

# May 16, 2018 PTSA Meeting Minutes

The meeting started after the Meet and Greet with Principal-elect Chris Frazier.

## **PTSA Nominee Slate**

Next year's PTSA nominee slate (see below) was presented and those present were introduced by Betsy Salter. There were no nominations from the floor.

Darcy Mundorff moved to nominate the slate as initially presented; Andrea Strauss seconded. No attendees opposed and there were no abstentions.

## **Educators of the Month**

Jean Hansen cited the influx of nominations in recent months.

### **1. Rick Holte**

Ayanna Smith nominated him. He is an amazing teacher and takes a lot of time to connect to the students; shares personal experiences with sports injuries and is excellent at helping drill down different aspects of sports injuries and medicine.

Jean Hansen shared that her son, Tanner, who is now at college, enjoyed learning from Rick and took the sports medicine class as well.

Holly Vaughn-Edmonds also weighed in with how well-respected Rick is by the students.

### **2. Marc Appell**

Ericka Deckler student and Holly Vaughn-Edmonds nominated him. Marc arrived at FHS three years ago and cofacilitated the ASP program with Holly this year.

Mark has boundless energy, is extremely engaging with students and his mastery of Spanish and patience with students who might not show up create a welcoming and supportive environment for students to do well. He makes FHS a more jubilant place.

## **Principal Update**

Juanita Valder

FHS is in the midst of May Fete and the Prom is coming up.

### **Hiring**

They have been interviewing for a month. 16 new FTE next year; 2/3 new staff selected.

Next year's student enrollment is currently at 1,851.

Franklin's budget and ability to hire staff are partially based on equity formula adjustments. We are in a good position to keep programming and diversity and resources.

### **Working on the master schedule**

- New structures based on Measure 98 funding and requirements. Support for the Freshmen academies will be boosted to a team of four teachers; if a student carries an IEP, there will be a fifth teacher. There is an intensive effort underway to leverage the data that FHS and PPS have access to for making staff allocation decisions. In addition, they are conducting outreach to

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families and are committed to providing solid instruction appropriate for students and their needs.

- Students will have tentative classes in hand before they leave school.
- Freshmen schedules will be included in the early August packets that are sent to student homes.

### ***Transition to New Principal***

June 29 is the official transition date.

Juanita shared that the transition to Chris Frazier as the new Principal and the continuity his presence will provide will be helpful for FHS in the future.

Chris shared some insights about his background and his views of taking on the leadership role at FHS. He used to work in the ASP. Franklin is family. He came from De La Salle and did not know much about public school system when he first transitioned a few years ago.

He is excited about the opportunity to help lead FHS; he thinks nothing is broken and wants to work to help tweak and make minor improvements to support ongoing growth and excellence.

### ***Other Staffing and Schedule Questions and Answers***

Any leads on VP replacement? On Friday, they will finish the rounds of interviewing. There are three VP positions open in PPS.

Chris Frazier's replacement and the replacement for Steve Matthews, the FHS Business Manager, are included in the previously mentioned 16 FTEs that we are in the process of filling.

535 incoming freshmen are currently on the books for joining FHS in the 2018/2019 school year. Five academies with 100+ kids to be tracked by 4-5 teachers.

An academy stays together in the same classes – the student will be with a group of 100 in the core classes. For example, the students will have the same teacher for 9<sup>th</sup> grade English and CCE. Tied to a math string and science string for certain periods.

While there are 8 periods in a student's schedule, the student only goes to four classes per day as it is a block schedule that alternates on different days.

### ***Accessing Sports***

Go to website for sports for tryouts and get connected. Chris said that kids who want to get a head start can go to the gym and get the blue card to be completed by the student's pediatrician. Blue cards are also included in the mailed registration

### ***Registration***

August 14-16 are the registration dates. Seniors and Juniors register on the first day, followed by sophomores, and then freshmen on the third day.

