

Frost MS PTA: Meeting Minutes

Date: February 1, 2022

In-person/ Virtual

Secretary: Susanne Fitch

Meeting called to order: 7:31 PM

Present: Pam Edwards, Allison Pugsley, Susanne Fitch, Julie Minde, Anthony Harris, Sandra Honeysett, Ivan and Trish Ramirez, Jane Frantz, Cassie, David Lee, Jennifer Zabel, Kim G., Lilly, Linda Hernandez-Giblin, and Yonas Asrat.

Welcome: PTA President (Allison Pugsley)

- Ms. Pugsley welcomed Frost parents and staff, some of whom attended the meeting in person and some of whom attended virtually by Zoom.

1. Principal's Report: Frost MS Principal (Anthony Harris)

- Mr. Harris reported on the Social and Emotional Learning Screener (SEL) that students completed in the fall. Results will be mailed to families in early February. Results were shared with faculty and staff today. Mr. Harris reminded the membership that the screener was given at the beginning of the school year when students were just getting adjusted to the middle school environment. Another iteration of the screener will take place in April or May. In the meantime, Frost faculty and staff have been working to support students' sense of belonging.
- The after-school program resumed last week with new activities.
- The heating system in the school has not been fully functional since the fire at Woodson. The facilities team is working hard to get the problems resolved. Even when the boiler is on, the system requires trouble shooting due to its age.
- Mask compliance among students has been good.
- Mr. Harris recognized the winners of the 2021 Reflections art program contest. This year's theme was "I Will Change the World By...." Frost students Colin Barrion (grade 7) and Moubon Kurukumbi (grade 8) both received the distinction of Outstanding Interpretation for their entries.
- Academic advising season is underway. Students are receiving information from their counselors and meeting with them. Parents should be on the lookout for course selection sheets coming home. High School curriculum nights are coming up for current Frost 8th graders who will attend Woodson or Annandale High School.
- The renovation is ahead of schedule and going very well, thanks to recent good weather. Work is currently underway on the roof. Muddy spots outside the Scrape were addressed for the safety of students.

2. President's Report: PTA President (Allison Pugsley)

- Ms. Pugsley reported on restaurant fundraisers on behalf of chair Emmy Villegas Obruba. A king cake fundraiser will launch in the next couple of weeks. Ms. Obruba is seeking a co-chair for the remainder of the school year.
- Ms. Pugsley gave the floor to Julie Minde, who reported on the PTA's Read-A-Thon fundraiser, which will take place in the second half of February. Once again it will be managed online through 99Pledges.

- Ms. Pugsley and Mr. Harris encouraged the membership to volunteer for PTA board and chair positions and to encourage friends as well. All board positions will be vacant at the end of the 2021-22 school year.

3. Vice President's Report: PTA Vice President (Pam Edwards)

- Ms. Edwards reported on the upcoming Frost Family Festival for rising 7th graders, taking place in-person on February 16th. The snow date is February 24. Pizza meals will be available by prepayment only, due by February 15. Ms. Hornbecker sent the announcement of the event to the Frost feeder schools. Volunteers and food donations will be needed in support of the Frost Family Festival.
- Spirit wear sales are ongoing via Squad Locker. There has been growing interest in smaller items such as magnets and lanyards. Magnets have been ordered and should be available for the Frost Family Festival and Bingo Night. Ms. Edwards is looking into purchasing lanyards.
- The PTA fall grant program is still underway. Ms. Morningstar has just sent out the spring grant program notification. The deadline for the spring round of grant applications is February 18. The membership will vote on them in March.

4. Treasurer's Report: PTA Treasurer (David Lee)

Mr. Lee reviewed PTA finances for the membership.

5. Approval of PTA Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the December meeting were reviewed and approved by the membership.

6. Around the Table: Discussion, Suggestions and Questions

- The members discussed Bingo Night, the end-of-year 8th grade celebration and the 8th grade award ceremony. All are likely to be held in person this year. The dates for these events are to be determined.
- Ms. Trish Ramirez, hospitality chair, is planning to recognize counselors during Counselor Appreciation Week. She will also have a Valentine's Day treat for teachers and staff.
- Ms. Edwards suggested displaying posters of the school renovation work in the cafeteria at the Frost Family Festival.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Next PTA Meeting: March 1, 2022, 7:30 PM