

**FHS PTSA General Meeting
March 14th 2019
FHS Room M-221**

Meeting was called to order at 7:05

Board members in attendance: Lisa Zuniga, Amber Wagner, Jean Hansen, Amy Dirk, Stephanie Roth, Richelle Morgan, Chris DeMars, Julie Reed, Heidi McNamee, and Jonell Alvi.

Quorum was met.

Introductions were made.

Administrative Business:

General Meeting Minutes:

No changes

Educators of the Month:

Rob Jamieson (Math) nominated by Amber Wagner and
Elle Wilder (AP English/Avid) nominated by parent Janna Stephens.

PTSA Program:

FHS Community with PPS School Board
Director Julia Brim-Edwards, Zone 6 (FHS Cluster)
Current term: 7/2017-6/2021

Name one achievement you are especially proud to have played a role in and why?

The reason I ran 2 years ago is I thought PPS was seriously off track. There was a water crisis, inequities in k-8s vs k-5s. I'm most proud to be on the board again and that we hired a new superintendent, passed the bond measure, and opened constructed schools on time. We have more support coming from district.

What is the top priority for PPS and why?

Making sure every kid that leaves our school system is prepared for whatever is their future; college, trade school, life. To just to make sure the students are well prepared. That they are prepared to deal with many different backgrounds.

Grounds upkeep question? What can we do as school community?

In the early 2000s, PPS eliminated grounds staff. We are trying to now build back that staff. PPS needs to work with the facilities departments and get things in writing to get things done. Sometimes people need to be reminded.

Franklin has requests in, but keep getting the response that facilities is working on it. Julia Brim-Edwards suggests asking for when that will happen.

What things are you advocating for specifically to Franklin?

Potentially this year there will be budget cuts. Over next 3-4 months there will be budgeting process. I will be checking in with schools in my zone to see what needs are unique to that school.

Chris Frazier: Our projected numbers for next year are 1926 students. That's just projections, there is always movement. We potentially will have 1900 students in a building meant to hold 1700.

There are still a few things that remain from the modernization, example baseball nets. Just making sure the last projects get completed. Holding the district accountable to what's outstanding.

Lisa asked about the car that crashed into a guard rail of building. Chris says there is a process of fixing it that we have to work through.

Explain the process in which needs of Franklin communicates to PPS?

Your number one advocate is your leader in school, your principal. From my perspective, I get feedback from the community when I'm out and about but also I get emails. There is nothing more powerful than asking the right question. When I hear about something I tend to pass it on immediately, first informally and then formally. I encourage people to speak up.

Franklin and student body enrollment?

There are several southeast schools that are overcrowded including Franklin. Right now, enrollment strategies are being looked at, for example at Bridger there is now two portables. There are low to no-cost things that can be used for overcrowding such as address verification and restricting non-neighborhood transfers. We would want to look at everything we can do before adjusting the boundary.

Amber Wagner: Do you see Marshall reopening?

Julia Brim-Edwards: Grant leaves in the fall and then Madison occupies Marshall. After that, potentially Benson so there is at least 4-5 years of using Marshall as swing space. Students who may be coming to Franklin now may go back to those schools when they are rebuilt.

Amber Wagner: Will Kellogg be big enough to convert all the SE K-8s to K-5s?

Julia Brim-Edwards: I think we really need Kellogg and another middle school, potentially Harrison Park. I'm working with the board on that.

Ms. Wilder asked if there is a way to help with that and Julia Brim-Edwards encourages people to ask those who are running for board positions about fully functioning middle schools and where they stand on that.

Ms. Wilder: Is there a way to change the changes that seem to come from top- down as opposed to ground-up.

Julia Brim-Edwards: There needs to be leadership from the top but it needs to also allow for those on the ground to speak. The district needs a better way to adjust and adapt. I don't have a great answer but it's a really critical communication piece.

Darcy Mundorff: Does the board have any say over where AP exams are taken?

Julia Brim-Edwards: The board approves the budget, oversees the superintendent, makes policy, and asks questions. This is not necessarily something the board can weigh on but they can ask.

