

# PTA Meeting Minutes September 13th, 2022

Called Meeting to order Via Zoom at: 7:00 p.m.

In Attendance: President- Anissa Willis, VP- Carolyn Shuster, Treasurer- Tania Wadhawan, Secretary- Melissa McGee, Lisa Moses, Jen, Cesar Cordero, Assistant Principal- John Ameen, Courtney H, Hanah, LaVerne Hemingway, Vy K, Loza, John Lee, Rmouw

Approved the June Minutes. Melisssa made a motion to approve the June Minutes and Anissa seconded the motion. All in favor.

#### President -

- It's gonna be a great year! We have a lot of fun things planned this year!
- Chair positions for '22/23- Welcome Tania Wadhawan as our new Treasurer!
- **Welcome Back Breakfast-** We started the new year with our traditional welcome back breakfast for the staff. Thank you to everyone for their donations!
  - Suzanne Pavlus put on the breakfast and Anita's Burritos provided food.
- Thank you Volunteers! A special and huge thank you to our amazing volunteers who have helped at all our BTS events this fall! We truly can't do what we do without the wonderful support we receive from our FSMS parents and families (and students)!

### **Treasurer's Report**

- PTA has \$19333.06 in cash in the accounts as of today, September 13th, 2022.
- We have an outstanding balance for supply kits.
- PTA used \$5265 to purchase merchandise for Spirit Week.

## Principal's Report - Mrs. Sherryl Loya

- Assistant Principal, John Ameen, was present via Zoom as Mrs. Loya's representative since she could not attend.
  - Mr. Ameen said it has been a great start to the school year.
    - BTS were successful and it has been wonderful to have parents back in the building.

- Farmwell is applying for the Schools to Watch Award, which is their 6th year doing so.
- A new coolant system has been installed and there were a few hiccups due to this.
  - One day there was no AC and another day there was smoke in a classroom.
    - The kids handled these kinks great.
- School Pictures will be Sept 19th-20th in PE Classes.

### **Committee Chairs updates:**

- Falcon's Nest- <u>Cindy Harrison</u> HUGE thank you to Cindy and her family for all their help in transitioning as our new Chair.
  - Cindy already has 9 volunteers lined up to help with The Nest
  - o Training for volunteers was completed at the beginning of school.
- Fundraisers- Anissa Willis: Fuddruckers on Tues, Sep 20th
  - Fuddruckers is a longtime supporter of Loudoun Schools.
  - Joe, at Fuddruckers, has been a supporter of the Drama Club at FWMS and other school clubs.
  - Spirit Night is 4:00-8:00 p.m. (Mention Farmwell when checking out)
- Giving Tree- Charlotte Ferrigno
  - More to come at the end of October, and in November.
- Hospitality- Suzanne Pavlus- Huge thanks to Suzanne for her coordination of our Welcome Back Breakfast!
- LEAF- Hemant Biswal
- Membership- **OPEN**; **88** New Members; **28** Staff- Thank you to everyone for joining and those that gave donations along with their new memberships!
  - We would like to break 200 members, so there will be a push for new members.
- MSAAC- Hansilla Alaigh
- Odyssey of the Mind- Ashley Brody:
  - Last year we placed 2nd in States and 6th in Worlds.
- SEAC- Todd Fielding

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- School Supply Kits- Suzanne Pavlus- ordering period through all of June
  - There was a surplus of school supplies kits this year as well as extra binders. We will sell
    these items during pre-order sales for next year.
  - o Due to poor communication issues, we will part ways with EPI, our school kit supplier.
  - We are in the process of obtaining quotes from Sprout as well as a few other school supply kit providers and will transition in the new year.
- Spirit Wear- OPEN- We launched our new gear for the season and it was a huge success!
  - We are looking for a chair for Spirit Wear.

- The biggest push has already happened, so now the position would require maintenance.
  - Someone asked Mr. Ameen a question about if pajama pants were allowed for Spirit Day, since technically students are not allowed to wear pajamas to school. Mr. Ameen said pajama pants are fine for Spirit Day.
  - We are seeking pricing for pajama pants.
  - Staff want zip-up hoodies; Anissa referred the staff to talk to Principal Loya about that since zip-up hoodies are not a huge sellar for the students.
  - The new FWMS logo as well the new light gray sweatshirt with teal writing have both been huge successes.
- Volunteers- OPEN
  - We need to fill this position.
  - Carolyn (VP) said that the main role for this position will be organizing sign up sheets as well as promoting events.
- Volleyball Game- OPEN for Co-Chair- Beginning Planning stages
  - The volleyball game will be hosted by Farmwell at Broad Run on Friday, March 17th at 6:00 p.m.
  - We will play Trailside in 6 games; 3 staff vs. staff games and 3 student vs. student games.
  - Lisa Moses volunteered to help co-chair the volleyball game.

**New Business –** open additional topics for consideration/discussion

**Next Meeting will be October 11th**