

# FCAHS PTO Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2024 at 7 p.m.

## High School

### FCAHS PTO Officers

President-Kate Vavpetic, Present

Vice President-Tony Cardinali, Present

Treasurer- Susie Littwin, Present

Secretary-Jo Ellen Thomas, Present

Others present: Mike Hower, Erin Butkovic

#### **I. Kate opened the meeting with a welcome**

#### **II. Treasurer Report, Susie Littwin**

- Susie submitted the current balance sheet.
- We've had 2K in donations from teacher/staff hospitality.
- Two checks are outstanding to clear for 2K; one is a matching donation through Google.
- We are good to go with the Kona Ice Truck for Wellness Day on May 29th.
- Balance remaining is about 13K, which is consistent to norm.

#### **III. Principal's Report, Mike Hower**

- Dr. Hower thanked everyone for the work done this year.
- FCAHS broke another record for the number of AP exams administered this year (over 900).
- The school saved over \$50K in student's tuition through college in high school. The Seton Hill partnership has worked out best for the district. They are working on partnering with Duquesne, which is in talks between attorneys. Dr. Hower also wants to connect with Penn State in the future because so many students go there.
- The school had 5 retirees this year, including Phys. Ed, English, AP Calculus, and Art. The Spanish teacher resigned. They will not replace the Phys. Ed or English teacher since the school was slightly overstaffed, and the current teacher contract supports right-sizing the staff through attrition.
- Dr. McGee is retiring this coming year. The position will be posted in the next three to five months..
- Top Scholar Banquet and Senior Awards Night are upcoming.
- Graduation practice and graduation are on June 9.
- School ends June 6. June 4 for seniors.

#### **IV. Activities Report, Erin Butkovic**

- The Wellness Day and PTO supported Kona Ice Truck is in less than 2 weeks.
- Teacher appreciation went very well. Thanks to everyone!
- End of year activities:
  - Move up day is next Friday.
  - Fox Leadership Council Elections are happening next week for four leaders.
  - Student Wellness Day info was sent to parents in an ebook. More will be coming out. The Wellness Council has been bringing in therapy dogs. We have some local residents who have trained therapy dogs – Sasha and Willie.
- *Save the dates: Fall Open House 9/5; Homecoming 9/13-14; Spring Open House 2/6*

**V. Other Business, Kate Vavpetic**

- PTO had a very good year with many volunteers. Several new volunteers are coming from the middle school; they were hyper-involved and doing great work.
- Kate distributed the sheet: "Proposal for PTO TEACHER OF THE MONTH (or of the quarter?)". All agreed.
- Dr. Hower proposed also doing a Student of the Month.
- Details were discussed and all agreed to start in the Fall.
- Agreed to \$20 for 4 students/mo. (one per grade) and \$50 for 1 teacher/mo.
- In January/February, if it's going well, we can open for sponsorship. Will help to spread PTO name.
- PTO will announce details in the summer letter and nominations will be done via a Google form.

**2024-2025 PTO Meetings**

8/27 7pm	2/4 1pm
9/26 1pm	3/6 1pm
10/24 9:30am	4/8 9:30am
11/14 1pm	5/14 7pm
1/15/25 9:30am	