Floral Park Memorial High School PTSA

Tuesday November `14, 2017

* The meeting was called to order at 7:34pm
* The Pledge of Allegiance
* Welcome and Introductions – Lorraine Lubicich introduced the board.
* (Tracy Schmid- not in attendance)
* The minutes were read by: (Nora Palma) and approved via 1st Vanessa Spinner and 2nd motions
* Treasurers Report was read by (Lisa Lawrence)
	+ Cash on hand as of October 2017: $14521.01
	+ Real balance minus Lisa Cardalena $6067.60
* **Ways and Means**: Tracy Schmid (Page DeArmas read for Tracy)
	+ Bake Sale at Parent/Teacher was successful- raised $245- Thank You to Maddie Craig, and volunteers
	+ Shoe Drive is underway- See new flyer. Shoes collected until 1/1/18 in Ms. Cannone’s Rm 238 and by security
	+ Supermarket Bingo will be held 3/15/18, more details to come

* **Correspondence Secretary**, Terry Maloney- nothing to report
	+ Terry is responsible for PTSA Facebook page and email correspondence
* **Membership:**
	+ We have beat last year’s number standing not at approximately 550
	+ Reminder that students must be members of the PTSA if they are to be considered for PTSA scholarships
* **Reflections:**
	+ Submissions are in
* **Sewanhaka Delegate Report:** (Lorraine Lubicich read highlights)
	+ There are two meetings per year where Dr. Ferri will answer questions that are submitted.
	+ There is a zero tolerance in the district for vaping. Anyone caught vaping will face Superintendent hearing
	+ FPM Auditorium is scheduled to open January 2018
	+ A question regarding parent portal regarding teachers consistently updating was raised. Mr. Martin advised emailing the teacher, department chair, and CC’ing him.
* **Music Parents Meeting Update** (Nora Palma)
	+ Winter Concert Dates: 12/13/17 @ 7pm for JR High @ Sewanhaka HS
		- * 12/20/17 @7pm for HS @Sewanhaka HS
	+ Auditions for the Spring Musical will be help before Christmas Break, the show will take place over the weekend of April 26-28 2018. The show will be announced soon.
* **Principal’s Report:**
	+ Dr. Sottile thanked everyone for supporting her throughout her tenure at FPM and is confident in the transition to Principal Martin. Lorraine presented Dr. Sottile with flowers on behalf of the PTSA
	+ Mr. Martin shared his presentation regarding his philosophy and vision for FPM
		- Thankful for support during the transition
		- Strong belief in technology to be transparent
		- Teachers introduced to Twitter #FPMKnights – parents encouraged to embrace social media and explore different outlets such as, Instagram, SnapChat, etc…
		- Mr. Martin’s Twitter handle is @LearningSquire
		- PTSA will tweet using the #FPMKnights tag for fundraiser and events
		- Teachers ownership of classroom space, considering alternatives to traditional learning environments (DonorsChoose.org)
		- Awareness of FPM Mission Statement
* **Student Representatives**
	+ Island Harvest Food Drive- Students can bring in canned food
	+ Considering “Ugly Sweater” contest where students donate money and wear an ugly sweater
	+ Working on charity event for Mr. Demmers (PPMD)
	+ Student Council to meet with Mr. Martin next Tuesday 11/21/17
* **Officer Mat Viscusi – Officer Liaison**
	+ Discussed drugs/alcohol “Call 911, don’t run” policy
	+ Narcan being used in larger doses to combat carphentanyl (elephant sedative)
	+ Discussed dangers of Hazing- College students facing criminal charges
	+ Parents encouraged to visit, “Operation Prevention” parent toolkit for more guidance
	+ Be careful when holiday shopping- FPPD can assist with meeting points for online shopping.
	+ Drones: Not covered under homeowner insurance- use caution- civil liability
	+ Driver’s Ed what to do in case you are pulled over
	+ Robbery at Atelier Jewelers- investigation pending- 1 arrest so far
	+ Bellerose Terrace home invasion- lock all doors and cars
	+ Helicopter sighting—please do not flood police with questions about seeing them
* **Questions**:
	+ A parent asked about how it was possible that a non-student of FPM allegedly attended three lunch periods undetected.
		- Mr. Martin acknowledged a lack of oversight of protocol and will be looking to address these issues more specifically citing scheduling and construction issues as contributing factors.
	+ A parent asked what the actual cell phone policy is- and how can it be consistently implemented.
		- Mr. Martin acknowledged a systemic issue that will be addressed as the district policy states No Cell Phone Use- this is clearly not maintained on a universal consistent basis. Mr. Martin also acknowledged that there are ways to deter random cell phone usage by incenting students to “charge” them in classrooms, or having teachers build trust with students who may feel confident to turn their phones over to the teacher.
		- Maddie Craig (parent) advised the room of a new research-based study that supports students who willfully leave their phones receiving extra credit. Instructional focus improves as well as grades, by default of not having the phone.

Meeting Adjourned.

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