends with everyone, you don't have to agree but need to be acceptable to each other. Junior high has never been easy for kids. Parent committee will be created. Cell phones cause of bullying. Videos being circulated. Not happening at school, it is at home. Mr Drew takes phone, put in cell phone and seals in envelope. Asks parents to go through the phone with kids. Lots of pornography on phones. School is notified when kids access inappropriate sites on campus- some assignment related- some not. Kids are watching adults as parents, adults, and a community. Many of their behaviors stem from what they see us doing.

Question from a parent- Are parents still not allowed to come onto campus for volunteer opportunities? Right now we are probably not going to see much relaxed. 6th grade social and parent orientation still happening. Things could always change. Taking one day at a time Parental concerns with safety in crosswalks- addressed in Mr Drew's video to kids. He addresses certain crosswalks and areas of concerns. Kids instructed to cross MansionPpkwy at the crosswalk right out the school doors and follow the new sidewalk all the way down to Falcon Ridge. Always here for questions. Thank you for help with lockers.

Motion to approve May minutes- Tricia motioned, Alicia second.

Libby- Treasures' report- budget explained. Amazon smile \$235.90 which was a nice bonus! Looking for a treasurer for next year- please send interested parties to Libby!

Committee Reports-

6th grade social- 9/24- need volunteers- Will there be more volunteer opportunities?

7/8th Grade social – homecoming weekend

Hospitality- already had luncheon- went well, Rudy's bbq potato bar

Teacher Bdays- first one today- a lot of treats, august and sept

Spirit stores- issues with supplies with Inked designs, going to wait to do more shirts, super cool other spirit gear (toys, squishies, etc). Is spirit store on the 17th still going on? Want to let parents know on social media to send money with kids. There will be a paypal option. Still have decals, pop sockets- kids only during lunch- no parents- video of things for sale for spirit store. Grams- assuming we'll have Halloween grams? Waiting to buy so we don't do a bunch of returns.

Dodgeball- more info in the next month or two.

Next meeting will be 10/8 at 9:30