

MINUTES

Falcon Creek Middle School PTCO General Meeting

November 8, 2018 | Meeting called to order by Karri Haugsness, PTCO President at 9:30am

In Attendance

Alan Lavizzo, Karri Haugsness, Hope Neal, Steve Clerkin, Sarah Otto, Aneda Simms, Amy Slavick, Reginna Ware and Jennifer Ryan

Review/Approval of Minutes

October Minutes were presented by Jennifer Ryan and Sarah Otto. Motion to Approve was brought by Amy Slavick and seconded by Hope Neal.

Executive Briefings/Admin Update

Administrative Update by Alan Lavizzo

1. Veteran's Day celebration
 - Administration would like to see higher participation next year.
 - Had a student share their experience having a parent in the military.
 - Two students are in the running for a trip after being named finalists in the writing contest.
2. Conferences
 - Teachers loved chili cook off
3. District Accountability Meeting
 - Sobering tone after Amendment 73 didn't pass. CCSD CFO David Hart spoke about the impact our schools are facing.
4. Effect of failure of Amendment 73 on Falcon Creek
 - Multiple scenarios were discussed. Scenarios included combining Reading and Writing and offering it as a Language Arts class, changes to Elective offerings, re-organizing the school day, and applying knowledge from schools who have done this successfully – Laredo Middle School and Horizon Middle School.

Executive Briefings/Admin Update Cont.

- The continuation of the AIM program was addressed. Mr. Lavizzo stated that the program will continue but with changes. Changes might include not requiring AIM students to be in all four subjects and flexibility with staffing.
 - Involvement from parents and community will be sought after models are in place.
 - Possible staffing changes raised concerns regarding the training of teachers who might be placed to teach AIM classes.
 - Better education to the feeder elementary schools regarding both AIM and AVID was suggested.
- 5. Boy's Basketball needs coaches. Changes in start times have made it hard to find staffing.
 - Schedule changes have made staffing difficult for after school intervention as well. Suggestions from the community include offering a flexible period for students to seek help during the school day and bringing in students from Grandview to tutor.

Executive Briefings

Treasurer's Report by Hope Neal

- Color Battle numbers for this year are listed on the November P&L. We made more money while spending less!
 - New Board member needed to take over fundraiser for next year.
- New FCMS bookkeeper has located \$3,854 in unspent PTCO funds. Those funds will come back to PTCO to further benefit our school community.
 - Ideas on how to spend the \$3,854 include a shade structure for the recess area. Utilizing community members to help with the structure was addressed. Eagle Scouts such as alum, Josh Job (son of former board member, Kelly Job) were considered being utilized.
- Cindi Ekhardt polled 8th grade students on how they'd like to spend the \$1000 8th Grade Grant. Their ideas include: hand dryers for the North hall and a Falcon Creek Mural for the small gym.
- The PTCO is estimating approximately \$27,000 will be available for NEST Grants.

President's Report by Karri Haugsness

- Items will be addressed as "New Business".

New Business

1. New Board Members
 - Steve Clerkin has been nominated as Vice President. Sarah Otto has been nominated as Co-Secretary. A Motion to Approve both Clerkin and Otto was raised by Amy Slavick and seconded by Reginna Ware.
2. Spirit Wear
 - District has a new vendor, Eastbay. Families can order school specific gear through the link on the FC website. FC will receive a portion of the proceeds.
 - New vendor will not affect PTCO Spirit Wear sales.
 - Mr. Lavizzo is considering using the funds generated by the Eastbay sales for either activities/clubs or instruction.
3. Spring Community Event
 - Ideas were generated. The goal is not to lose money, but the event is not for fundraising. The intent of the event is to build community. Strong input and leadership from our affinity leadership groups was requested by several board members.
 - Ideas include: lawn games, parent/student workshops on race, food trucks/vendors, music.
 - There was support in the room to somehow make the event focused on breaking down racial barriers in our Falcon Creek community. Balancing fun with respecting the conversation is a concern. Planning and managing student involvement needs to be further addressed.
 - Leaders of the affinity groups will brainstorm with their students and we will meet to discuss their ideas on December 4th at 2:30pm, before the NEST Grant meeting.

Committee Reports

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

District/School Accountability – next meeting is November 14th, 6-7:30pm. Topic is budget.

Hospitality – Chili Cook Off November 8. Hot Chocolate bar week of finals. Reginna Ware volunteered to decorate.

PIN – next meeting is November 13th, 6:30pm & December 4th 9:15am.

PASS – next meeting is November 28th, 6pm. Combined meeting with District PASS @ GHS.

School Store/Spirit Wear – not making money just yet but projected to make a profit.

Spirit Nights – November 13th - Chipotle. Coldstone was recommended for future Spirit Night. Having teachers scoop the ice cream allows FC to make money from their tips.

Next Meeting

General Meeting – January 17th, 2019 | 9:30 am | Innovation Center

Meeting was adjourned at 11:22am