

FJH PTO Meeting 1/14/22

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9:36 called to order

Principal's report- Mr. Drew

- updating COVID on FJH campus- We are sending kids home every day because either testing positive or being quarantined. Encouraging staff to take care of themselves because it is going through staff, too. Today seven open positions with no subs and having to piece meal coverage daily. Virtual component is gone so harder for students who are out to stay caught up. At least they still have chromebooks to stay as up to date on assignments as possible. FJH currently has the highest number of cases in district. But hopefully FJH will soon be lowest once it runs through and kids get some immunity.
- Special guy in staff who hasn't been with us in over a year- Mr. Landfried. He had surgery the day before yesterday and things are looking better. GoFund me account has raised over \$40K for him. He has a special gift with kids and we miss him greatly. At the same time, directors are doing great in his absence.
- Safety- catalytic converter theft- October pulled into back parking lot and in 7 minutes took 6 off of Toyota trucks. High school just had one pulled off. Easy and fast to take. A bus barn was hit recently. 3 months back ordered for replacements because so many thefts right now. Just a reminder to be careful where you park and be aware. Extra security patrolling. Cameras didn't catch because in blind spots.
- Athletic activity- teams are doing great. Our level is not super competitive. Trying to find a district along similar competitive level for us.
- Lots of great things going on in classrooms. Assessment is looked at quite a bit. How do we grade kids, how do we give feedback? Focusing on feedback. Not just giving a grade, giving how to improve feedback as well. Hoping to have kids grasp their own learning as they go along.
- 2/23/22 Will hold an evening assembly for parents. It will show things Mr Drew feels every parent needs to know. Giving knowledge and share his experience (over 20 years), what administrators see in this age, what parents can do to help, community, adult population can do to help. Maybe even do a blog. Every parent would love to have a Hallmark movie for their kids' lives. But if our kids don't know how to deal with hardship

now, it will make things harder for them as they grow older. Reflection- allows to see where currently stand. Counselors will also talk about mental health.

- Group of parents getting together with administration to discuss cell phone use at school. Will approach the board with findings. To see if a plan can get in place.
- Staff appreciates birthday breakfasts.
- Questions-
 - o 1) dates for course selection- shifting dates due to covid- reworking getting high school counselors information to students. Information will come out to parents soon.
 - o 2) Is there a way to limit youtube access at school? Don't have a definite answer but maybe the parent committee on cell phone usage in school will help. And hoping that teachers are up and walking around noticing what kids are doing.
 - o Compliment was given to the band directors and Mrs Bachelor filling in during mr landfried's absence.
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December minutes- approve Libby- second- Toni

Treasurers report- not much has changed since last meeting because of break.

- Paid Texas taxes- \$980. Only change is hospitality- that expense is in print out. We tend to go over budget for expenses but our income has been over, too. So balancing out. Please feel free to ask Libby to see anything, if you have questions, want to look at bank statements, etc.
- Grams- no V-day grams because of omicron. Will have a March grams- summer theme. It might be better because candy was hard to come by around Christmas. Maybe by march it will be better

Spirit Store- No January store. Lots of sales in December.

Hospitality- December luncheon/Transportation breakfast went well. Baked potatoes from Rudy's for luncheon. Leftovers went to custodial dinner.

Science Fair- awards and ribbons have been ordered- same as last year. Provide awards and food for judges and snacks for students.

Teacher Birthdays- filled table. Thank you for blasting out signup to social media and class pages. We always need help, especially baked goods and gluten free. Looking for companies to sponsor/donate goods and can use as marketing. Next month will be 2/11.

Dodgeball Tournament- planning started- 3/25 starting at 5 (not sure if doors open at 5 or actual tournament starts at 5). Opening to Figuring out how to structure team so older kids not against younger kids. Will have food trucks. Will need volunteers.

Dates to remember- Next meeting 2/11 at 9:30

Meeting adjourned at 10:15AM