

FBMS PTO General Meeting
September 24, 2015
School Library
6:00 pm

Attendance: See Attached

Agenda: See Attached

Cayce Carlsson, President, called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

President Cayce Carlsson welcomed everyone to meeting.

Offered thank you to everyone who has worked hard to start the year

Asked attendees to please sign in

Advised members to obtain voting cards from Teresa Montgomery

Stated that Mr. Tarbuttin will speak briefly during meeting

Shared the 3 items needing vote – minutes, financial reconciliation report and budget

Secretary Report – Laura Carter

Laura Carter presented meeting minutes from May 21, 2015 General PTO meeting.

Candice Croker motions for minutes to be approved.

Mindy Mitchell seconded.

All in favor.

Motion passes.

President Cayce Carlsson notifies membership that there were two resignations from officers on the board, leaving the Secretary and Parliamentarian positions vacant. She states that per by-laws she may appoint to fill the position.

President appoints Laura Carter, Secretary and Kara Hagen, Parliamentarian for the 2015-2016 year.

Principal Report – VP Eric Jimenez on behalf of Principal Paolo Castagnoli

Mr. Jimenez thanks PTO for work this year, apologizes that Mr. Castagnoli could not be present due to daughter's college day.

Shared that enrollment has increased to 969 students.

Anticipate may increase more before official number recorded at the end of October.

Budget will be based on that number and will increase the amount of money to FBMS.

Shared that FBMS is undefeated in football and volleyball so far this year.

Reported that repairs to auditorium have been completed – no more leaking identified.

New paint floor color will be shown off at winter showcase.

President Report – Cayce Carlsson

Stated next general meeting will be October 29, 2015.

Shared HISD Board Trustee Rhonda Skillern-Jones will be speaking immediately following tonight's meeting.

Thanks to officers and chairs working hard this year.

Yearbooks, T-shirts and memberships on sale.

Financial Reconciliation Report – Meredith Sipes

Shared that by-laws require annual financial review of PTO finances.

Presented **FBMS PTO Annual Review/Reconciliation 2014-2015** : see attached
Meredith read through action items identified.
Kara Hagen motioned to accept report as presented.
Carrie Phillips seconded.
All in favor.
Motion passes.

Title 1 Coordinator Report – Mr. Tarbutton

Discussed that the Title 1 funds received by FBMS are used for tutorials, workshops, technology.
In order to continue to receive funds, school must show parent involvement.
Mr. Tarbutton reviewed his agenda from earlier meeting due to low attendance.
Parent Advisory Council # 1 Agenda : attached
He also presented a draft of **School-Parent Compact**: attached
Requested any changes to draft before distribution.
Asked for volunteers to be on council; will appoint PTO officers as members.

Treasurer Report – Amber Caver

Presented FBMS Budget 2015-2016, Financial Activity Report from 7/1/15-9/23/15, and FBMS 2014-2015 Budget: attached
Shared that all profit categories have been moved to top of new budget, expenditures below, for easier review.
Also shared updated budget expects around \$6900 in expenditures.
Proposed we look at funds after the fall fundraiser to add additional expenditures if profit increases
Meredith Sipes requested that there be a review of all increased expenditures.
Kara Hagen motions to accept new budget as proposed and make library donations net zero.
Sophia Castillo seconds.
All in favor.
Motion passes.

1st Vice President Report – Meredith Sipes (reporting for Sindee Bielamowicz)

Pie in the Sky will be held November 19th with the PTO General meeting.
Parents can bring in items to donate for Teacher Appreciation to give to teachers.
Candice Croker asks for clarification of the Pie fundraisers.
Meredith explains Pie in the Library is a fundraiser where pies can be pre-ordered from Pie in the Sky. Pies can also be purchased and donated back to the school to be served to the teachers the next day.
Parents can also bring goodies to share or sell like a bake sale.
Jennifer Hess, Career Day Chair is present and speaks regarding Career Day to be held November 24.
Jennifer states that they need to have volunteers willing to speak to students about their careers – expect 20 minute talks.
They all need volunteers to escort the speakers and volunteers to serve refreshments at a reception.

2nd Vice President Report – Nadia Ahmed

Reports that Tailgate party to be held on October 12th immediately after school.
Shares that the event promotes school spirit. There will be lots of booths, food and games. Each club or grade level will have their own booth. Afterwards the 7th grade football game.
Homecoming dance will be held on Friday October 16th from 6 – 9pm in the gym. Sign up with Leah Salinas to help.
Carrie Botello, Auction Chair, is present and speaks regarding the auction.
Auction theme for this year is Mardi Gras Madness and will be January 22nd at SBJST.
Is passing around sign up sheet for volunteers. Needs help getting sponsors and items for silent auction.

3rd Vice President Report – Teresa Montgomery

PTO has 124 members so far this year, 4 times more than last year.

Will continue accepting memberships until October 31.

Yearbook is on sale, cost is \$30 until the end of the year. Can order online.

Website committee will be having a meeting October 8th to brainstorm changes.

Newsletter is working on updates.

6th Grade Representative – Sophia Castillo

Will be sending out email regarding 6th grade booth at tailgate party. Requesting gently used stuffed animals to be donated to be given out as prizes at the booth.

Also in need of a tent or canopy.

Sophia states she will also be sending out an email around Christmas for donations for the 6th grade basket to be auctioned at the auction.

There is a facebook group open to 6th grade parents. Contact Candice Croker for details.

There may also be a donation request coming regarding the dance.

7th Grade Representative – Amy Adams

7th grade will also have a booth at tailgate party. Will be making requests to 7th grade parents for donations or help.

8th Grade Representative – Erica Jacoby

Erica says “ditto” to all information about tailgate booth.

8th grade booth will have confetti eggs, which has already been approved.

Will be sending out request for volunteers.

Will also be sending out a request in the future for donations for the 8th grade basket.

New Business

Tim Weltin, Parent Involvement Coordinator shares that new magnet recruiting cycle is about to begin.

Vanguard applications will be released October 1.

Also informs PTO that a “Service Saturday” is being held 8:30 – 12:00 at FBMS. Anyone can show up but email in advance to obtain FBMS swag.

President Cayce Carlsson officially changes date of October general PTO meeting to October 22nd to remain consistent with the tradition of meeting the 4th Thursday of the month.

Meeting is adjourned at 6:54 pm.

Submitted by Laura Carter.