

FBMS PTO General Meeting
February 25, 2016
School Library
6:00 pm

Attendance: See Attached

Agenda: See Attached

Cayce Carlsson, President, called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

President Cayce Carlsson welcomed all in attendance and reminded all to sign in.
Requested that everyone also sign the Title 1 sign in sheet.

President Cayce Carlsson states for the record that a quorum is present.

Secretary Report – Laura Carter

Presents the minutes from the January 28, 2016 general meeting for acceptance.

Carrie Phillips motions to accept the January 28, 2016 minutes as presented.

Erica Jacoby seconds.

All in favor.

Motion passes.

Ana Santiago is introduced as the new Parent Engagement Coordinator. Shares her contact information as asantia1@houstonisd.org.

President Report – Cayce Carlsson

States that officer elections will be held during the general meeting in April. A nominating committee needs to be formed to handle the nomination process. Requests volunteers – we need 5 plus one alternate.

The following members volunteered to serve on the committee:

Carrie Phillips

Candice Croker

Amy Maddux

Ana Plascencia

Sophia Castillo

Diane Holliman – alternate

Carrie Phillips volunteers to chair the committee. She will assume the role as primary contact and will make sure hard copy forms go out to entire school. Her contact is tailgate@fbms.org.

Sindee Bielamowicz motions that the board approve the named volunteers as the committee members for the 2016 nominating committee.

Nadia Ahmed seconds.

All in favor.

Motion passes.

Cayce concludes by stating there is no general meeting in March.

Treasurer Report – Erica Jacoby reporting for Amber Caver

Presented **FBMS Budget 2015-2016 and Financial Activity Report from 01/28/16-2/24/16**: attached
Highlights include raising \$1224 through the dance in February and \$453 in shirt sales.

Have disbursed \$530 in teacher grants, deadline is Monday.
The Grant committee will then make recommendations on how to spend the excess money.

Amber shares with the members that the board approved to add \$500 to the budget for Grants for Deans (\$100 for each dean) from now until the end of the year.

Amber Caver motions that the board accept the treasurer's report as presented, to include the \$500 budget for Grants for Deans.

Kristi Javier seconds.

All in favor.

Motion passes.

Parent Involvement Coordinator – Tim Weltin

Thanks to everyone for the auction.

Currently working on service projects such as some beautification of the grounds.

School website has just been converted to a mobile version, will be updating soon and will be easier to read the content on mobile devices.

Excited about the Love Your Library event coming in February.

1st Vice President Report – Sindee Bielamowicz

Jennifer Hess, Career Day Chair – shares that Career Day will be Friday March 11. They are still seeking volunteers and donations for the day. There is a sign up genius posted on PTO website. She states they are also still seeking a few extra speakers for the day. Her contact info is careerday@fbmspto.org.

Mr. Castagnoli elaborates that there will be 9 venues, each venue will have two presenters. Each presenter will present to two different groups. They will run the early dismissal schedule. Then students will report to homerooms at 12:45 and then start rotations. First presentations will be at 1:30 pm.
Will need hostesses, volunteers and donations for grab and go treats.

Sindee reports that the Love Your Library campaign is still underway until March 11. The vendor is providing a 10% match for our donations. A \$15 donation will buy one book.

2nd Vice President Report – Nadia Ahmed

Next supper club will be on March 8 at Spaghetti Western on TC Jester from 5-9pm.

Reports that the Mardi Gras dance made approximately \$1200.

3rd Vice President Report – Cayce Carlsson reporting for Teresa Montgomery

Reports that the yearbooks are still on sale at Balfour.com

Dianne Holliman, Website Chair – Shares that the newsletter is fixed and now going out using information from the website. It is set to go out every Tuesday. Please email or submit items on the website. If it's an ongoing event, please submit new text.

Amy Maddux, Social Media Chair – If you have a document to attach to go out on facebook, please send something other than a PDF file. The PDF files are difficult to attach.

Principal Report – Principal Paolo Castagnoli

Panther girls beat Pin Oak tonight in softball. Boys will be playing later tonight. The girls are undefeated.

Shares that FBMS is actually 2nd place in the last UIL competition. It was changed after there was some double checking regarding the scoring. Had a meeting with the UIL director to get things worked out. They are going to change the scoring system since it was off by a couple 100 points.

Reports that the new tables are installed and that kids are eating at them every day at lunch. Kids have been asking for the umbrellas to be put in but will wait until the weather gets a little hotter.

Principal Castagnoli shares that HISD has reported they will have a \$107 million dollar budget reduction next school year.

This will work out to be \$179 per student.

May use money earmarked for large projects this year to instead stock up on supplies so that we won't have to lose any teachers.

Parent Involvement Coordinator – Tim Weltin

Magnet recruiting still underway.

Planning to hold Adventure Camps the 2nd week in April targeting 4th graders.

Working to try and stage a G/T camp.

Planning on several socials over the summer.

Color Run is scheduled for April 15. We had over 100 participants last year.

6th Grade Representative Report – Sophia Castillo

No report

7th Grade Representative Report – Amy Adams

Not present

8th Grade Representative – Erica Jacoby

BBQ fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday April 2nd. Can purchase tickets and also donate and forgo the plates.

Mr. Castagnoli says the field trip is scheduled for the last week in May.

New Business

No new business.

President Cayce Carlsson adjourned meeting at 6:34 pm.

Minutes submitted by Laura Carter