

Fuqua School PTSA Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 14, 2020 Gee Price + Zoom Meeting

In Attendance: Justin Hicks, Breanne Hicks, Chance Reynolds, Helen Wiecking, Susan Pembelton, Tamara Wright, Dara Tucker, Amy Rostan, Melissa Call, Mary Beth Osborn, Sarah Grant, Jessica Simmons, Betty Ingram, Diane Stubbins, Jennings Custis, Suzanne Davis, Harriet Vincent, Warren and Shadra Reid, Michelle Brown, Shaunna Hunter-McKinney, Mandy Foster, Teri Harris.

I. Minutes from Last Meeting- August 2020 emailed.- Two points of clarification:

- The Fab Falcon Award (\$250 school scholarship towards tuition)- students do not apply to it. It is instead awarded by the PTSA to an 8th grader who helped tremendously with the PTSA.
- \$250 was approved via vote for the LS/MS playground. The \$250 will be used towards the final costs of the new playground.
- A motion to approve the minutes was made by Justin Hicks. This motion was seconded by Helen Wiecking.

II. President's Report- Teri Harris.

- Teri received an email from Christy regarding the PTSA highlight in contribution to the Annual Report. This is tabled until the next meeting.
- The Yearbook needs to know if we would like to purchase an advertisement in the yearbook. Current ad will be revised and sent to the yearbook class. The cost of a full page ad is \$275. The ad would need updated photos. A motion was made by Betty Ingram to purchase a full page ad. This motion was seconded by Susan Pembelton and approved by all.

III. Head of School Report- Chance Reynolds.

- Campus improvements- August 26 & 31- announcement of tennis court replacement campaign to become a volleyball court as well as updating and renovating the bathrooms in the gym. The school has received commitments and pledges of \$31,250 towards the "Peregrine Pit" and \$13,450 towards the restroom renovations.
- Bag the Falcon is still in the planning stages to align with Covid-19.
- Increased mitigation efforts: Dr. Nash with the Piedmont Health Dept was concerned about a possible spike after Labor Day. These concerns led to the increase in wearing masks, additional hand washing, and the postponement of intramurals. So far, we have not seen a spike, but we cannot let our guard down.
- Possible addition of kickball to the intramural options. Stay tuned!
- Shoutout to teachers! They are amazing teaching in-person and on-line!

- Mr. Boswell is a fantastic teacher and he makes science fun! Mr. Boswell currently has duck eggs and the students in his class would like to keep them on campus. The students are creating a proposal to present to Mr. Reynolds regarding the ducks permanent residence on campus.
- Mr. Boswell's dishwasher in the science lab broke. The dishwasher was purchased at Poulstons. The total cost was \$589. Chance is kindly asking that the PTSA pay for the total cost of the dishwasher. Harriet Vincent made a motion to fund the cost of the dishwasher. Tamara Wright seconded and this was approved by all.

IV. Treasurer's Report- Betty Ingram.

- Balance: Current balance- \$10,084- no large outstanding bills or expenses. We need to pay for the masks and mums, but have had a great turnout with both fundraisers.

V. Head's Reports:

a. Lower/Middle School- Dara Tucker.

- At the LS/MS, we have been staying busy, but keeping safe.
- MS SCA nominations for SCA occurred within the past week. Students were required to make posters and film videos. Congratulations to our newest SCA Officers: Silas Bego- reporter, Malaika Ahmed- Treasurer, Elle Franssen- Secretary, Isabella Thompson- Vice President, Vivan Eason- President
- LS SCA is in the midst of doing their candidacy and elections (only open to 4th and 5th graders.) Voting will occur on Friday.
- Danielle Welton-Boxley, local author, will be doing an author talk with students in grades K-5. She will be visiting classes, reading her book, and answering questions for students. Students can wear their superhero t-shirts and her books will be for sale.
- Book Fair- last week in October. Laney Kortas talked to Scholastic and we will be using a scanner and online ordering system/wish list for students. The kids will still be able to see the books at school (front and back cover only), but all transactions will be online and align with Covid-19 safety precautions.

b. Upper School- Jennings Custis.

- High school is rolling along well with the Covid-19 precautions.
- In the spring, all classrooms in D-building were painted, deep cleaned, and organized. The fine arts building was also deeply cleaned and organized.
- Art students under Audrey Sullivan have started studying renaissance painters and their work is fantastic! The art students would like to update and renovate the art room. More to come regarding this at the next meeting.
- College admissions process is underway. Three seniors have already been accepted into college.

VI. Chairperson's Updates:

a. Appreciation Committee- Tamara Wright, Susan Pembleton

- Teacher treats are currently underway.
- Friday, September 16- PTSA and the admin team will provide a bbq luncheon for Friday.

B. Assemblies- Harriet Vincent

- Last year, all assemblies were booked by July 1 to receive the 10% discount. We used the Bureau of Lectures for booking. We were only able to get one assembly in before Covid-19 hit and Harriet hasn't been able to get a response via email or phone. The total cost was roughly \$1200 and we are afraid this will be a loss, but Harriet will keep trying.

c. Athletics- Rhodes Martin

- Beach volleyball court installation is underway

d. Buildings & Grounds- Justin Hicks

- 8th grade rock- the 8th graders are ready to paint their rock. They submitted designs and the painting will occur in the next week or two.
- The 6th grade tree will be planted in October and it is a Red Maple. If we are unable to plant in October, Earth Day is the make-up planting day.
- Justin has been meeting with Louise Waller from the Board to ensure the Board and the PTSA don't have conflicting ideas or overlapping projects.
- Tree Plaques- the new MS SCA will be researching the price of plaques for the trees. The last SCA began this endeavor prior to Covid-19.

e. Concessions- Susan Pembleton

- No report thanks to Covid!

f. Fundraising- Suzanne Davis & Sarah Grant

- Original Works: Our art teachers are working on the art with the kids. All art work must be boxed and ready to be shipped on October 12. Parents can expect a "look what's coming" letter closer to the holidays.
- Masks (via Sarah Grant)- masks sales have gone so well! We sold all adult and kid size masks. We have roughly 35 gaiters left to sell. Once we sell all gaiters, our potential profit is \$1250. We currently have a rough profit of \$975.
- Mum sales (via Sarah Grant)- we have already sold over 150 mums and are still selling! Thanks to Mr. Reynolds and his wife for the mum fundraising idea. We partnered with B&M Greenhouse to sell these mums and we will profit \$5 from each mum. The music department (Mandy and Tyler) will sell greenery and poinsettias in the winter as a fundraiser for the music department.

g. Special Projects- Sarah Grant:

- Teacher t-shirts! We are so excited to treat our teachers to a dress down day on September 25 once the new t-shirts come in! This was a partnership with the LS/MS/US division heads. We ordered 45 shirts for a grand total of \$450. Betty Ingram made a motion that the PTSA pay for the total cost of the shirts to relieve money from the division head budgets. This motion seconded by Harriett Vincent and seconded by

Breanne Hicks. This was approved by all. The PTSA would also like to purchase spirit shirts from the school store for the staff members who did not get a teacher shirt.

- Pumpkin Lighting 2.0- The Pumpkin Lighting festival usually occurs in October, but cannot happen in its regular plan due to Covid. One new idea is to carve pumpkins and have students vote on a winner, but teachers are feeling very overwhelmed currently and we are hesitant to put something else on their plate. Another option is to have a “punkin chunkin” and have parents and/or science teachers assist. A third idea is to do a virtual pumpkin carving share. Jason and Mandy Foster have volunteered to help with a “punkin chunkin”. Diane Stubbins will reach out to Ms. VanDorpe to see if physics class can help with designing the catapult for the pumpkin chunkin. Will have money in budget for catapult supplies if needed, since other event supplies are not needed this year.
- US Art Room Renovation- PTSA received a wish list from students/ Audrey Sullivan will be posted to social media for art room supplies. US art students are waiting on approval of a fundraiser for the cause as well. Stay tuned for student drawn “Pet Portraits!”
- Environmental and Agriscience- PTSA received a wish list from John Boswell- the PTSA will be posting the wish list on social media. He is looking for gently used gardening supplies (rakes, pitch forks, hoses, etc.) to help students create a food forest.

h. Volunteer Coordination- Teri Harris

- No report

Next Meeting: Monday, October 19, 2020 @ 5:30pm (Gee Price + Zoom)