

FJH PTO
Meeting Minutes September 8, 2023

Attendance:

Kristen Westerfield
Lizbeth Kavadiai
Kristen Rhodes
Diane Freeman
Misty Deware
Victoria Merkys
Kristen Delesn
Shanna McLaughlin
Charis Pollard
Sharnell Hoffman
Michelle Lindsey
Stacy Condon
Trisha Bailey
Rebecca Clark
Dana Drew
Kim Cole
Kelley Brege
Courtney Higgenbotham
Alyssa Smith
Carli Vogel
Alicia Wilson
Michelle Rowe
Riechel Beauchamp
Ty Beauchamp
Kristin Robinson

Meeting Commenced 10:30am

Presentation by Kim Cole, Assistant Superintendent

- I. Voter-Approval Tax Ratification Election (VATRE)
 - a. Increased tax rate to maximize local state funding
- II. Local Taxes contribute to:
 - a. (1) Maintenance & Operations (M & O)
 - i. Everyday District Operations (I & S)
 - b. (2) Interest & Sinking
 - i. Pay the debt on school bonds
- III. Proposed Tax Rate \$1.08
 - a. 79.53 towards M & O
 - b. 28.47 I & S
- IV. Lowest tax rate in more than 40 years
 - a. Down from the \$1.2094 total tax rate
- V. Yield \$1.2 million additional revenue annually

- VI. VOTE
 - a. Early Voting Oct 23rd-Nov 3rd
 - b. Election Day Nov 7th
- VII. Voting locations, times, and additional information at myFISD.com/vatre

Mr. Drew Presentation

- I. Mr. Drew's newsletter was recently distributed via email so watch your inbox.
 - a. Focus this school year is building a bridge between parents, teachers and students.
 - b. Objective is for parents to work with school/staff to help create a culture of kindness. This is what the Tik Tok challenge is about.
- II. Exploring developing and implementing an Honor Code
 - a. Established a committee comprised of school staff to draft the Honor Code
 - i. The Staff Committee will share the draft with the Behind the Scenes Student Committee for their input.
 - b. Examples of objectives of the Honor Code may include student:
 - i. Importance of being on time;
 - ii. Allowing teachers to teach;
 - iii. Projecting themselves as a positive student in class.
 - c. School Psych Based Committee will review the draft proposal for their input.
- III. Behind the Scenes Student Committee
 - a. Made up of students identified by counselors. Students from all grade levels represented on the Committee.
 - i. Existed pre-COVID
 - b. Identify issues at the school
 - c. Work in conjunction with school staff to brainstorm and implement strategies to help address these issues and prevent them from continuing to be a problem.

Treasurer Report

As of August 31, 2023, total assets \$34,783.35

Upcoming FJH Socials

- I. 6th grade social on Oct 7th from 6-8pm
- II. 7th/8th Grade Social
 - a. October 6th from 5-7pm
 - b. Students may ride the buses transporting Mustang fans to FHS for the football game.
 - i. Students need a permission slip from their parents to ride the bus.
 - ii. Parents must purchase a ticket for the football game separately.
- III. Tickets for Socials sold in advance and at the door

Spirit Store

2nd order pick-up scheduled for 7th and 8th grade open houses. If you did not pick-up at the open houses, please check your email for pick-up instructions.

Grams Committee

Boo Grams event between October 25th-27th

Hospitality

- I. Next Teacher Birthday celebration hosted by PTO is scheduled for October 6th.
- II. These special events are made possible through the generous donations of parents and local businesses.
- III. Such events will include a cake and other food items, however, it will not be a full meal.

8th Grade Dance

- I. Looking to secure a date at FHS' new facility which is expected to be completed by March 2024.
- II. Back up venue would be FJH Cafeteria where the dance has been held in previous years.
- III. Outside venues are likely cost prohibitive. For example, Stillwater Ranch is \$12,000 for a Saturday night event.

Dodgeball Tournament

- I. Scheduled for March 21st
- II. There will be at least two gyms with the possibility of a third gym
- III. Anticipating initial registration will only be open to junior high students to ensure they are able to register their team. After the initial registration period, can expect registration to open up to certain elementary aged students.

Crosswalk Protocal

- I. It's unclear to parents what the crosswalk protocols are for the four-way stop that is supervised during school drop-off and pick-up.
- II. Parents want to see students able to cross Manison Parkway to access Falcon Lakes, etc.
- III. Parents reporting that at present, students only able to cross to and from West Ranch neighborhood.
- IV. Discussion about incorporating into students' Connections Classes a biking and pedestrian safety lesson.

Adjourn 11:36am