
Fred Lynn Middle School Advisory/ PTO Meeting

Minutes 10/30/2024

Meeting call to order at 6pm

Date, Time, Location: A meeting of Fred Lynn Middle PTO was held virtually on Zoom on 10/30/2024 at 6pm.

Attendees included: recorded in zoom meeting chat

Approval of minutes

This was 2nd meeting held for school year 2024-2025. Minutes were approved by Meera Komitsky , president for first meeting.

Advisory Meeting/ Principal Report:

Principal Romero reported on smooth start to the school year behaviorally and introduce the director of Fred Lynn School Counseling Department Mr. Sullivan. Mr. Sullivan reviewed a presentation which entailed who the 4 school counselors were and also other members who support the school mental health team a school social worker and school psychologist. He reviewed the how the counseling team supports the students and specific areas of counseling curriculum they address according to grade students are in. He reviewed the statistics of the specific meeting and by what area of concern they have address this school year thus far. Parents can contact the Counseling Department via email or contacting the front office. Students also have ability to email counselors when seeking guidance.

Mr. Romero communicated that incentive house system of "Swarms" would be introduced November 26 . A committee reviewed details of how it will function to promote unity and academic success through healthy competition of the swarms. An online store will be created for this and there will be items available in future.

Mr. Romero opened meeting to questions. One participant questioned if Swarms would consider sibling being in same Swarm and Mr. Romero said he would communicate with the committee who reviewed the guidelines for Swarms at Fred Lynn Middle School. A participant requested contact information for staff who is Long-term substituting for Tech Support class and Mr. Romero said he would look into it and said communications would continue to be delivered through weekly digital and paper newsletter's.

Officers Report/ Old Business

President, Meera Komitsky reviewed old business in regard to success of the 1st Trunk or Treat event held at Fred Lynn Middle School. The President reviewed the donations she acquired for the event including: 3 gift cards for \$20 from Food Lion for candy, Wegman's \$75 gift card, Gift card from B Threading, 6 jump passes from Urban Air, Red Robin – kid meal passes only 6th graders eligible to use after reading 6 books , includes free dessert.

New Business- Mr. Patterson discussed with President Meera Komitsky about need for fundraiser for Robotics and was interested in a Bingo Night in December and would need to locate a date that di not conflict with other school events/activities. Current available dates appear to be December 18 or 19th.

Mr. Romero and Bookkeeper asked to review what budget for funds or grants have already been allocated to National Junior Honor Society and Robotics Club to access need for any future fundraising ect. as current funds are unknown.

Ms. Powell informed principal there have been updates to compliance of rules for PWCS of Facebook page and PTO will receive update once confirmation is received from Department of Communications how it can be used and when it will be available.

Next event which will be School Event promoted by school staff and organized by teacher Ms. Charleton is the Community Potluck will be November 20, 2024. She discussed how it will showcase Title 1 activities such as Hornet 21. Dr. Miller has sent letters to businesses to donate. The event will be advertised in a community blast by the school and flyers sent home with students. Ms.Charleton will contact restaurants and Meera Komitsky president said she would contact India Café. A standard tax exemption letter is needed to contact business/restaurants for donations. Ms. Coreas was concerned about parking issues and if needed local church could be contacted to support parking.

Ms. Ewell from Community in Schools presented on Turkey giveaway and link was available for those who wanted to register. Counseling inquired if feminine hygiene products was something that could be donated to help support the students.

Mr. Romero discussed meeting with National Junior Honor Society students about proposed school dance in December sponsored by this club.

Upcoming fundraiser for PTO presented by President Meera Komitsky February 15 Chipotle.

The status of the 501c for IRS is still unresolved and requires \$275 to establish and bookkeeping has been contacted about this matter at Fred Lynn.

Motion

No new motions this meeting .

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be held virtually via Zoom on 11/19/2024.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7pm.

Minutes compiled by Natasha Reitz , Secretary
