

FRES PTA 2023-2024
General Membership Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2024

Welcome

Vice President, Amy Hamilton filling in for Jackie Matanin, called the meeting to order at 7:04.

Approval of January 2024 Meeting Minutes

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

Membership Update

- 130 members for 2023-2024

Financial Report

Health & Wellness - spent \$1300 of \$2600

Assemblies - \$2900 budgeted; \$1600 spent

Field Trip - library tote bags were donated by a parent therefore PTA does not need to buy for Kindergarten. PTA is funding 1 approved field trip per grade; \$1800 spent in category

Fine Arts - \$500 expense for School House Rock

5th grade - \$5 per student for field trip; other 5th grade budget funds of \$1600

Teacher grants are approved and in process - \$2500

Five Guys - income of \$356

Chuck E Cheese - income of \$470

Chick Fil A - income of \$590

Sweet Frog - income of \$145 January

Motions:

- purchase checks for PTA \$400 to operating expenses - move to increase from \$300 to \$700 in office supplies; Carrie and seconded by Nicole
- Assemblies -

Upcoming Fundraisers

- Read-a-Thon 3/4 - 3/15 105 kids so far; 2600 minutes so far; \$2059.50 so far; ends 3/18;
- Bowie Baysox tickets to kids who turn in form documenting 4 books read
- Sweet Frog 3/27
- Silent Auction 4/26 - 4/28 - donations coming in; basket request will go out on PTBoard for sign up; winners will be able to pick-up items at Carnival; staff are signing up already
- 5th Grade Art Items - Art to Remember with Ms. Allen (if it goes well, Art department would like to do it school wide next year)

School & Community Reports

- Ms. Lannon not available to attend this evenings meeting.
- Ms. Pazornick expressed that she and Ms. Lannon are sorry to have missed Culture Festival.
- Mad Science Assembly - awesome!
- Hammond High School Music Program is scheduled to come the Thursday before Spring Break; need check signed and mailed to bus company
- Month of staff appreciation with various activities are planned throughout the month.
- Upcoming Testing Schedule:
 - 1st grade MAP ELA 5/13, Math 5/15 10:00
 - 2nd grade MAP ELA 4/26, 5/16 MATH
 - 3rd grade - MCAP ELA 4/15, 4/16, 4/17, 4/19 MATCH 5/3, 5/6 , 5%
 - 4th grade MCAP ELA 4/22 - 4/25 MATH 5/9 - 5/10, 5/20, **5/21 - needs changed for field day**
 - 5th grade MESA (Science) 3/11, 3/12, 3/18, 3/19
 - 5th grade ELA 4/8, 9, 11, 12; MATH 4/29, 30, 5/1, 5/2
- Field Day is 5/21
- FRES staff have signed up for auction stuff
- There are lots of budget cuts proposed for the HCPSS budget for next year. Please advocate for schools. The cuts will increase ratios, cut positions across schools and cut important programs such as music and GT. The school board has not finalized the budget so please reach out asap.

Committees

PTAHC

- March Meeting is 3/11

Wellness Fair - was a success! 23 vendors; 121 signed in as attending; 5 Spanish speaking families; vendors ran out of stuff;

Culture Fest - was a success! Tried a Saturday this year rather than Friday as done in the past; did not break or exceed fire code this year. Stuck to gym and cafeteria; used stage for performances. Hammond STEP canceled due to illness; FRES students and Irish Dancers provided performances. There was food and even fresh coffee roasting. Looks like we came in under budget.

Staff Appreciation (Akta): PTA will celebrate in May - teacher appreciation week; May 6th - 10th

Teacher Grants Report (Pratima): \$2500 budgeted; a lot of applications; all reviewed. Approved projects for 3rd grade, 2nd, K, Special Ed, 1st, 5th, SLP, 2 individual teachers, media staff. Currently ironing out the details for disbursement of funds.

5th Grade Activities (Carrie):

- Fundraising - Art to Remember fundraiser (5th grade); Awaiting Main Event amount; will not do See's Candy fundraiser; hopefully that will be all the fundraising needed.
- SCH May 15th - Panera for food (15-20 people) - need to check cost as budget is only \$200. Decorate with flags outside and in the 5th grade hallway. Austin's music room for lunch.
- Dance 6/1 - DJ already confirmed

Student Enrichment (Mallory)

- Free StemTree in January went very well so StemStree is trying out a 6 week class on Mondays - 15 enrolled
- Little Track Stars Program five weeks in April and May
- Leap Day Frogs
- STEAM Night Support in May 30th - budgeted \$200 (donation requests to Home Depot and Lowes)
- Motion to reallocate assembly funds. We budgeted for 3 assemblies but can only do 2 due to scheduling. Motion to move \$1200 for virtual field trips. motion Amy - second Lavina, all in favor.

Spring Carnival (Barbara): Scheduled for 5/4 from 1:00 – 4:00; working on games and entertainment as well as food trucks. Inviting small business vendors to “buy booth space” and sell their items at the Carnival. Will need 100+ volunteers to support the event.

Other Announcements/New Business

PTA Board Election Process

- Need at least 3 PTA members to serve on a Nominating Committee to organize and present candidates to the general membership for voting
- Present slate of candidates at May meeting on 5/23
- Vote at June Meeting on 6/10

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