

FBMS PTO General Meeting  
April 28, 2016  
School Library  
6:00 pm

**Attendance:** See Attached

**Agenda:** See Attached

Cayce Carlsson, President, called the meeting to order at 6:04 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 for Mr. Tarbutten.

Parliamentarian Kara Hagen states for the record that a quorum is present.  
Kara reviews voting procedures with members in preparation for voting items on agenda.

Secretary Report – Laura Carter

Presents the minutes from the February 25, 2016 general meeting for acceptance.

Laura Carter motions to accept the February 25, 2016 minutes as presented.

Kara Hagen seconds.

All in favor.

Motion passes.

Principal Report – Principal Paolo Castagnoli

Shares that 8<sup>th</sup> grade STAAR scores improved over last year.

87% passing on the 1<sup>st</sup> round of testing.

Went from 9% to 13% commended on math (not including Algebra students)

Went from 70% to 80% passing on 1<sup>st</sup> round of reading testing

Went from 15% to 24% scoring commended on reading.

Expect Algebra students to pass at 100% in math.

Scores improved for all students, not just G/T students

Mr. Castagnoli explains that there will be 2 new programs starting next year:

1 – FBMS will take part in AVID as part of a Century 21 grant; provides academic/study skills/thinking system for kids lacking in organization. Will target those students. Also comes with Cornell Notes which will be used in all classes. Teachers will receive training this summer.

2- Rolling out a Career Pathway program that will allow students to select a course of study. Will have opportunity to choose classes offered in Fine Arts, Technology and Advanced Academics.

Has almost completed hiring for open teaching position for the next school year.

UIL Academic contest was rescored and FBMS came in 1<sup>st</sup> place; have placed 1<sup>st</sup> twice this year. Final round upcoming.

FBMS was award the Gold Star for Family Friendly schools

FBMS placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Art Car parade in our division; over 300 students helped

President Report – Cayce Carlsson

Reports that there are funds designated for a President's Project. Principal Castagnoli has requested a bench by the red awning so currently working on selecting and ordering.

Shares with membership that during the course of working on the officer nominations, the Nominations Committee noted some areas of the current bylaws that need to be modified to reflect how we actually intend to operate.

Cayce reads through proposed changes to FBMS PTO Bylaws:

1. Under 3.02 Term of Office, the bylaw states "The term of office for all officers is one (1) year, beginning immediately upon election, and ending upon officer election for the following school year."

*Suggested edit: The term for all officers is one (1) year that will commence and end at the conclusion of the final general PTO meeting of the school year. During the period between election and start of term the officers will assume role of President-Elect, Treasurer-Elect, etc.*

2. Under 3.02 Term of Office, the bylaw states "Officers may serve no more than two (2) consecutive years. Each person elected shall hold only one position at a time."

*Suggested edit: Officers may serve no more than two (2) consecutive years **in the same office**. Each person elected shall hold only one position at a time.*

3. Under 3.03 Qualifications, the bylaws states "Any member in good standing may become an officer of the PTO."

*Suggested edit: All officers must be members in good standing during their time in office.*

Teresa Montgomery motions that the membership approve the changes to the FBMS PTO Bylaws as presented. Candice Croker seconds.

All in favor.

Motion passes.

Cayce also shares that the Standing Rules need to be updated to reflect the previous changes made to the Bylaws in January.

Suggested edits are:

1. Remove the "purpose" statement as it is already stated in the bylaws.
2. Remove the sentence stating that the board minutes are only available to board members for review.

Amy Maddux motions that the membership approve the suggested edits to the FBMS PTO Standing Rules as presented.

Sophia Castillo seconds.

All in favor.

Motion passes.

Cayce reminds membership that the last general meeting will be held May 19.

