

**FRES PTA 2023-2024**  
**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**November 2, 2023**

**Welcome**

PTA President Jackie Matanin called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Approval of September Minutes**

- Minutes were posted and sent out via PTBoard. Hard copies are available for review.
- Motion made by Jackie, second by Lavina. All were in favor of approving the October minutes.

**Membership Update**

- The 2023-2024 membership goal is 120 - made our goal
- 122 paid members - including an increase in teacher members this year.

**Financial Report**

Corbi - \$3700

Mawain - \$200

Panda - \$250

**Fundraising**

- Papa John's cards on sale for \$15 each. Proceeds are supporting 4th grade this year. FRES gets \$10 back for each card. Pratima has the cards. PTA members can sell cards and turn \$ into Pratma. Cash Only.
- Joe Corbi's - pick up is November 18th. Order will be delivered to FRES between 8-10 am. Help is needed to sort orders. Families can pick up between 1-3 pm. Orders must be picked up by student's parent/guardian or by a designated person arranged in advance.
- Teacher Grants - Pratima drafted teacher grant; will circulate amongst exec board and then to general meeting.
- Rewards Programs - Weiss, HT, office depot, office max, box tops, scholastic.com. Carrie is looking into others.
- New Fundraiser - there is a company that sells Logoed socks

**School & Community Reports**

Assistant Principal - Ms. Pazornik

- Apple bar was amazing for staff - thank you!
- Fall Festival - fantastic, thank you to all. Trish was blown away by it.
- Report cards will be available 11/8
- Conference sign-up opens 11/6 at 8:00 am. In-person on 11/20 and virtual on 11/21; sign up ends on 11/16.
- 11/9 - parent night assistance with Synergy, Canvas, etc.
- Working on Assemblies - some ideas are Step Africa, Ravens Wheelchair Basketball, Mad Science.
- Hammond High Music Program come to FRES after spring break
- 3rd grade testing

- No teacher update

## **Committees**

**Fall Festival Committee (Chair - Jackie)** - thank you to all who helped; great feedback; kids loved it; will report on \$ next meeting

### **Health & Wellness (Chair - Pratima)**

- Event is scheduled for January 31st; 6:30 - 8:30
- Subcommittee's needed - Food in cafeteria, vendor tables in Gym; media center, music room, and hallways
- 3 stations - fitness, art (demonstration and take-away craft), music, relaxation techniques
- Pratima needs help with food (get donations); coordination/logistics of the time/day; assist in vendors and demonstrations and advertising

### **Staff Appreciation (Akta)**

- Soup and salad dinner - 11/20
- Sign up on PTBoard today, included in forerunner
- Staff eat about 4:30 - need everything at school by 4:30
- December - cookie cart

### **Fine Arts Committee (Chair - Amy)**

- Reflections Arts Competition is well underway. 32 students already registered to participate. Successfully delivered a free, after-school help session in October with over 20 students. Artwork submissions are due 11/27 (Monday after Thanksgiving). We currently need to recruit judges. Motion was made and seconded to request some additional funding. Funding approved.
- Paint Night 12/5 - in partnership with Ms. Allen. Sales/sign-up coming next week. Student's reflections projects will also be on display.
- Spring Musical in partnership with Columbia Center for Theatrical Arts (CCTA). This year's program is "School House Rock Live! JR."

## **Student Enrichment**

- first official meeting next Tuesday; Amy is acting chair but would like to pass it to someone else on the committee
- STEAM night - May
- Howard County Parks and Rec offers some before and after school options. Unfortunately lack of sign up has led to cancellations. Suggestions for more advertising were made.

## **5th grade**

- Carrie: committee leads for planning (congressional hearing, field trip, t-shirt end of year, funding raising)
- Key Dates: SGH - 5/15; field trip in May; Dance 6/1;
- Need fundraisers for 5th grade.

**Culture Fest** - 2/24 from 3:00 - 5:00

### **Silent Auction**

- Need volunteers to call, reach out, fill out forms for donations
- Will seek donations of baskets again this year

### **Technology**

- Need volunteers to support website, social media, email accounts, etc.

### **Yearbook**

- Committee is meeting next week

### **Carnival**

- May 4th 1:00 - 4:00
- Working to schedule first committee meeting

### **PTA Council of Howard County (PTACHC)**

### **Other Announcements/New Business**

- Turkey Trot - 11/21 9:30 - 12:30 Sign-up genius available for volunteers
- Book Fair - 11/13 - 11/21
- 11/17 - Family Night at the Book Fair
- Watch Dog Sign-Up Genius link on ptboard and in the forerunner
- 11/27 Five Guys Restaurant Night
- Fine Arts - requesting increase in budget from \$75 to \$100 Amy motioned, Akta 2nd
- Free State PTA President's Roundtable - alternating in-person and virtual meetings have been successful for others

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