

FHS General Meeting Minutes September 14, 2017 FHS Library

The meeting was called to order at 7:03. FHSPTSA President Betsy Salter welcomed everyone and began introductions.

A motion was made by Jennifer Krager to approve the May 10, 2017 General Meeting Minutes. Deidra Krysov-Rusoff seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Administrative News:

Vice-Principal Emily Mather filled in for Principal Valder who was unable to be at the meeting.

Ms. Mather started by saying Franklin's student population is now at 1759 and that the staff has been doing tons of new enrollments.

A parent asked about when lockers would receive their locker assignments: Ms. Mather replied that the district takes care of loading locker assignments through synergy. Lockers were physically checked and found out not to be matched up properly. The lockers have been re-assigned and checked manually again, with so far about a sample of 50, so it looks like the lockers should match up to what is assigned to students. Next week students should receive a new copy of their schedules along with their locker assignments.

A question was asked if there are enough lockers for every student: Ms. Mather said there are about 1700 lockers so no, but not every student wants or needs a locker. There should be enough lockers for those that want one.

A question was asked about what areas were open during tutorial: In the past the building was just open everywhere for tutorial. Now the approach is that tutorial is seen as students being in a classroom, being on the way to a classroom, being in the library or cafeteria, or on their way home.

A question was asked about staffing and student numbers and how that related to transferring to rooms: Initial student numbers are high and tend to fluctuate. As we get further into the year, the numbers will stabilize and then staff can see how many kids are in the building. For staffing we are getting another half FTE for science and there will also be a shift in English to add another section of English for the

seniors. The class numbers are too high, but we are getting the best we can with the number of FTE we have.

Classroom and shared space is working out with teachers. We started working on shared space with teachers while still at the Marshall Campus and now it's about working through the growing pains.

A question was raised about the possibility of getting on a "do not call" list for the attendance office. Essentially, no but the best way to not get that call is to notify the attendance office as soon as you can about an absence. Also, you can email Kathryn Starlyn, the attendance secretary, at kstarlyn@pps.net starting the morning of the day your student will be missing school. She spends the first hour of her day answering phones and checking messages about attendance.

A question was asked about the new cell phone policy and how that was being handled: All cell phones must be off during class unless the student has teacher permission to be on the phone. The first offense for students will result in the teacher taking the phone and attaching a carbon copy form to the phone, with the other copy given to the student, so that the student can retrieve the phone at the end of the day. A second offense will result in a call to the student's parents. Cell phones are not to be used during class periods when a student is out with a hall pass. For example if a student has a hall pass to use the restroom, they shouldn't be using the restroom as an excuse to use their cell phone. Passing periods are ok for cell phone usage.

Hall passes are now all the same and on lanyards that were purchased for this purpose. Now that the passes are all uniform, it is easier for staff to scan students to see if they should be out in the halls.

A question was asked about common areas and if the students could use them during class time: Teachers can allow students to use them during class but have been asked to have a line of sight of their students. Late arrival students can use the common space in front of the building or be in the library but shouldn't be wandering around to other common areas.

A question was asked about study hall and the space being used for it: Ms. Mather replied that the space study hall is currently located (above the library) is not ideal, it's not a great space for study hall but for right now it's going to stay put. There may be different options for study hall in the future but for the time being, this is it.

Juniors and seniors who are on track for graduation can have late arrival or early dismissal and some seniors end up attending only half the time their senior year. In order to graduate, students must earn 24 credits but some seniors take a full load and end up 32 credits.

There was a question about metal shop and if students were able to do anything because of it still being set up: There were some crossed wires of expectations from Mr. Ryan, the metal shop teacher, but the metal shop is fully running.

A question was asked about access points in the building: A note was also made from parents about dangerous behavior from drivers around FHS, particularly in relation to picking up after sports. Ms. Mather will have Vice Principal Chris Frazier and Athletic Director Scott Santangelo put out a reminder statement as to where parents should be picking up their students after sports.

In general, the whole building is locked except the front doors in the morning until 7:45 am. Other doors are opened up for the start of school and then at 8:30 am it's back to just the front doors being unlocked for entrance.

Next week the heavy lifting for construction on the cover for the walkway by the gym should be finished so that kids can use that walkway from the main building to the gym.

Any other questions can be asked of Ms. Mather by email at: emather@pps.net

Guest Speaker Sarah Jayne: Sarah Jayne is the Lead Community Health Nurse at the Student Health Center at Franklin High School. The clinic is sponsored by Multnomah County and includes three mental health counselors besides the RN's and Nurse Practitioners.

The clinic will see any and all students in Multnomah County, kindergarten through high school graduation. Some of the common services provided are sports physicals, immunizations, services related to illnesses and injuries, and birth control. They also provide mental health services for stress, anxiety, and depression. Ms. Jayne made note that the health center is not here to replace anyone's health care but to be an addition to one's healthcare provider.

A parent asked a question about student privacy regarding their healthcare decisions: Oregon law allows students aged 15 or older to be able to make their own healthcare decisions. The health center's

Policy Confidentiality is on display and available for viewing so that students know what can be reported to parents. Students are encouraged to talk to their parents but if that is not an option, they are encouraged to talk to another adult.

A parent asked a question if it was ok to use the clinic as a convenience: Yes and there are forms online to fill out for health history and they do ask that you fill out forms.

