

Fall City Elementary PTSA  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, September 26, 2017

1. Call to Order: Anne Goldstein, President
  1. 6:33 p.m.
2. Opening and Introductions
  1. Introduce Board
3. Who we are and what we do
  1. Mission Statement: *Our PTSA partners with our teachers and community to support our school in providing the best educational experience for our children. Commit to being a part of our children's future.*
  2. General Membership Meetings held in September, November, January, March and May
  3. Executive Team meetings held on Thursdays in classroom 28 at 9:15 am.
4. Teacher Representative:
  1. Colleen Myers, Teacher representative
  2. Liason between PTSA and FCES staff
5. Message from Katelyn Long, Principal
  1. Introduce self, taught 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at FCES, loves the wonderful sense of community here at school, all aspects of community (parents, staff, students, PTSA) contribute to the warm and positive environment
  2. Almost completed a full month of the school year, going very well
  3. 59 new students in grades 1-5 in 2017-2018 school year
  4. 67 new kindergarten students in 2017-2018 school year
  5. New portable added this summer for fourth grade, allows for extra meeting space and lower class sizes.
  6. Revised specialist schedule from 6 day to 3 day schedule (PE, Library/Media, Music)
  7. Achieved a library/technology integration
  8. New Friday enrichment specialists: Design Lab (formerly Maker Space), Art with Ms. Trese, Music (focus on composition and design), PE (crossfit kids)
  9. Maker Space is now called Design Lab. Taught by Lori Shepard, new space in portable
6. Camp Seymour
  1. Fifth graders have been going to camp approximately 25 years
  2. FCES has attended Camp Seymour for the past four years
  3. All Camp Seymour instructors have graduate degrees in Biology
  4. Most camp activities align with 5<sup>th</sup> grade science standards
  5. Great team building activities including canoeing, archery
  6. Without funds from PTSA, cost is about \$200 per student to attend, with PTSA grant, cost is lowered to \$150
  7. Nearly all students attend, only about 2-3 each year do not
  8. Students attend along with teachers, parent chaperones and high school counselors
7. Walk-A-Thon
  1. October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017
  2. Goal is \$61,000
  3. Online donations are currently open
  4. Matching donations from employers are encouraged—account for about \$14,000.00 last year, but still only a small amount of our capacity for matching
  5. Employer will send confirmation of matching, send to Lori Kissick or print and add to student's donation envelope

6. Teachers have been given goal sheets, students and teachers will work together to set realistic goals
  7. Reminders will be sent home during WAT week
  8. Don't over dress kids and be sure to send water bottles
  9. Volunteers are still needed, please sign up on FCES PTSA website, send email to teacher
  10. K-2 walks/runs on one track, 3-5 on another
  11. Mrs. Long will dress up in a surprise costume
8. Business
    1. Financial Review
      1. Checking:
      2. Savings:
      3. Total:
    2. Added new teacher to 2017-2018 budget
    3. Surplus from 2016-2017 school year was \$8665.47
    4. Voted on budget in May, need a second vote to vote in for this year
    5. Movement made to approve budget for 2017-2018 school year.
      1. All in favor, budget approved
    6. Movement made to give \$5,000.00 to supplement 5<sup>th</sup> grade camp
      1. All in favor, motion passed
    7. Movement made to change the standing rules to notify community of meetings from 5 to 10 days.
      1. All in favor, motion passed
    8. Membership: 2016-2017 had 295 members, 2017-2018 currently at 311 members
      1. increase in membership due to communication, flyers, decals, giveaways
      2. Kathy Lambert became a member of FCES PTSA
9. Message from Meg Handy
    1. Need volunteers for Reading Buddies
    2. training will happen at school at a date to be announced
    3. Heather Lee discusses positive personal experience with reading buddies
    4. volunteers read with students to boost/build confidence
    5. Increases meaningful adult connections and relationships—huge impact on student success
10. Open PTSA Positions
    1. 2017-2018 Chair Positions still available
      1. Science Fair Chair
      2. Staff Appreciation Chair
      3. Teacher Appreciation Chair
    2. 2018-2019 Available Board Positions
      1. VP of Communications
      2. VP of Events
      3. Treasurer
11. Upcoming Events
    1. Road House Night: October 4, 2017
    2. Walk-A-Thon: October 5, 2017
    3. Sahara Pizza Night: October 11, 2017
    4. Parent Play Day: October 13, 2017
    5. Book Drive: October 23-27, 2017
      1. Donate gently used books in front hallway
      2. Some will go into Reading Hall of Fame
      3. Some into a book sale at the end of the year

4. all books should be age appropriate
5. No board books, coloring books, magazines
6. Book Fair: October 30, 2017 to November 2, 2017
  1. Students come during library
  2. November 1, 2017 will be family dinner night, Book Fair, and art walk
  3. Wild west theme
  4. Open house moved to spring (Spring Raffle)
  5. Art walk will have a community/family art project led by Ms. Trese
12. After school Programs/VP of Events
  1. Responsible for Reflections, Book Fair, Science Fair, Spring Raffle, Spelling Bee, Yearbook
  2. falls under VP of Events, but all PTSA board members work as a team
  3. After school programs—vendors present to discuss programs with parents
    1. Top notch programs
    2. great selection—FCE has more after school programs than any other elementary school in the district
    3. all after school programs must provide at least one scholarship per class
    4. All after school programs are on FCES PTSA website and links in Friday Folder
13. Questions and Answers
14. Meeting Concluded at 7:33 pm