### ***Ways to Stay Informed***

Parents are encouraged to volunteer to stuff registration packets this summer; it is a great way to get an early look at what is going (by seeing what is included in the packets).

The FHS PTSA webpage is a good place to be kept involved.

***Given the reorganization at central office of PPS, are we expecting any changes in support?***

Juanita mentioned that there has been an ample pool of applicants per positions, even part-time ones. FHS is clearly considered an attractive place to work!

## **Thank you, Juanita!**

Betsy Salter provided comments of gratitude to Juanita for her tireless and dedicated service to the school. She presented Juanita with a bouquet of flowers and quilt of FHS tee shirts. Amber Wagner pointed out how Juanita guided us through the move from the old FHS campus to the interim campus at Marshall and back to the renovated FHS campus, noting that each move was a massive undertaking.

## **Approval of minutes**

Minutes from the previous PTSA meeting were presented for approval. No motion is required to approve. Betsy asked if there were any questions of the previous meeting's minutes. There were no questions and they were deemed approved.

## **Treasurer's Report**

The budget was proposed for discussion and approval.

There was some dialogue about budget line items.

- The FHS Ambassadors used to be Link Crew. Upperclassmen serve as mentors and get trained to do it. (Customized tee shirts to make it easier to identify them.)
- There was a question about the budget line item for the Student Leadership support. Student Leadership is led by Marc Appell and is related to school assemblies, etc. This is different from the Student Senate, which includes the heads of all the student clubs, all of whom are required to participate in the Senate. They talk about the school climate and culture and provide feedback to school administrators about ways to improve the school environment.

**Vote:** Heidi McNamee made a motion to accept the proposed budget for the 2018/2019 school year; Beth Azar seconded. All attendees voted in favor; there were no abstentions.

## **Beth Azar – Communications**

Beth announced that there is a promotion that has been offered to FHS families called "**Unglue**". It is an app that helps kids monitor their accumulated screen time throughout the day; the company is offering it to interested families for free for six months. It puts the power in the child's time teaching them how to monitor their screen time.

### ***Effort to Reuse Graduation Gowns***

We will start collecting graduation gowns for reuse in future years. While the counseling office currently does this on a small scale, this will be a bigger effort.

## **Increasing and Diversifying Parent and Student Involvement**

Richelle Morgan attended a Sun Parent Leader meeting on Monday night to explore how to get parents of other languages involved in the school and how to make it easier for them to participate. She took notes and will continue to explore this. Note that one of the newly approved members of next year's PTSA is a member-at-large role to be filled by Laura Smoyer who is interested in serving as a liaison with other parent groups to increase cross-pollination of ideas.

Juanita pointed out that the school improvement plan includes strategies for engaging parent and student groups and ideas for increasing parental access to the building. She also talked about the importance of leveraging the ideas generated from groups such as the Black student union, Asian families (monthly tea), others.

She also mentioned that they are getting to more granular levels to optimize the mode and length of communication – text, emails. Juanita said it takes 3-5 years to get this type of change moving.

## **Volunteer Update**

Heidi McNamee said we could use a few more volunteers for prom. They need to arrive around 7:45 pm-11:00 pm for the coat check.

## **Grad Night**

Amber Wagner provided an update about this is the all-night event for seniors that occurs the night of graduation, the students that have signed up to participate will take a bus to and from FHS. The bus leaves FHS at 10:00 pm on Tuesday, June 5. The event occurs at Middleman Jewish Community Center.

100-110 kids are signed up.

## **PTSA Slate for 2018-2019 School Year**

President: Lisa Zuniga

President-Elect: Amber Wagner

Vice President: Jean Hansen

Secretary: Amy Dirk

Treasurer: Stephanie Roth

Treasurer-Elect: open

Membership: Richelle Morgan

Communications: Beth Azar

Volunteer Co-Coordinator: Heidi McNamee

Volunteer Co-Coordinator: Jonell Alwill

Legislative Liaison: Chris DeMars

Member at Large: Laura Smoyer

Member at Large: Julie Reed