

FWC PTF Board Meeting Minutes

January 16th, 2025

Meeting called to order by Charlotte Trice at 8:55 am

Prayer by Esther White

In Attendance

Charlotte Trice [President], Traci Rosencrans [Vice President], Wendy Reedy [Parliamentarian], Cassie Wagenknecht [Secretary, School Supplies], Heather Bedichek [Treasurer], Christie Long [LS Rep], Esther White [MS Rep], Kristin Tilley [US Rep], Angela Miller [US Rep] Krystal Pugh [Media/Marketing], Katelyn Malone [General], Elizabeth Miller [Parent Partner]

Via Skype: Victoria Smargiasso [Hospitality]

Guests: Jaclyn Herrera, Amber Ensign

Parent Partner (Elizabeth Miller)

Twenty-three new enrollments have started just this week! Re-enrollment also started this week and has had a record-breaking re-enrollment rate on first day.

Three highlights for re-enrollment:

1- There are 3 links in the email:

- How to re-enroll
- Tuition Questions
- School Calendar

2- Dates have been changed for re-enrollment fees. The deadline is now the end of January for the \$400 re-enrollment fee, then goes to \$500 on Feb 1st

3- If anyone has concerns, send them to the office to reach out for anything!

Dr Rogers is driving for early enrolment so teacher contracts can be completed earlier.

Q: (Wendy Reedy) Are they working on improving class sizes for MS?

A: (Elizabeth Miller) YES, they are working towards smaller class sizes for MS.

Middle School Updates (Esther White)

Gave thank you cards to teachers before Christmas.

Snacks for teachers and students have been provided.

Sonic drinks to be provided this morning (so Esther had to leave early after presenting)

Planning a Valentine's Day Hot Chocolate Bar.

Working towards ideas for Teachers Appreciation Week.

Old Business (Charlotte Trice)

Christmas Party:

THANK YOU Christie for hosting!

Next year we will invite Dr Rogers and Kinch Cato to the Christmas meeting.

Wrapped with Love:

Wonderful turnout with so many teachers participating. It was discussed last year whether the event was worth keeping, and two successful years in a row are showing it is a blessing and should be continued. Middle School chapel served well with decent work space. All access wrapping paper was donated to Project Home.

Treasurer Report (Heather Bedichek)

Spending Reports:

- US: Hot Cocoa and Cookies (-\$515.29)
- MS: Teacher Luncheons (-\$70.50), Special Occasion Student Treats (-\$385.71)
- Hospitality: Grandparents Day (-\$507.14) PTF Meeting Refreshments (-\$20.88)

Important update REMINDER: Check receipts are required to be turned in before/on the Monday before the next meeting. If they are not turned in on time, they cannot be reimbursed.

Approval of Minutes (Charlotte Trice/Cassie Wagenknecht)

October meeting minutes presented for approval. Motion made for approval by Wendy Reedy, seconded by Traci Rosencrans; December meeting minutes approved.

New Business (Charlotte Trice)

Help Needed in Lower School: Our Lower School Rep (Christie Long) needs help/volunteers! Lower School currently only has one Rep, and should have up to 4 to carry the load. Please keep your eye out for people who could help.

Positions for Next Year: If you are considering changing your board position, please be on the lookout for replacements so they can begin training with you to be able to fill your place.

Bring a friend to the next meeting

Advancement (Kinch Cato)

Annual Giving Campaign: We had the best turnout this year for the giving campaign. Met and exceeded the goal!

Gold Buckle Gala Update:

(Kinch Cato) We have big plans for funds raised by the Giving Campaign and Gala this year. Some of these include:

Middle School building upgrades, Middle and Lower School turf field, Restroom renovations, repainting buildings.

(Jaclyn Herrera) The volunteer meeting went so well! Great turnout, wonderful appetizers. People seemed to love the Gala theme reveal at the rally with the horses.

Gold Buckle Gala is on April 5th at the Glass Cactus located at the Gaylord Texan. The dress theme is Western sheek.

Invitations will be going out at the beginning of February.

Excited to have a couple of big sponcers already!

Tickets will be \$200 per individual and \$2000 per table (seating 10).

///BIRD! (thank you Kristin Tilley for the laughter)

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Gaylord will have a block of hotel rooms reserved for Gala guests. The cost will be \$259 for the night. Check-in does not begin until 4 pm.

There are many volunteer needs, please reach out if interested in helping.

Whichever grade gets the highest bid for their Lower School Grade basket will receive a special "Big Gold Buckle Basket for their grade.

Cassie Wagenknecht will be taking class rodeo pictures for the grade baskets on Rodeo day.

(Kinch Cato) One of the Big Auction items will be a stay at Big Cedar Lodge with a Tim McGraw concert with a meet and greet – offered by Tim himself.

Looking for more Award Shows/ Concerts etc that match the theme.

Christie Long knows a couple with a Castle in Scotland that hosts Scottish hunting trips. She will contact you.

(Katelyn Malone) This year the venue allows for an after-party! The event ends at 10, but everyone is invited to stay til 12 to attend the after-party. They plan on having Casino tables and a band.

Will be hiring decorators so PTF will not have to take on as much work as in prior years for set-up and tear-down.

New Business Cont

Booster Club: (Traci Rosencrans)

- Winter Sports Pep Rally moved to Friday, Feb 7th
- LS Basketball - Friday, January 31st
- LS Soccer – Monday, February 10th

Canton: (Wendy Reedy) Looking at next year's school calendar questions about when the Canton trip will be. Will consider October 30th and will vote on it at the last meeting of the year.

Hospitality (Victoria Smargiasso via zoom)

No immediate updates. Doctor Rogers wants PTF to help with Graduation, details to come. Needs to plan a mom's event.

Marketing (Krystal Pugh)

Thank you for photos from events! Keep them coming.

Lower School (Christie Long)

Read-in: Milk will be from Chick-fil-a, in contact with Sage to provide cookies.

Will need volunteers to help wrapping doors and is coordinating with Mrs Senter for dates/times.

Head of School (Dr Rogers)

- Strongest first day of re-enrolments x2
- The slab of cement by the front gate is the foundation for the new lemonade stand (jk) security station. Plans to complete by April
- Lower School renovations are complete
- A large Fine Arts End of Year gift by the donor will allow the school to have our OWN band uniforms! Will also be investing in “in-ear microphones” and updating instruments. Thank you!
- Middle School Renovations are to begin and hoping to make great progress over Spring Break.
- The baseball lights are wired and working! 100 lights to light up the games. Thank you to our donor.
- Friends of the Arts – before starting, Fine Arts had no funding. There will be many improvements to come now that there are.
- Planning trips to Tanzania/Ecuador/Denver/New Hampshire/Waco etc
- Just hosted the first in-person Grandparents Pray meeting and focused prayers on upcoming trips and re-enrolments.
- Thank you to Gala leaders.

Fund plans:

MS/LS Turf Field

Restroom Renovations for LS/MS/US

Exterior Paints and Repairs

Upper School (Kristin Tilley/Angela Miller)

Snacks/ Pastries and Cocoa went over so well. All leftovers were consumed. Will look into getting hot water carafes donated by Starbucks next year so they do not have to heat all the water in kettles.

December Birthday treats were very appreciated. Teachers loved having healthy options of fruit after all the pastries and hot chocolate. Also enjoyed cookies.

Teacher Treat signups are full through the end of March.

Upcoming Events

Next Meeting – February 13th

Gold Buckle Gala – April 5th

LS Read In – February 27th

Teacher Appreciation Week – April 28th - May 2nd

Called meeting to close at 10:12 am (Charlotte Trice)