

# MINUTES

## Falcon Creek Middle School PTCO General Meeting

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*November 14, 2019 | Meeting called to order by Steve Clerkin, PTCO Co-President at 6:00 pm*  
*Meeting Type | General*

\*Handouts: Profit & Loss (dated 11/14/19); FCMS PTCO Summary of Fall 2019 "Color Battle" Fundraiser

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### In Attendance

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Maria Martinez, Kate Gooch, Steve Clerkin, Sarah Otto, Suzanne Tsuhako, Christy Hitchcock, Megan Zitek, Alan Lavizzo, Barbara Sinar

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### Review/Approval of Minutes

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Minutes from October's General meeting were unavailable. They will be reviewed and approved at the next meeting.

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### Executive Briefings/Admin Update

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Administrative Update by Alan Lavizzo

- Honor Roll celebration this week, 448 students made honor roll (3.2-4.0 GPA), equal to 51% of the student population
- Looking at students grade increases to celebrate those students for their growth and acknowledge them. Still working on how to frame it.
- Cardboard Challenge has been rescheduled for this week.
- Today is 1<sup>st</sup> session of staff training for Trauma – how to recognize and support students. More trainings are planned for future.
- December 2<sup>nd</sup> is the scheduled field trip to CCIC for 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Students will go by bus 60 at a time, scheduled throughout the day.
- StemBlazers – Open to female students, a cohort of schools. They meet twice per month, FCMS is partnering with Liberty Middle School. Program begins in January, but currently there is no transportation available to Liberty. Next fall/spring it will be hosted at FCMS.
- 7<sup>th</sup> grader finalist in Geography Bee

President's Report by Sarah Otto

Chili Cook-off went well, there was plenty of food, the teachers were very appreciative of food and snacks during conferences.

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## Executive Briefings/Admin Update Cont.

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### Executive Briefings

Treasurer's Report by Christy Hitchcock and Suzanne Tsuhako

- Those in attendance were asked to review the P&L dated 11/14/19.
- Kate Gooch presented a Motion to approve the P&L dated 11/14/19. Motion was seconded by Alan Lavizzo and unanimously approved by all present.

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## Old Business

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By Steve Clerkin and Sarah Otto

1. Bylaws
  - a. Revised Bylaws were presented at the October general meeting.
  - b. Christy Hitchcock presented a Motion to approve the Bylaws as written. Motion was seconded by Barbara Sinar and unanimously approved by all present.
2. Color Battle – Final Income Amounts
  - a. 10% of total (\$38k) still to be awarded to SOAR teachers based on their amount raised, to be used as classroom grants
  - b. The remainder of \$26k to be awarded at Nest Grant meeting on Dec. 12, 2-5pm.
  - c. Winning classrooms (top fundraising) are still owed donuts. Alan Lavizzo and Steve Clerkin working to schedule and organize (possibly Friday 11/22/19).

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## New Business

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By Steve Clerkin and Sarah Otto

1. Sarah is looking into a Top Golf fundraiser/parents/family night out. In an attempt to fund the FCMS 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party (set for April 24). Alan mentioned that is the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Ramadan. Looking at timing to be thoughtful and inclusive of Muslim students.
2. Nest Grant suggestion
  - o Steve suggested students need 1 new computer cart for use during the school day, cost is approximately \$10k. He suggested that if the PTCO purchases new cart, would we be able to give the old outdated computers to students in need. Alan was unsure if that complies with district policy. He will check to see if computers can be donated to students if they are planned to be taken out of service.
3. Holiday Store
  - a. Sarah has researched and is unsure about the risk of purchasing items as gifts for students to purchase for their parents. Concerns were raised over buying additional inventory. We also must be careful to not promote specific holidays. This topic tabled until more information is available to compel the Board to move forward.

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## New Business Cont.

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4. Holiday Hot Chocolate & Desserts
  - a. Sarah proposed to offer a Hot Chocolate Bar with Desserts to the staff prior to Winter Break. Steve has a hot chocolate machine that he requested to test in the kitchen to use for this event. Alan Lavizzo will work with Steve to see if possible. Proposed date is December 18<sup>th</sup>. Kate Gooch will setup a Signup Genius for parents to bring supplies.
5. Color Games Survey results
  - a. Sarah Otto presented the results of the survey sent to parents and students
    - i. 29 parent responses received
    - ii. 3 stated their students didn't participate because the events was messy or they has asthma
    - iii. 62% of students said event met their expectations on enjoyment
    - iv. 37% were satisfied with the prizes given
    - v. 20 % felt prizes were important
    - vi. 41% felt prizes somewhat important
  - b. Sarah reported she is not looking at using Anython again for next year's event, to cut costs. She is researching another vendor that costs less, hopefully will raise more money. This issue will be tabled until January when complete details can be provided to the Board for review.

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## Committee Reports

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- FC PASS – Alan Lavizzo reported black and brown students at a higher failure rate than other students. Equity team looking at making shifts to correct, also pulled Honor Roll data and see disproportionate percentage. He is looking for more resources for these students.; Next Mtg. 11/20 at Overland High School
- District PASS –
- FC Accountability –
- District Accountability – no report given; Next Mtg. December 4, 6pm at FCMS
- Parents' Council – next meeting January 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-11:00am
- PIN – those in attendance were encouraged to attend; Next Mtg. 12/3 9:15-11:00am at Fremont Building, "Cultivating Mindfulness Resilience and Wellness"
- Fall Fundraiser – need co-chairs for 20-21.
- Spring Fundraiser – community planning meeting to follow this meeting.
- Hospitality – still need a volunteer
- Spirit Nights –December 10, 4-8pm Smashburger; January 14, 4-8:30pm Tokyo Joe's; Top Golf parent night in the works
- School Store/Spirit Wear updates – none were given
- Grandview Updates – none were given

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## Next Meeting/Important Dates

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Important Dates – December 12th | 2-5 pm | NEST Grant Meeting

General Meeting – January 16<sup>th</sup> | 6:00 pm | Innovation Center

Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm