

FCAHS PTO Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2024 @ 9:30am

High School

Present: Kate Vavpetic, Jo Ellen Thomas, Dr. Hower, Erin Butkovic, Kristin Hemingway, Windy Neff, Marla Rzeszotarski

Absent: Tony Cardinali, Susie Littwin

President's Welcome and Report, Kate Vavpetic

- Introductions
- Next Donut Day is at the end of the 3rd quarter/start of Spring Break. Will send out a request for donation of 7-800 donuts (less than normal since the day correlates with the start of Spring Break). Any questions or concerns can be sent to the PTO email.

Treasurer Report, Kate Vavpetic for Susie Littwin

- Attached. Balance is about \$14,500

Principal's Report, Dr. Mike Hower

- A big Thank You for the Donut Days
- FYI that graduation requirements are under discussion at the Board level. Root of the discussion is Act 158, which helps students meet proficiency. FCAHS has had unique additional requirements since 2009; question is whether or not to maintain them.
- Superintendent has shared data showing the district has done very well in spite of Covid, especially in math at the K-12 level – Fox Chapel is an extreme outlier.
- FCAHS is internally looking at attendance trends. Attendance has gone down post-Covid.
- Move-in Day is next Monday for middle school students.
- Curriculum night at Dorseyville is Feb. 20.
- FCAHS is hosting a delegate of educators from Saudi Arabia at the end of February to discuss post-secondary planning.
- A small group of educators is working hard exploring how AI could help teachers and students in the future.
- The school is also doing curricular rewrites for Career and College Essentials and looking at how to do more with Personal Finance education.

Activities Report, Erin Butkovic

- February's theme for Black History Month is "Spread the Love, Spread the Knowledge"
- Community Blood Drive is February 14
- Valentine's Day sales are upcoming (Feb. 14 and 15)
- There are 4 new clubs and 2 reactivated clubs which will have club days for second semester recruitment on Feb. 15th and 16th
- The Tapestry Club, Diversity Club, and BSU have an open mic on Feb. 16th
- Winter Sports Rally is Friday
- Club photos for yearbook are next week

- The Best Buddies group is doing the Polar Plunge on the 23rd for Unified Sports.
- A school musical is at the end of February. Will include a meet and greet with characters for little kids.
- Bus driver appreciation day is March 22nd. For more info., write to the PTO at fcahspto611@gmail.com
- Half Day Wellness Day is on Kennywood Day (5/29)

Final Business, Kate Vavpetic

- After March, will send emails about the Senior Breakfast. Looking for a senior parent to spearhead it.

2024 FCAHS PTO Meetings

Th. Mar. 7, 1:00pm

Tu. Apr. 9, 9:30am

Wed. May 15, 7:00pm, Election of New Officers