#### Nominations Committee – Amy Maddux

Amy Maddux presents the slate of officer candidates approved at the April 13 board meeting:

President – Teresa Montgomery

1<sup>st</sup> VP for Education – Sindee Bielamowicz

2<sup>nd</sup> VP for Fundraising – Carrie Botello

3<sup>rd</sup> VP for Community Building – Dianne Holliman

Secretary – Laura Carter

Treasurer – Amber Caver  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep – Jill Davis  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep – Karen Smiley  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep – Meredith Sipes

President Cayce Carlsson thanks all the Nominations Committee members for working on the committee.

Merin Noonan motions that the membership accept and approve the slate of officers of the FBMS PTO for 2016-2017 as presented.

Nadia Ahmen seconds.

All in favor.

Motion passes.

Treasurer Report – Amber Caver

Presented **FBMS Budget 2015-2016 and Financial Activity Report from 02/25/16-4/27/16**: attached

Candice Croker motions that the membership accept the treasurer's report as presented.

Carrie Botello seconds.

All in favor.

Motion passes.

Amber shares that the Grant Committee has met and come up with recommendations for spending some of the PTO money. Grant Committee proposes the following expenditures:

- 1- \$20,000 donated directly to the school for technology purchases
- 2- \$8,000 donated to the school for field trips to be allocated at Principal Castagnoli's discretion.
- 3- \$5,000 allocated for teacher/staff to submit grants for the spring 2016 semester
- 4- An additional \$425 allocated to the current budget for the Auction committee to use for venue deposit
- 5- Proposes that remaining funds in the Teacher Grant budget category be added to the \$5,000 for the spring grants.

Sophia Castillo motions that the membership approve the expenditures as presented by Treasurer Amber Caver on behalf of the Grant committee.

Carrie Botello seconds.

All in favor.

Motion passes.

Amber concludes by stating that she will be meeting with the committees to review budget needs in order to plan for next year.

Parent Involvement Coordinator – Tim Weltin

Will be holding 3 events in May and need help spreading the word.

There will be 3 theme nights on May 17, 18, and 19 for Travis, Roosevelt and Harvard schools targeting their 4<sup>th</sup> graders. Looking to start targeting 4<sup>th</sup> graders earlier since the magnet application process has changed to require schools to be ranked.

Also discussing putting together a 5<sup>th</sup> grade event during the summer.

There will be a Service Saturday planned for May to help spruce up the campus.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Report – Sindee Bielamowicz

Career Day was held last month – special thanks to Jennifer Hess and Kara Hagen.

Next week is Teacher Appreciation week and there is a sign-up genius out with requests for donations.

Leslie Winesett, Library Chair, reports that the Love Your Library campaign raised over \$4,000.

Poem In Your Pocket day was a great success; there were over 500 poems rolled up and handed out to students across campus.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Report – Nadia Ahmed

Amber Caver, Treasurer, speaks on behalf of the T-shirts committee and shares that Mr. Castagnoli is working on a new logo for the new polo shirts.

They will be doing pre-orders on May 3 at the 6<sup>th</sup> grade event and pick-up will be at Panther Camp in August.

May also plan to sell at some other May events then will move to online sales.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Report – Teresa Montgomery

Membership is going to start 2016-2017 membership pre-orders online. Pre-orders can pick up any items due based on their membership at Panther Camp.

Membership also planning to add a \$500 level for next year.

Yearbooks can still be ordered online; will sell any remaining books on campus on May 17 and 18.

Shares that the board discussed and approved the addition of a Media Relations Committee to help spread positive information about FBMS.

Dianne Holliman motions to approve the addition of a Media Relations committee to the FBMS board to fall under the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President.

Amy Maddux seconds.

All in favor.

Motion passes.

Panther Camp is planned for Tuesday and Wednesday August 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> for 6<sup>th</sup> grade, August 18 for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Representative Report – Sophia Castillo

There is a 6<sup>th</sup> grade Walk-a-thon planned for a fundraiser, students will walk the track.

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Representative Report – Amy Adams

No report

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Representative – Erica Jacoby

8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip is all set.

There is a meeting immediately following this meeting to discuss the 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance.

#### New Business

No new business.

President Cayce Carlsson adjourned meeting at 6:52 pm.

Minutes submitted by Laura Carter