

MINUTES

Falcon Creek Middle School PTCO General Meeting

January 17, 2019 | Meeting called to order by Karri Haugsness, PTCO President at 9:30am

In Attendance

Alan Lavizzo, Karri Haugsness, Hope Neal, Steve Clerkin, Sarah Otto, Tammy Matthews, Lisa Malander, Beth Heinrich and Jennifer Ryan

Review/Approval of Minutes

November Minutes were presented by Jennifer Ryan and Sarah Otto. Motion to Approve was brought by Hope Neal and seconded by Steve Clerkin.

Executive Briefings/Admin Update

Administrative Update by Alan Lavizzo

1. Numbers for next year
 - Estimated student population for 19-20 school year is 874 pupils. This number represents a 30 pupil decrease from the 18-19 school year. (These numbers are internal estimates only.)
 - FTE numbers are coming soon. This will have an impact on student schedules.
2. Staffing Update
 - New Hires: Kassidy Scott and Reda Dillingham were hired in the ILC Department.
 - Leaving FCMS: Kathy Rakoczy (security) and Gloria George (admin)
3. Change in lunch schedule
 - Fewer students and staff scheduling precipitated the move.
 - Down to one lunch per grade instead of two.
 - Have seen a decrease in student tardiness.
 - Allows students more freedom and time to eat.
4. Grade level talks were carried out by our Principal, Social Worker, and members of the Dean staff. The intent is to increase engagement within the building, not only among the students but between students and staff, and to reiterate school-wide behavioral expectations.
5. Staff Development in the building in January is focused around framing experiences. Our staff worked alongside staff at Infinity Middle School. Dr. Yemi Stenbridge's work is also being used to guide our staff.
6. After School Clubs
 - Yoga Junkies is offered Mondays for only \$2 per student (thanks to a PTCO funded cost offset). This club was the idea of and is sponsored by Julia Cooper.

Executive Briefings/Admin Update Cont.

6. After School Clubs cont.
 - Writing Club is offered on Tuesdays at no cost. This club was the idea of and is sponsored by Jennifer Ulasewich and Holly Dixon.
7. Student Accomplishment
 - 22 Falcon Creek students were chosen for Honors Choir
 - 10 Falcon Creek students were chosen for Honors Orchestra
8. Cyber Safety talk is being offered for the entire feeder area. January 23rd @ 6pm. FCMS
9. ASPIRE results will be released towards the end of next week. Results will be sent home with students.
10. Geography Bee
 - Over 50 students participated
 - Discussions were had regarding communication with FC families. Lavizzo understood the need for better communication in the future. Working with activities staff to improve overall school communication.

Executive Briefings

Treasurer's Report by Hope Neal

- A review of the current P&L led into a conversation around NEST Grants. See those notes under "Old Business".

Old Business

1. Grant Update
 - Another Grant session will open in March. Session will close before Spring Break. The Board is expecting have around \$8000 in Grant funds.
 - Issues around subscriptions will have been addressed internally by then.
 - Many teachers and staff have been expressed gratitude to the community and the Board.
 - The hand dryers (8th grade Grant) have been installed.
 - I-pads and Kindles- many have been delivered and made available for students. Awaiting the arrival of a few more.
 - Playground balls have arrived in the building and are being prepared for student use.
 - Water filling station has been installed
 - Community expressed concerns over filters. Board will look into and budget for if needed.
 - Outdoor benches have been ordered.
 - Many teachers found lower cost options and came in under budget.

Old Business Cont.

1. Grant Update Cont.

- A few teachers and staff are exploring best options for their purchases and have yet to spend their granted money.
- Hope (Treasurer) and Karri (President) have agreed to wrap all spending by the end of February.
- Community members recommended an electronic link to share with the broader community, the multiple ways their donations have been spent.

2. Spring Community Event

- A date was set for March 29th. (Date was revised to May 10)
- Need to balance this event with new end of the year activities (to take the place of Elitch's)
- Lavizzo shared the ideas that have been generated including a student forum, cultural potluck, activities for younger siblings and bball tournament.

New Business

1. Open Board Positions

- Openings in every position, including important Committee positions for our social media communications.

2. March Staff Dinner

- For teachers and staff (around 60 total) during conferences, March 5th.
- Beth Henirich is reaching out to MOD to see if they will donate meals for the night.
- Attendees decided on an Italian theme as a plan B.
 - GF pasta
 - Meatless pasta

3. Teacher Appreciation (April 29th -May 2nd)

- Discussion around using the coffee cart service for the teachers and staff.
 - Took up majority of budget for last year and teachers enjoyed it. Avoid Th/F.
 - Discussed a parent driven option
 - Would need to consider equipment, accessories, offerings.
 - Orders would be taken ahead of time and delivered by volunteers.
 - Would require enough volunteers.
- Gift bags were a big hit. No cost. LOTS of work. Board would like to begin early this year. Ideas were tossed out and community asked to consider how they can help.
- Taco Tues. Driven by parent donations.

New Business Cont.

4. Fall Fundraiser

- Our biggest fundraiser of the year needs a chairperson to head up the 2019-2020 event.
- Previous chair to offer support and guidance.
- Most work has been done and is easily replicated.

Committee Reports

Parents' Council – next meeting is February 13th, 9:30-11am. All are welcome to attend.

District/School Accountability – next meeting is February 13th

Hospitality – Staff Dinner March 5th

PIN – next meetings are February 5th & December 12th

PASS – next meeting is January 29th, 6:30-8:00pm

School Store/Spirit Wear – no update

Spirit Nights – February 12th Panda Express

Next Meeting

General Meeting – February 14th | 9:30 am | Innovation Center

Meeting was adjourned at 11:27am