

Frost MS PTA Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/11/17

Call to order:

The call to order was a little disorganized due to security staff that were present during the meeting, and a sense of urgency in getting them introduced, and then moving on with the meeting agenda.

Principal's Message (Eric McCann)

Introduced Security Assistants and Officer/SRO

- The security team works to keep the school, its students safe both inside and out. Also makes sure that the school meets all county safety requirements.
- Security conducts 4 lockdown drills a year (Mandatory for all VA schools) - two year cycle
- This team takes their role very seriously and thus does a great job of keeping the school safe and operating within county regulations
- Frost has a robust Comprehensive Sites Services (CSS) Program, hence the additional resources

Recent KIT:

- Superintendent's Tour - please consider visiting when he comes to R5
- Budget cycle beginning. Superintendent's priority is staff salary
- Bond referendum for Frost's renovation planning will be on Nov ballot
- School calendar planning is starting to explore different start date options. Looking to move to a two year planning process
- Waiver for early start expires this year. If we do not use a certain number of snow days, we will go back to post-labor day start

Recap for September Meeting (Rob) **(send info to entire pta - Rob, do you have a complete distro list??)

- Still need help with Health Screenings
- Challenge committee and SIMR meetings have been filled
- eFax will go out with a reminder
- Frost 5K Nov 11th
- Request for assistance with Beautification Committee

AP/Staff Messages

Laura Allen - Special Ed Liaison

- Special Education has it's PTA support mechanism called SEPTA; separate membership is \$6.
- There is a parent support group that meets at Einstein Bagels once a month, next meeting is Oct. 20. Need to get something in eFacts about this. (TODO: ROB)
- SEPTA Group met on 10/10
- Inclusive schools week 12/4-8
- Can we invite staff, parents to discuss services available, Unified Sports
- Bring in a speaker

- Acceptance Program has been successful in facilitating relationships between special needs students and the rest of the student body. Laura may spearhead similar program throughout the county.
- Superintendent wants to fill the over 100 vacancies in SE; welcomes criticism and examples of successful program
- Laura wants to create a positive IEP culture. (***primarily a parent issue??)

Brig Carrie - 7th grade school counselor, Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) Coordinator

Counseling Updates

10/24 - No after school programs

11/3 - end of Q1 - 2hr early release

11/6-7 - No school, TWD

11/11 - Frost 5K

11/9-10 - 7:30 - Drama production

- Counselors go into classes every month for a lesson.
- Sep - SMART goals, what is counseling? what is offered?
- Oct - Resiliency and wellness lesson
- SOS and Wellness Screening next week 11/18. Emphasis on ACT
- All kids will take the screening; counselors will reach out to students who may be in crisis
- Conversations will continue at HS/Woodson for those most at-risk

Update on PBIS work

Upcoming events - Look under Events on Frost website

10/18 - Wellness screenings

10/19 - Teen Suicide Prevention Day - Wear Purple Day - celebrating life and hope

10/25 - Unity Day - wear Orange Day - Students will brainstorm ideas for a mural during Falcon Focus. Will submit design before winter break. Winning design will have the mural painted on wall at Frost

10/31 - Mix-it-Up Day - encourages kids to sit with others at lunch to encourage inclusion

Counseling Team looking to embrace the county's new referendum called One Fairfax. One Fairfax encourages a look toward equity and inclusion and has inspired a school-based event called One Frost. Students will be included in the discussion with student Advisory Committee. Teachers can make recommendations for committee members.

Looking to revise existing Rewards Program. Hope to address what students want, what inspires them to be good citizens

Treasurer: (Paula Vonasek)

Budget

- Membership info has not been finalized. Once those numbers come in, we will have an updated budget number
- Approximately \$13K in account

SpiritWear (delivered by P. Vonasek on Renne Faulkner's behalf)

- Unfortunately vendor had to be changed.
- New delivery date sometime in Oct.
- New vendors are being vetted.
- Report on vendor decision will come in November

Food for Thought

Trish Ramirez is committee chair. Tracy Lindsay-Luper, school social worker, helps identify kids with food needs

- Approximately 20 kids have an identified need
- Sign-up genius was distributed to parents who have expressed interest in supporting this project
- Parent comes in on Thur to prepare packages; Fri morn volunteers delivery packages to classrooms for pick-up during 7th period
- Partnering with Bright Paths for supplies. Still seeking donations

VP Update (Mik Kiss)

Directory is in process.

- A number of sponsors have been secured

Grant process is underway.

- Teachers should submit grant requests (needed by 10/16). Principal will remind the faculty of the opportunity
- PTA meets and weighs in on grant requests; PTA and Principal will review and award
- At least something is awarded if not all of the request.
- Mik will draft a timeline for grant process

Reflections (Christie)

- Rules are on VAPTA.org
- Submit to box outside of office 10/18-26
- Everything goes out on 11/9

Next meeting:

November 8th, 6pm

Meeting Adjourned: 10:30am

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— SIGN-IN —

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