

**FLHSA Meeting
December 6, 2022**

Attendance - Yalda Bahari, Michelle Brooks (on phone) Colette Dow, Farah Hoyt, Jen Kothari, Sharon Luppino, Kristen Valente

Excused - Kyle Kaino

Guests - Kristina Weise & Lisa Green from BCSD Foundation, Kristy Emery (by phone) and Angela Alvarado joined at 9:15am, Karen Close joined at 9:30am, Amy Pirro joined at 9:35am

Meeting began at 9:00

Budget

Jen presented the budget. She suggested we should consider doing the thermometer like we have in the past to help generate donations/support. Historically have received around \$18,000 in donations/grants. Have \$10,000 to date - \$5,000 for the senior class and \$5,000 for the Science Research Program.

Vending Machines

Jen reached out to vendor to check the reader. They would like to add another machine. 25% of proceeds goes to Free and Reduced Lunch Fund to support seniors for prom tickets, etc.

Benches - Kristy approved and said to go ahead but we are still unclear on how many are needed/wanted. Unclear the cost of each and there is a question whether the cement benches should be moved or whether the benches should be placed elsewhere. FLHSA has no preference on location. Awaiting Brett's direction on this. Kristy believes we could do 2 - 4 depending upon placement.

FLHSA is considering having the art department put a logo on the benches therefore, considering putting the black benches in the front and the logo would be red and white.

Tables and Umbrellas - Considering ordering more but need to review the ones we have and assess exactly what is needed.

Mini-Grants - Approved Ms. Pirro's request for \$500 to purchase frames for each teacher who would like to participate to "advertise" their journey/education. We had previously approved by email Mr. Giuliano's request for \$500. There is \$500 remaining in the budget for mini-grants.

Colette Dow to update the mini-grant application form/template.

Lights in bus circle

Jen reported to Kristy that a number of lights are out in the bus circle.

National Honor Society Tutoring -

Need an adult in the library when National Honor Society members are tutoring on Mondays and Wednesdays after school. FLHSA approved supporting this at the September 16, 2022 meeting but were awaiting confirmation from Kristy what amount is needed from FLHSA.

Follow-up December 6, 2022 meeting – Kristy confirmed she would like to access the budget line of \$1,800. She could get 2 adult monitors to oversee the tutors for approx. \$35/hour for each. This is planned for Mondays and Wednesdays each week.

Kristy to send a flyer to Kristin for distribution to advertise.

Agendas

Kristy will follow up with Dr. Glass

Follow up December 6, 2022 meeting - Planning for 9th and 10th graders to have the agenda. Are we asking for them to pay? Paul Cullagh and Mrs. Bazzano should be informed. Perhaps we should suggest to Paul Cullagh to do a mini-grant for a box of agendae to sell/give away for students who need/want them.

School Store

Merchandise inventory is low. Would like to do a holiday sale. Kyle and Farrah are working on increasing/organizing inventory. Confusion exists in ParentVue regarding merchandise for sale. What is advertised there is FLMS merchandise not FLHS. Mrs. Pirro agreed to follow up with a work order on the help desk to try and get this addressed.

Sharon suggested we do a give back to those that are “frequent flyer” volunteers at the school store. Board was supportive.

BCSD Foundation

Kristina Nye informed the Board that the Foundation their final grant cycle for this school year ends December 15, 2022. She said there is a 14 person board and a separate 5 person committee that meets with administration to determine enrichment needs the Foundation could consider funding. Mock interviews are a recurring activity funded by the Foundation. They also have provided enhancements to the Science wing and funded assistance with college essay writing. Largest fundraiser of the season taking place at Glen Arbor Country Club on February 9, 2023. Strong hearts, strong minds theme. 80s band possibly. Silent auction.

Michelle Brooks suggested we work together with the Foundation a bit closer so we can ensure we are doing our best to provide opportunities for the students. Kristina was very supportive with partnering.

Student Directory

Jen Kothari suggested that we should discuss with the FLMSA team about NOT separating the directory between FLMSA and FLHSA. We share the cost so unclear why there is a push to separate. Kristin Valente agreed to follow up with FLMSA.

SEPTO

Karen Close informed us that they are in search of their next speaker. Having a translator in the past was quite beneficial and will continue that going forward. Kroll report due to be released very shortly and she understands it will be shared when ready. SEPTO will have 2 seats on a new 3rd party audit team - first meeting December 16, 2023.

This is Inclusive Schools Week - there are daily events planned this week. Mrs. Pirro explained some of the events are crazy hat day, a mural where students add their handprints, etc.

Clothing bin is still on campus and thankfully this morning was overflowing. High school students can get volunteer/service hours if they contribute to the bin - used significantly during COVID. Would be very helpful if possible to place a bin at each school. Bin on site now was difficult to get done so unfortunately not able to get others placed at each of the schools.

Jen Kothari and Karen Close left the meeting at approx.10:00am.

Give Backs

Custodian lunch and coffee truck for teachers. Amy Pirro is going to look into when there might be other events going on with teachers, etc. Board supportive of doing something.

Spring Event

Spring Dance in March or something similar to bring the school together. March 3rd is tentative for Sports Boosters Dodgeball Tournament. Amy Pirro suggested doing a talent show potentially instead of a dance. Amy said a number of kids have suggested. She will speak with Student Union. Will plan to charge admission and have the school store open to raise money.

Kristin Valente left the meeting at approx. 10:30am.

Student Assistance Update

Students want more mental health assistance. Student Union bringing in mental health professionals to speak with students. Spring event/presentation focused on driving and wellness. Potentially doing a mock accident and have a discussion of how distractions in the car while driving can have devastating impact.

Mrs. Alvarado suggested it would likely be beneficial to provide Seniors the opportunity to have a conference/day to discuss the entire transition to college/life after high school.

Sharon suggested bringing back Wellness Day. Amy Pirro working with a student to provide a Senior Wellness type day so she will speak with him to see if he would like to expand that to be

more school-wide. There is a question of who paid for Wellness Day in the past and how it might be funded in the past.

Meeting ended at 10:45am.