

February 7, 2019

FES-PTA

Board Meeting

Jen Alonso presided over meeting in Rob Elliot's absence. Kenya Hoffart took minutes in Mory LaVoie's absence.

Those in attendance: Jen Alonso, Kenya Hoffart, Carly McAbee, Jonathan Borntrager, Cristy Brunner, Dr. Angie Jackson, Andi Elliot, Molly Sherrill, Cristy Brunner, Kim Matyskiela, Kiersten Austin, Patty Palma

Call to Order – 8:01 am

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

Motion to approve: Molly Sherrill

Second: Carly McAbee

No objections or abstentions.

Motion passed; minutes approved.

Principal's Report

- The 5th grade transition meeting will be February 18. CCMS counselors and assistant principal, Mr. Alexander, will come to FES. Fifth grade students will travel to CCMS on February 21 for a school tour and to discuss electives, etc. There will also be a parent meeting at CCMS that night.
- Fourth graders recently won a STEM competition for the FED Cup and were awarded with a trip to the Civic Center to enjoy a carnival and meet the players.
- There is a vacant staff position for a third grade assistant. This is a part-time position. Interviews will be next week.
- Club pictures for the yearbook will be next Monday, February 11.
- Bus Driver Appreciation is next week. Cindy McMahon, Reynolds District Representative on the Buncombe County Board of Education, will ride the morning bus route with Ginger Lynch on February 14.
- Last week was School Counselor's Appreciation Week. They enjoyed lunch from the restaurant of their choice (The Local Joint).
- Mrs. Jennifer Tatum is a finalist for a Science, Math, and Technology Teacher of the Year award and will be observed by state representatives this Friday. She is one of three finalists.
- The BCS Board will vote on the Blue Hall transition/renovation at tonight's board meeting. This will determine when those students and four II teachers will move, which could be this August, the middle of next school year, or the end of next school year.

Title 1 Documentation Review

- PTA Board Members were issued copies of the 2018-2019 Parent Involvement Plan, Parent Involvement Policy, and Title 1 Compact for review.
 - The group agreed that the Parent Involvement Plan is clear and concise. A suggestion to include the PTA Parent Socials was made, and everyone agreed.
 - The group also agreed the Parent Involvement Policy clearly explains the purpose and direction of our school, as well as the how the Title 1 program both influences and encourages parent involvement.

- After reviewing the Title 1 Compact, the group agrees that the goals outlined for students, parents, teachers, and the school as a whole, are fair and suitable – and also serve as a great reminder to help keep all stakeholders focused on the purpose and direction of Fairview Elementary.

Presentation by Christen Davidson, FES Curriculum Coach

- Mrs. Davison asked to present a proposal to the PTA concerning the focus of upcoming Boosterthon fundraiser. She asked that the group consider raising money to help purchase literacy materials so that Title 1 funds can be freed for other uses.
 - Her presentation began with an overview of how Title 1 funds were allotted for this school year. Of the \$230,000 of federal money FES received, \$60,000 is spent on literacy materials (Foundations for K-2, Wit & Wisdom for grades 1, 3, and 4, teacher materials, and classroom books); \$5,000 is spent on parental involvement (food, flyers, gifts, books), and the rest is spent on personnel (salary and benefits for 1 full-time Title 1 coordinator and instructor; salary for 5 part-time assistants; salary for one part-time Intervention Specialist).
 - Mrs. Davidson proposed that the PTA help purchase literacy materials so that money previously set aside in the Title 1 budget for this can be repurposed to provide additional personnel support to teachers to help with small math groups, etc. in all grade levels, which will help the school meet or exceed their goals in respect to test scores, student growth, etc.
 - This proposal is a one-time request as the Title 1 budget and needs change every year. It is not something that will be expected to be included in future PTA budgets or considerations.
 - The PTA must determine what the Boosterthon funds will be raised for as soon as possible. The PTA budget and carry-over for next year must be covered first. The current estimate to cover that is \$20,000.
 - Mrs. Davidson said any amount available after the PTA budget and carry-over is covered will be greatly appreciated.

Motion to approve that any Boosterthon proceeds in excess of what is needed to cover the PTA budget and carry-over go to purchase literacy materials so that Title 1 funding can be released to provide for additional support personnel: Molly Sherrill

Second: Andi Elliott

No objections or abstentions.

Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

- The current checking account balance is \$24,195.88. There is \$1,124.74 in outstanding checks. This brings the current usable funds to \$23,071.14.
- The amount needed to cover the remainder of this year's budget is \$13,586.47.

Committee Reports

Fundraising

- The kick-off (pep rallies) for this year's Boosterthon Fun Run will be March 20. The fun runs will be on March 29. Huddles will be held every day in-between.
- There will be a day to decorate for the Boosterthon event soon. Cristy Brunner will announce that date and hopes there will be a team available to help.
- Cristy Brunner and Kiersten Austin are working hard to get local businesses to sponsor the fun run t-shirts so they can be provided to students free again this year. The lap counter will be a sticker that will be temporary placed on the back of t-shirts, which will leave more room for sponsors on the actual shirt.

- Book Fair flyers will go home soon. It will run February 25 – March 1. Since that Monday is an early release day, that Friday will be a full shopping day. Volunteers will be needed!
- Andi Elliot will find out who needs vouchers. Those students will be allowed to spend \$8 each, thanks to fund-a-friend.
- Friday, March 1, will be Book Character Dress-Up Day. Students will be encouraged to bring a donation to support the school in Wilmington that Rob Elliot has been corresponding with, and once he has the information needed for the flyer, Kenya Hoffart will design and distribute. The Literacy Team and Dr. Jackson will need to approve the flyer first.

Advocacy

- March 26 is PTA Lobby Day in Raleigh. This is when NCPTA meets with legislators to discuss hot topics. Kim Matyskiela may try to go.
- Kim Matyskiela recently participated in a webinar training and challenges FES-PTA to ask themselves, Are we relevant?

New Business

Playground Committee

- Patty Palma attended this board meeting so she could find out what is expected of her as the chair for the playground committee. She is concerned about puddles on the K-1 playground. Dr. Jackson reiterated that those types of issues are handled by Buncombe County Schools. They are aware of these issues and the need to reroute drainage. The playground committee will need to focus on concerns not handled by the county.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Molly Sherrill

Second: Carly McAbee

No objections or abstentions.

Motion passed; meeting adjourned at 9:05 am.