Floral Park Memorial High School PTSA

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

* The meeting was called to order 7:40pm
* The Pledge of Allegiance
* Welcome and Introductions – Lorraine Lubicich introduced board (lisa Lawrence and Terry Maloney not present)
* Reading and approval of minutes: Nora Palma (Recording Secretary) Motion: Maria Yeostros/2nd Gina Corcoran
* Treasurers Report was read by Lorraine Lubicich for Lisa Lawrence

Current Balance $9000/ Actual balance minus Lisa Cardalena Fud $6000

* Correspondence Secretary (Read by Lorraine Lubicich) : No Correspondence
* **Committee Reports:**
  + ***Reflections***: Amazing submissions several students advanced beyond the Nassau level. New date for Coffee House Poetry- TBD
  + ***Shared Decision*** (J. Driscoll) There has been no meeting since November
  + ***Website*:** Nadia Ortiz, Looking for content for new website. Current links available for parent resources from the state available.
  + ***Sewanhaka Delegates:***  Meeting where questions were submitted to Dr. Ferrie, Lorraine had copies for people to take and will be posted on website. Highlights included school safety, walk-out and vaping policies, active shooter drills, and district sports.
* **Ways & Means:** Tracy Schmid Supermarket Bingo is in full effect for Friday April 20th. Donations being accepted until Monday April 16, 2018 dropped off at Student Activities Office (See flyers re tickets and donations) Gina Corcoran is the contact person.
* **Senior Fundraiser:** (Paige) Signs will be ordered for Seniors for graduation for $20 – See flyers for details.
* **Nominating Committee:** Radihka Sawh Slate for 2018/2019 is as follows:
  + **President:** Jeanine Driscoll
  + **VP:** Paige DeArmas
  + **Corresponding Secretay:**
  + **Treasurer**:
  + **Recording Secretary**:
* Voting will be at the next meeting in May.
* **Principal’s Report:** Mr. Martin:
  + Snow Day questions about when to make up days, not sure when we will make up (District decision)
  + Lockdown Drill was a surprise today and went well.
  + Rave App (sends call to Nassau PD first )
    - Question from parent re: paper to cover windows- advised not to draw attention to rooms where kids are hiding do paper covering is discouraged.
    - Question re: teachers following protocol- protocol posted in rooms, Feedback appreciated so adjustments can be made.
    - Question re: orchestra room – Office Groshans said he inspected and did not see children in room during drill.
    - Question re: master key Goal for every adult to have possession on master key that locks doors from inside.
    - March 27 is the Board Meeting
    - 3/30-4/9 Spring Break
    - 4/11-4/13 Grades 9-12 2 hour delay for State Testing Grades 7-8 (ELA)
    - Report Cards 4/13
    - Jr Prom Plattdeutsch 4/13
    - Ribbon Cutting for new auditorium 4/10
    - GREASE the Musical 4/26-4/28
    - Issue of people on the track during school hours or sports usage: will NOT be permitted as of 3/21/18 per Mr. Martin. Signage conflicting fences to be considered. Nadia Ortiz will communicate with Civic Association to give them heads up and preempt any push-back from community members. Safety is the driving force for limiting traffic during school hours.
    - Cell Phone usage question/policy- students in grades 7-10 have devices for classroom instruction so cell phone usage should be minimal. Jr/Sr students SHOULD only be used during lunch and for instructional purposes.
    - Issue of doors open during school day. Front doors are open and staffed with school safety all day. Other doors are locked- there is an issue with students leaving during the day, or other students allowing other students to enter. Students aware they should not be opening doors. Only Sr students are allowed to leave during the day- supposed to sign out.
    - Next year there will be grade level meetings to go over expectations so all teachers and staff are consistently enforcing school rules and culture.
    - Dress Code: Hoodies are not permitted if hoods are up, hats are ok.
    - Committee of teachers formed with teachers to solve issues (Solutionists) discussing best practices for students hanging out in hallway, dress codes, cell phones, and other issues that arise regarding engagement and accountability.
    - Question re: parent portal attendance records. To be investigated.

* **Student Liaisons**: Student reps were not in attendance at this meeting.
* **Teacher Liason**: Amanda Abbott advised of upcoming Dance Recital for student killed in Parkland. 4/16/18 at 630pm in auditorium. Ms. Abbott advised about National Certification- FPM has several teachers who carry this honor and look forward to working with other schools in the district to enlist other teachers to become nationally certified. Formal presentation to be addressed at Board Meeting 3/27/18.
* **Community Speakers**
  + Cathy Sweeny Drama Kids**:**  advised of new program in Floral Park for acting instruction/improv for students ages 4-12 and 11-15. See Flyer
  + Jane Hagan Social Worker and Professor at Mercy College. Specializes in adolescent anxiety and strategies to overcome. Resources available.
  + Nadia Ortiz President of Hillcrest Civic Assoc. Be aware of Belmont Hearings, plans to include a hotel, strip mall, and sub-station. Wreak havoc on community traffic and police department. Nadia@floralmanor.org
* **Floral Park Police Liason, Officer John Groshans:**
  + Supports track closed during school day.
  + Discussed internet safety and bullying
  + Thanked staff for cooperation during lockdown and discussed the importance of thinking on your feet in the case of an active shooter, the policy must be fluid.

No April PTSA Meeting- Next meeting is MAY

4/10 Dr. Dewey day/evening sessions.

Meeting adjourned 9:20 pm