

## FJH PTO Meeting

November 7, 2024

Call to Order: 9:08 a.m.

- I. Board
  - a. Allison Waldman
  - b. Erin Erb
  - c. Sema Gonzalez
  - d. Charis Pollard
  - e. Alicia Wilson
  - f. Holly Chari
- II. Approval of Prior Executive Board Meeting Minutes
  - a. Correction: Teacher Birthdays cost \$400-450 instead of \$1800
  - b. Approved:
    - i. Erin Erb
    - ii. Janelle
- III. Principal's Report
  - a. Mr. Diego crossing guard
    - i. Parent voiced concern about kids from Falcon Lakes crossing
  - b. Theater accomplishments
    - i. Upcoming theater production ELF Musical in collaboration with FHS
    - ii. Will be at the PACT
    - iii. FJH providing bus transportation for theater students to FHS after school for practices.
  - c. Band and Choir District Competitions
  - d. Boys Basketball started 11/6
  - e. Girls Basketball starts 11/7
  - f. CC has meet coming up with
  - g. Attendance Incentive
    - i. 97% grade level
    - ii. Part of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade teams will go outside during Connections Class to play games, popsicles, etc
    - iii. Starts today 11/7 and then 7<sup>th</sup> grade will follow into the next week
    - iv. 8<sup>th</sup> grade didn't achieve 97%
  - h. PTO request—Specific Lost & Found after FJH hosts Region and District Competitions
    - i. Separate from FJH student lost and found
    - ii. Place at the front office
- IV. Treasurer Report
  - a. Socials
    - i. 673 attendees 2023
    - ii. 741 attendees 2024
  - b. Up \$3K in the bank
  - c. Total Income = \$17,389.50
- V. Follow ups from October Meeting

- a. Birthday Shout-outs for electronic sign on 518
    - i. Someone has to plug a laptop into it
  - b. Track and Tennis Court Repairs
    - i. District Responsible for repairs
    - ii. Repairs have been approved
      - 1. Will be completed prior to track season
    - iii. Tennis court repairs approved
      - 1. Need to identify contractor to resurface
      - 2. Take care of pole
  - c. Raise 365—Mr. Drew addressing with Athletics to make clear next year:
    - i. Not mandatory
    - ii. Not clicking a box if they are under the age of 13
    - iii. Should be getting parent approval
  - d. Socials Feedback
    - i. A need for something different for 7/8<sup>th</sup> graders instead of inflatables
    - ii. Homecoming social, silent disco, etc.
  - e. Grams
    - i. Wonderful job
    - ii. Numbers looking awesome
  - f. PTO Pop-in on 10/31: Success
    - i. Sprinkle more joy on the teachers.
    - ii. Smaller treats like Chik fil a mini's
    - iii. Allow teacher see PTO more frequently
- VI. November & December Events
- a. Spirt Store
    - i. Inventory available
    - ii. Lunch Sales
      - 1. 11/21: Tentative Date
      - 2. Marketing:
        - a. Placing signs outside of FJH,
        - b. Email blasts
      - 3. Make parents aware students can pay with Apple Pay
  - b. Teacher Birthdays
    - i. Scheduled 11/15, but may reschedule if too many teachers will be absent due to Nutcracker Market
    - ii. Watch for opportunities to volunteer
  - c. Hospitality: Holiday Lunch on 12/10
  - d. Holiday Grams: 12/10-12/12
- VII. Upcoming January & February Events
- a. 1/24 Scient Fair
    - i. Allison in contact with Teacher POC
    - ii. Allison has linked up Alex from last year with Katie this year
  - b. 2/7 Teacher Birthdays
  - c. 2/10-12 Valentine's Gram Sales

- VIII. Ideas to Put the T in PTO
  - a. Mr. Drew will put membership forms in mailboxes
  - b. Website: Kim is killing it!
    - i. Teacher Wishlists on PTO website
- IX. FEF Grants Presentation by Ashley Adair
  - a. PTO funded \$2500 in 2023-24
  - b. \$123,000 grants requests in 2024-25
  - c. Continuing Education Scholarships
    - i. 20 Scholarships totaling \$33,000 Awarded to Date
    - ii. FEF trying to identify ways to raise more monies to support more teacher applicants
- X. FISD Technology Department Q&A w/ Jerry Walker & Lana
  - a. CyberSecurity
    - i. PII objective to obtain it
    - ii. Lock us out of our system and ransom it back to us
  - b. Q: Does FISD have CyberSecurity Insurance
    - i. A: Yes.
    - ii. The tools FISD maintains:
      1. Firewall
      2. Content Filter
      3. Password Policies
      4. EDR (endpoint detection response)
        - a. Obtained through grant that ends in Feb '25 so looking at other avenues to fund
      5. Seek grants because funding from State falls short
  - c. Q: How does content filter work?
    - i. Categorizes it by line and determines whether its educational, retail, etc.
    - ii. It isn't perfect and sometimes IT has to go back and allow access or deny access.
    - iii. Games can be a challenge and the content filter may not pick up on and requires IT to go in and block
  - d. Q: How do teachers get access?
    - i. A: Policy and Procedures that teacher follow to request access has not changed.
      1. Requires some lead time for IT to unblock
  - e. Q: Personal Devices
    - i. A: Students are allowed to use personal device.
    - ii. Students can obtain free VPN that has malware, Trojan Horse etc on it and then they can use that VPN to get around the FISD Firewall.
    - iii. IT advises to check your student's personal device nightly to ensure they are not putting bad stuff on it.
    - iv. FISD IT blocks these VPN's but the internet is dynamic so there are ways to get VPN access
  - f. Q: Does FISD teach students Digital Citizenship?
    - i. Librarians and some IT classes educate students about

- ii. FISD IT would like to see more education for all students about digital citizenship.
- g. Q: How do you stay abreast of changes in technology? Does FISD utilize outside consultants
  - i. A: Growth mindset. Jerry is exploring outside consultants.
- h. Q: Funding
  - i. A: IT falls under Operational Budget
  - ii. Not an option to utilize FEF grants to fund
- i. Q: How does FISD monitor Firewall breaches or CypberSecurity breaches?
  - i. A: FISD has tools that send them alerts when there are incidents
  - ii. FISD has not had a breach
  - iii. Nigeria is the most problematic country at the moment for IT
  - iv. FISD is looking at how to roll out multi-factor authentication and not inconvenience users any more than possible.
- j. Q: Does FISD has its own VPN or have its own way to lock down the Chromebooks
  - i. A: FISD has VPN access that they use for administrative purposes but not for students
  - ii. 2 Networks:
    - 1. Student
    - 2. Staff
  - iii. Student using Chromebook at Home:
    - 1. Content filter still applies, but not necessarily on the FISD firewall.
    - 2. Qustodio will pick up whether at home or on school network
  - iv. Students that bring in their cell phone and use their hotspot to connect, then that is another way to get around filters
- k. Q: Does FISD maintain more than one database
  - i. A: One database—Skyward is like the Mothership; primary authoritative source for information.
    - 1. Do not have funding or personnel to manage more than one database
    - 2. State requires compliance of the database
- l. Q: What if there is a hack or data breach?
  - i. A: Policies and steps that districts have to go through
  - ii. Offer fraud alert services
  - iii. District attorney becomes involved

XI. Meeting Adjourned

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