

March 20, 2018

FKPTA General Meeting, Flocktown Library

In attendance: Sara Amento, Lauren Corrigan, Meredith Castro, Monica Whitmore, Colleen Jones, Kimberly Miele, Mike Craver, Alicia Lippay, Erin Karl, Beth Budd, Rita Brzozwski, Michelle Wacha, Nicole Healy

7:35 PM Nicole calls meeting to order

-Introductions

Erin made motion to approve meeting minutes from January FKPTA General Meeting, Michele 2nd, all in favor

Alicia-Treasurer's report

Mr. Craver-

- Assemblies going well, Theater week a success
- Cogat results went home, ask Mr. Craver if there are any questions
- NJ Sustainable Schools grant for Mindfulness for Teachers
- PARCC testing soon 3rd-5th grades; 5th grade also to test science; "Take you child to work" day will be accounted for for 4th graders, no testing that day
- School security:
 - Met with Detective Bradus for school security, crisis management, plans for school wide evacuation and grounds for alternate location to move children
 - District reviewing procedures and protocols esp.concerning people entering/exiting through only 1 building entrance
 - Kossmann will be a training site for summer crisis training,will take 2 days, officers have been getting familiar with Kossmann layout
- Child study team-Mrs. Sokol, K-5th grade, Mrs. Leonhardt was out 1 month, will be back soon
- 50th Anniversary of Flocktown School, in Fall 2018; would like some help planning events and have some ideas before summer break, looking into opening time capsule
- Chrome Books (CB):
 - Requesting that PTA do a dedicated fund raiser, BOE said they can't spend money on technology the way they'd like
 - Current CB: Kossmann 25, Flocktown 75 (3 carts/25 per cart)
 - Cucinella PTA gave \$11K to purchase 45 CB - approx 1 CB/2 students currently
 - Old Farmer's has fewer sections than FKS, has 11-15 CB per classroom in grades 3-5; 5 each in grades 1 & 2, initiative for further technology funding from Old Farmer's PTA
 - Main purpose of CB-to get on internet and access to Google suite of applications-Google Docs, Google Sheets; support for PBL, being used for assessments
 - District has contract with vendor for \$244/CB

- Next year middle school trying to get 1:1 student:CB for 6th graders. BOE goal
- Cucinella students-teachers use CB to comment on student's work, teachers can edit student work, promotes collaboration between teacher and student
- PTO at Cucinella asks principal for "Wish List"
- Nicole states the FKPTA is bound by national rules and is not allowed to purchase goods but if goods are purchased it is considered a donation to the BOE
- With regards to Cucinella CB purchase-BOE took \$11K PTO donation then directed it for use at Cucinella
- Alicia states that it is a struggle to get volunteers to head fund raising committees
- Meredith states Teacher Grants mostly asking for technology
- Michele states playground fund raising projected for 2 years but only took 1 year, suggested earmarking specific fund raisers (Harlem Wizards, Tricky Tray) for technology/CB purchase
- Colleen-teaches at Cucinella, is using Google Classroom in her 3rd grade class, has bolstered sense of community in her class; said Mr. Jones (5th grade teacher KFS) said that because the student:CB relationship is so high that CB are considered a "special occasion" as opposed an every day tool.
- Mr. Craver said we (FKPTA) are on a list but not a priority
- Alicia said BOE \$750K for technology budget, especially for smartboard update, 1:1 CB ratio for 6th grade
- Mr. Craver said ipads not used as much but CB are used much more heavily
- Nicole Healy spoke about a technology coach that is at her school to help teachers
- "Bring Your Own Device" (BYOD) policy unlikely to happen at FKS
- Nicole asked how long it would take to receive CB if ordered, Mr. Craver said CB can be received within a month of ordering
- Alicia estimates \$26K needed to fund CB for 3-5th graders
- FKPTA needs technology initiative
- Report cards out April 10, 2018

Meredith-PTAvenue moving in the direction to become more automated for enrollment and involvement, will be used for the 2018-19 PTA school year

Nicole-Ways and Means:

- Silver Graphics orders due tomorrow
- Hershey Park due Friday
- Tricky Tray update-Michele-300 is maximum number for registration, currently 195 registered, hoping for more; 50/50 up to \$505 for winner, need volunteers to help set up esp since Karen Hill just had neck surgery and can't do any lifting, go to Signup genius

Talent Show-auditions underway

Family Bingo-April 20

5th Grade Recognition-Beth

-Hearts of Hope concept-get sent to different organizations, needs volunteers to help cut out hearts, will now be called "Hopeful Hearts", 3rd week of April the kids will be working on them, May 7 needs volunteers to pack them up, assembly planned to have 5th graders pass on hearts to organizations

Teacher Grants-Flocktown school nurse Alexis Antonov-Pedal Pushers, Mrs. Fesenden-25 ukuleles, 5th grade teachers Jones and Vitorla-4 ipads for STEM cart, Mrs. Sokol-smart TV/flat panel

Yearbook-orders due 3/22

Holiday shop-has co-chair-Maryellen Jagusak

Meeting adjourned 8:52 PM