

Frost MS PTA Meeting Minutes

Date: 9/13/17

Call to order: 9:15am

Introductions: Well attended

Principal's Message (Eric McCann)

- Frost Admin and Frost PTA team to identify best uses of resources.
- Used landscaping as an example; Frost needed some landscaping, and PTA provided funds to supplement landscaping costs.
- There are limitations on what Frost Admin can do for Staff; back to school breakfast was Excellent for staff.
- Back to school night; walk around was successful, preparation takes time, purpose is to make children feel comfortable
- Falcon focus: Intervention and enrichment block. Lessons on executive skills - research shows that students exposed and prepped on executive functioning perform better. It's not just about completing homework. This block of time allows students to see teachers.
- Cell Phones/head phones: A very sensitive subject. There is no requirement to have a cell phone at school. All phones are asked to be turned off, and put away. If phones are taken, the student is given a receipt to pick-up the phone. Most students are not able to show maturity in using their phones. These are the same things that are said to the students.
- Hopefully students feel good about maneuvering the school, and so if they need help with time management, they can always ask.
- Fire Drills: all students have done very well. Lockdown was done very well.

AP Message/Staff

- Rights and responsibilities were explained to all students
- Phone receipts were explained to students.
- Students will start getting tardy notices; first time warning, second time students work it out with teacher, third time a call goes home to parents.

Performing Arts Faculty and Students' Message

- Law & Order Fairytale (drama) will be putting on a show. Admission might involve food donation, such as a canned good. Google forms might be a way to do.
- Date: 11/9 and 11/10. Sell tickets the week before. Sajalajel@fcps.edu
- All Frost students can audition – not just drama students
- Auditions 25th/26th of September. There are monologues prepared. Call backs the 27th. Rehearsals will be M, T, Th to coincide with late buses.

After School:

- Information will be sent out about it.
- Monday, September 18th, late buses will start; Mon, Wed. Thurs. Full club won't start until first week in Oct. After school budget has been cut by 20%.
- Mr. McCann will see if the PTA can help with funding any of the after school activities; salaries are a big part of it so that may be an issue but supplies and snacks could be

covered. Parents can become certified and volunteer to help and that would save money.

- There will likely be further cuts, and there may be some noticeable impacts.
- 8th graders will get information about USE survey; county government and schools team up for the survey.
- Additional question: Is there a way to find alternative funding for afterschool programming?
- If there are clubs, there is a need for parents to help/assist to avoid
- Parents that wish to volunteer need to be certified
- Snacks can also be provided

We need two volunteers:

- Challenge committee:
 - When a book gets challenged, a committee is needed to determine if it is appropriate.
 - Members serve on an as-needed basis
 - Interested parties should contact Amy Weik at 703-863-0808 or amyweik1@gmail.com
- SIMR committee
 - A local Frost committee that reviews all Frost media that a teacher would like to use, but has not been reviewed by the county.
 - The committee is made up of parents and teachers, and the committee makes a recommendation on the media.

Danielle Hornbecker

- Proctor boards
- Emily Chang can help setup SIS accounts,
- Trouble on login: Ms. Reed can help.
- Parent survey is used to help with programming.
- Fixed Mindset is being socialized at Frost and student have responded well to the concept.

Important Dates

- September 22 - Student holiday
- Oct 6 - school picture day (through PE class)
- Oct. 9 Columbus day
- Nov. 11 Frost 5K (it is on Veterans Day)

Frost 5K

- Sponsorship for event is still needed - \$150 is minimum amount and name will go on the 5K Tshirt
- The committee is working on tiers of sponsorship
- This is going to be held on Veteran's Day. A portion of the proceeds will go to a military focused organization
- 5K replaces the old magazine drive as the major school fundraiser; provides more community focus

Beautification Program

- Lowe's and Home Depot do grants for the programs
- Beautification chair is needed.
- County is currently pulling out of school beautification
- A vision is needed for this for the beautification.
- Laura Allen suggested we ask girl scout and boy scout troops for help with beautification projects

TO DO: Add a note to eFacts looking for parents and students to volunteer

TO DO: Would help to have a beautification club

Spirit Wear:

- Sales in the past were done in person.
- Looking to switch vendors (spirit wear - looking to form a committee. Looking to switch vendors for several reasons.) Also looking to add online ordering capabilities.
- Perhaps even mail stuff to people ordering. We can explore vendors that are willing to ship orders to customers that order online. In the past, we tried various promotional type events, including a "Hoodie Day" where students could go to the gym, and order their spirit wear hoodies.

Tracey and Heather - Food for Thought

- Food for Thought (FFT) through Bright Paths. There are a significant number of kids that struggle with food. The PTA supported last year. Setup an Amazon wish list. The pantry if fully stocked.
- **SAVE THE DATE: Marshall Road elementary - September 19 (9-11:30) provides training on how to get this program running solid.**
- Last year FFT provided 241 bags of food.
- Heather works for Bright Path. They partner with 14 schools. Every school does it differently. PTA can support with volunteer service, and support through communication about the program. The partnership with Bright Paths provides access to a pool of
- There is a way to donate on Bright Paths website; it is possible to designate Frost as the school to receive the donation.
- Chrissy Boylan was actively engaged in this program in the past.
- There is a definite need
- **TODO: Follow up on this and form a committee**
- Also need to consider
- There are also ways to collect food in the cafeteria. There are ways to get grants to fund the program logistics.
- Perhaps a way to bring in food via 5k and drama.

Special Education (Laura)

- Monthly parent support group of IEP parents
- Working on adding some night programs
- Frost unified special olympics - Frost PTA provided financial help with this. Two staff members are involved and they do tennis and basketball
- Last year, went to George Mason and played during halftime of a GMU game.

Treasurer:

Budget and Audit

- Audit – APPROVED Moved to approve – Christy Lennen, seconded Amanda Hill
- Budget – APPROVED Moved to approve – Christy Lennen, seconded Amanda Hill
- We have more funds than budgeted assuming current year's fundraising activities go as planned. We can assess increasing budget for some items in the spring.

- Health screening: will take place on 10/18 in PE classes– volunteers will be needed to assist that day

TODO : Seek a Directory Chair

TODO: There should be a blog to help with communication.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:45am

Sign In - PTA 9/13

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Amy Weik

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ROBERT CAIN

Eric McCann

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