

# FCAHS PTO Meeting Minutes

**August 27, 2024 @ 6:30pm (Exec Meeting) and 7pm (Full Meeting)**

## FCAHS High School

### **I FCAHS PTO Officers**

President-Kate Vavpetic

Vice President-Tony Cardinali

Treasurer- Susie Littwin

Secretary-Jo Ellen Thomas

### **II Exec Meeting (start 6:33pm):**

Present: Kate Vavpetic, Tony Cardinali, Susie Littwin, Jo Ellen Thomas, Erin Butkovic (Student Activities Director), Dr. Mike Hower (FCAHS Principal)

President's Welcome (Kate Vavpetic):

- All discussed if the PTO should have a table at the Homecoming Fair. Due to time constraints and scattered thoughts, there will be no table this year – the idea can be discussed again in the spring to have time to plan for Fall 2026.
- Many were in favor of the PTO advertising a QR Code with a phrase such as “Don’t Forget to Support Your PTO” at PTO tables and on all external communications.
- The PTO can staff a table at the school Open House with a QR code.
- Link is active for the Teacher of the Month Awards, and flyers were mailed out with beginning of year student packets. Can progress this at each PTO meeting starting in October. The link will go out in Dr. Hower’s email on 9/6/24.

Treasurer's Report (Susan Littwin):

- Erin and Dr. Hower stepped out to greet incoming parents and Susan presented flyers of a proposed budget, which is essentially the same as last year.
- Jo called for a Motion to approve but motion was denied due to a desire to expand the budget to allow the PTO to be more active. Doing more will lead to receiving more. All decided to set aside \$2K for misc. expenditures to fund new programs this year, with more fundraising.
- Jo called for a Motion to approve this newly modified budget, and all approved.

### **III Full Meeting (start 7:09pm):**

*More than a dozen parents and 2 under-high-school-age children were in attendance; the meeting moved to a larger classroom space where all could sit.*

Introductions:

- Kate opened with a President's welcome and personal introduction, noting the record attendance. This is Kate's last year as PTO president.
- Susan introduced herself and presented the new budget, showing a welcome space allotted for parents to work with the PTO to enact new programs.
- Dr. Hower introduced himself and spoke about the high school and new teachers. FCAHS is growing its college in high school program with Seton Hill, University of Pittsburgh, and now Duquesne is signed on for accounting, psychology, and robotics.
- Erin introduced herself and presented that Homecoming will be on 9/13/24 with a Pep Rally and Community Carnival from 4-7pm, petting zoo, bouncy houses, inflatables. The kids will promote their clubs and there will be a Homecoming Court. The Dance with the theme "Starry Night" will be on 9/14/24. Erin also told new parents the importance of having a Schoology account.
- Tony and Jo Ellen introduced themselves
- All present introduced themselves.

President's report:

- Kate presented the PTO's calendar of events with school activities and Erin will post it on the website. Kate explained what the PTO does for the year. The PTO uses SignUp Genius and will need volunteers for:
  - Coat check for the upcoming dance.
  - Freshman (class of '28) breakfast on 9/20/24
  - Bus driver appreciation day.
  - Senior breakfast in May.
  - Teacher Appreciation week (the PTO could use more ideas to grow that event).
  - Gratitude breads.
- The Student and Teacher of the month award is a new event this year. A parent suggested the PTO remove the requirement for 2 years of teaching experience and the PTO agreed.
- The table opened for Misc. Q/A.
- Meeting concluded at 8:10pm.

**2024-2025 FCAHS PTO Meetings**

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