Audience Member: A question about modernization and since we are the first school, there are some things that need fixed and it is concerning. Are we taking some lessons learned to the next schools?

Julia Brim-Edwards: These reports go to the deputy superintendent. There are some lessons learned and at the end of the day there is accountability to the superintendent.

Julia Brim-Edwards can be reached at:
jbrim-edwards@pps.net

Budget and Treasurers Report:

Stephanie says that everything on track. We will be getting a huge check from auction soon.

Board Reports:

Student News: No rep this evening.

Volunteers: Heidi and Jonell, Teacher and Staff Appreciation is May 6-10. We are making a committee and need a couple of volunteers to make this event happen.

We are also looking for parent volunteer for the raffle and need someone to organize lunch the lunch. Heidi happy to help out with communication.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4ca8a923a0ff2-franklin3>

Legislative Liaison: Chris, in the current legislative session, the budget is main thing. Last Thursday the budget framework was laid and K-12 schools will receive \$100 million more to school budgets. The Budget Committee is hosting a Ways and Means Roadshow on March 21st .

<https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/lfo/Pages/JointWaysMeans.aspx>

The legislative session goes until end of June.

Principal's Report/Q&A:

Chris Frazier:

We have had an eventful week. Chris first thanked the auction committee for the auction and remarked how it's a great way to build community.

Staffing for next year, we aren't losing anyone. Students determine what programs we offer.

There is a Climate Justice walkout that is taking place tomorrow. A rally is scheduled for 11 am. This is not a school sanctioned event. Teachers are asked to remain in the building. The district says an administrator will go with the students that walkout but everyone else stays at school.

Mascot name change. The survey was just finished and an email will go out tomorrow.

Recent emergencies involving students. In both events, students were not seriously injured. Chris has gotten emails from parents of what we can do to keep students safe. Chris says never underestimate the power of your voice. Have honest conversations with your kids. Society has changed and we need to have honest, frank conversations and be willing to talk. It's about getting kids to be aware of their surroundings. Chris often sees kids with earbuds in, with no social awareness, so it's about being aware and mindful.

Also, anytime that you bring in police, there is a protocol and very specific information that Chris can share and cannot share. Whatever Chris shares in newsletter, that is public record. There is a process and a protocol that he is responsible for. So it's not that he's trying to be vague, but it's about protecting families and people involved. We always try to honor students wishes and family wishes for privacy.

A question was asked if Chris could share the names that will be on the mascot survey?

The options are: Lightning, Thunder Bolts, Firs, Ambassadors, Chargers, and Falcons.

Committee Reports:

"Won't You Be My Neighbor" Auction:

PTSA share is \$42,750. Go towards grants. Some of the repeating grants have gone into PTSA budget so teachers don't have to keep on requesting and can count on it. 14,000 goes to foundation. Mostly subs. Auction wrap at denistons. April 2.

Grad Night Party:

Jean and Amber are Co-Chairing the event. The party is full steam ahead. It will be the night of graduation at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center. Any questions can be sent to Amber Wagner. amber.d.wagner@gmail.com

Nominating Committee for 2019/2020 PTSA Board:

Lisa Kensel is working on contacting feeder schools and Amy Chandler is chairing the committee. Each person nominated will get a phone call from the nominating committee.

Positions that still need to be filled: President-Elect, Treasurer-Elect, Secretary, and Communications.

Contact Amy Chandler if you are interested. amy.b.chandler@multco.us

New Business:

Standing Rules:

PTSA standing rules are supposed to say in Officers and Elections:

Part B: Per unified local by-laws, a person shall not be eligible to serve 2 consecutive one year terms in the same office.

Part C: Nominating committee to 3 people ofr

Part D: There is not always an April meeting.

Roger Kirchner motioned that we move to change the Standing Rules as explained by Amber Wagner. Darcy Mundorff seconded. Standing Rules are amended.

April 27-28, Oregon PTA Conference in Wilsonville:

We will pay for anyone who would like to go. Let Lisa Zuniga know by April 21st.
Would like to have at least 3 people from Franklin.

April 9th is Pizzicato, don't forget.

Next meeting will be candidates forum for school board and meeting will be held in the library.

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:32