The clinic also does flu shots. You do need an appointment and can call the clinic for that. For appointments that are held during class time, students are given passes to leave class for that time period.

Right now the clinic is working on getting the word out to students that they are there for them. Ms. Jayne said they need to do a better job at that, but are currently using social media to make their presence known as well as things like the freshman assembly.

Guest Speaker Deidra Kryz-Rusoff: Deidra is the FHS PTSA Grants Coordinator. We have about \$35,000 in grants this year that will be given out as a result of last year's Franklin Auction.

Grant money is spent on what teacher's need, or what students or other staff or even community member's need. The goal with grant money is to fund things that will cover the most students possible, to get the most bang for the buck. Some of the favorite grant requests of the past have been from students for things like club activities.

Grant forms are currently in the office and have also been handed out to teachers.

The Grant Committee will get together to go through the requests at their first meeting on October 11th. Generally, grant request amounts are between \$200-\$2000 with sports requests being capped at \$10 a head. Ultimately, we are trying to serve the largest population as possible. Usually the asks are double of what's available.

There is a grant cycle every year and the deadline for grant request applications this year is September 29th.

Grant questions can be directed to Deidra at deidrakry@gmail.com

Treasurer's Report: Stephanie Roth, Treasurer Elect, filled in for Amber Wagner, Treasurer.

Treasurer's Report and Budget Report were handed out. Stephanie reminded everyone that these are living and breathing documents and that they can be changed at anytime with a vote from the membership.

On the Treasurer's Report, expenses almost always outdo income. But income doesn't actually get all spent so it's ok if we show a deficit. The Treasurer's Report shows what actually has happened in a fiscal year.

Operating expenses so far this year are typical. The numbers will change and fluctuate through out the year.

A reminder was made for Fred Meyer Rewards to register your card and choose Franklin High School. You will know if your card is registered with Fred Meyers if you look at your receipt and at the bottom it will say which organization you are donating to. Amazon money will come to Franklin by going to AmazonSmile and choosing Franklin High School PTSA.

A motion was made by Roger Kirchner to approve the budget. Rebecca Eaton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Reports:

President Update: Betsy talked about the PTSA Educator of the Month award. We are going to streamline the process so that now you can simply write the name of an educator or staff member that you would like to nominate. If your nominee is picked, you would then be contacted and invited to write some words as to why you chose this person. Those who would like to nominate someone can send the name of that person to the PTSA Vice President, Jean Hansen at vicepresfhspts@gmail.com

Betsy brought up the topic of the Senior Graduation Party or Grad Night. Chris Meyers has chaired this event in the past but won't be doing it this year. The grad night party has typically brought in only about 100 seniors each year and is a homogenous group. Chris would like to know if the PTSA would make a sub-committee to look into ideas to make a graduation event that would be inclusive for all seniors.

Ideas that came up included something like what Cleveland High School does which would be a pizza party immediately after

graduation. Other suggestions were a day at Oaks Park and a bowling day.

There was also encouragement to get the senior students/leadership involved since it is their event, perhaps through a survey. Another suggestion was added to make sure parents of seniors might want to have a voice in suggestions as well.

A sign-up sheet was passed around for those who were interested in participating in the exploratory committee for the senior graduation party.

Old Business: The standing rules were presented. Almost everything remained the same with the exceptions of online payment is now called School Pay. There was a slight increase in membership fees to cover the cost of online processing. General membership went from \$15 to \$16 and student pricing went from \$9.50 to \$10. The final change was to make the start times of all general meetings 7pm.

A motion was made to approve the standing rules by Roger Kirchner. Deidra Kryz-Rusoff seconded the motion. All approved and the motion passed.

Roger made noted that the PTSA needs to make sure to file the standing rules with Oregon PTA.

President Elect Update: Lisa said the PTSA Wreath and Garland sale is live and online and you can order now. Friday, November 3rd is the deadline to complete your order. Wreaths should be delivered between November 30th and December 1st. This fundraiser does usually bring in around \$1000.

September 26th is our restaurant partner day with Pizzicato. It's only at the one on 60th and Division and is good for all day. This fundraiser usually brings in around \$500.

October 4th will be the first auction planning meeting in the library. The theme is "There's No Place Like Home" and will be held on March 3rd, 2018 at the Embassy Suites by the airport.

Membership Update: Richelle thanked everyone for their membership and let everyone know that even though membership money is a small portion of the budget, it's a helpful part. She would like to particularly encourage freshman parents to become member and also would encourage members to reach out into the community for other memberships.

Legislative Update: Rebecca reported we now have a new superintendent at PPS, Guadalupe Guerrero, and he has already been to FHS three times now.

There is a potential of a special election that may come up in January. This would be about the hospital provider tax and the vote would be to repeal it. For now, it's just something to be monitored.

Volunteer Coordinator Update: Jonell let everyone know there will be plenty of volunteer opportunities coming. There will be a signup coming soon for Back to School Night, which is Tuesday, September 19th. She also encouraged anyone who hasn't filled out a Parent Interest Finder to do so and reminded everyone that the form isn't a commitment. You can give back how much you can and want but the form is just a way to find people who are interested in volunteering.

Final question: A parent asked if there was anymore news about a potential change in the mascot name.

School administration has given the matter to the district. The matter isn't finished yet and will certainly get another look. But that will all be at district level and not school level.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.