

FBMS PTO General Meeting  
November 19, 2015  
School Library  
6:00 pm

**Attendance:** See Attached

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Cayce Carlsson, President, called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

President Cayce Carlsson welcomed all in attendance and reminded all to sign in and pick up handouts and minutes.

Parliamentarian Kara Hagen confirms a quorum is present.

Secretary Report- Laura Carter

Minutes from the October 22 general meeting were reviewed.

Tim Weltin motions the minutes be approved.

Amber Caver seconds.

All in favor.

Motion passes.

Principal Report – Principal Paolo Castagnoli

Current enrollment is 972 students, 166 students over prediction.

40% of money from increased budget will go to building improvements, 60% to academics.

As a Race to the Top school FBMS will be implementing more technology.

Received 3 new Ipad carts and will be sending 8 teachers to AVID training.

FBMS was 1<sup>st</sup> place at Academic UIL last weekend, Lanier was 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Our 1 Act Play won and is moving on in competition.

Pershing MS has requested that one of their teachers observe our Theater Arts teacher.

The PTO Platinum Membership supper was held last night.

8<sup>th</sup> grade just participated in High School for the Day field trip.

We will begin doing some bussing to more schools to expand the reach of Panther Camp to more students at different schools.

Thank you to PTO.

Parent Involvement Coordinator – Tim Weltin

Seeking parents to provide testimonials to potential student families.

Travis and Harvard schools to have a parent meeting in December for prospective families.

Hoping to roll out a new project in the spring to involve more dads.

Thanks to all for parent involvement.

President Report – Cayce Carlsson

By-law Review Committee has been created to review and update the PTO By-laws. Meredith Sipes is chairing the committee, currently have enough volunteers.

Mrs. Moak will be the guest speaker at the end of this evenings meeting. She will discuss the library.

The next general PTO meeting will be January 28, 2016.

#### Treasurer Report – Amber Caver

Presented **FBMS Budget 2015-2016 and Financial Activity Report from 10/22/15-11/18/15**: attached  
Discussed that the new Grant committee is requesting \$100 reimbursement allocation per teacher for academic expenses.

Grant committee is currently putting together a process for other departments to request funds from the PTO. Teachers will be able to pool their funds for their departments if they choose.

Amber Caver motions that \$5500 be approved to be spent for teacher reimbursements (\$100 per teacher) for academic expenses.

Candice Croker seconds.

All in favor.

Motion passes.

Discussion continues regarding Grant committee's plans. Questions about whether grants can be driven through the website.

Some grant requests may require bids before approval.

Teresa Montgomery motions to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Janet Orfield seconds.

All in favor.

Motion passes.

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

Change to Career Day – new date is Friday March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Pie in the Library immediately following meeting. Pies are for sale and other treats are available for purchase.

Teacher Appreciation will be providing treats for teachers tomorrow.

Cayce Carlsson thanks Marie Wise, Meredith Sipes and Leslie Winesett for their work.

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

No upcoming supper club this month.

T-shirt committee is seeking a group of regular volunteers.

Carrie Botello, Auction Chair speaks about the upcoming auction.

Carrie shares that they have the donor letters and forms complete and parent letters will go out in an email blast.

January 22<sup>nd</sup> is the date. Tickets will go on sale December 1.

Will be held at SPJST and the theme is Mardi Gras Madness.

Carrie shares they are still securing catering and working on the auction services contract.

Tickets will be \$40/pp and tables start at \$550.

Seeking donors, sponsors or underwriters.

Will also be seeking parents to donate items for the auction, will be asking for items for grade level baskets also.

Erica Jacoby shares that one letter will come from all the grade level reps to parents.

Carrie says they are working with the admin to get a priority list for the Raise the Paddle event.

Some ideas are possible technology, murals, repair/replace auditorium seating.

There will be a Heads/Tails game and bidding to Raise the Flag.

Mr. Castagnoli's band will be playing.

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

The PTO Platinum Membership dinner was hosted last night. Thanks to all who participated and thanks to Amber Caver for hosting in her home.

Discussion ensues regarding the addition of a Social Media chair to help facilitate developing a Facebook page for PTO.

Teresa Montgomery motions that the PTO add a Social Media Chair position to report to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President.  
Tim Welton seconds.

All in favor.

Motion passes.

Amy Maddux agrees to be the Social Media chair.

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

No report.

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

7<sup>th</sup> grade will be requesting sports memorabilia and sports related items for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade auction basket.

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

Letters getting ready to go out to parents about donations for grade level baskets.

8<sup>th</sup> grade basket will be camping theme so will be seeking camping related items.

New Business

No new business.

President Cayce Carlsson adjourned meeting at 6:37 pm.

Minutes submitted by Laura Carter