

FVEA MINUTES FOR SEPT. 17, 2024, BOARD MEETING

Date: SEPT 17, 2024

Time: 5 – 6 p.m.

Location: Frontier Library or [Zoom](#)

Present: Valerie Thompson, Kelly Taylor, Ashley Steerman (parent, not on board), Lauren Storey, Laura Anne Kenwick, Monika Mansfield, Dan Mansfield, Kiersten Hall, Cindy Holguin, Erin Wilkens, Beth Romouth, Leah Woodbury, Ashley Jakubowski (parent, not on board), Amber Warren

Online through Zoom: Kristin Rasbach, Natalie Dinan

Start time: 5 pm

Welcome and Introductions (President Valerie Thompson)

- Housekeeping items: Informed board members that the Google drive holds volunteer signups that indicate parent interests and contact info as well as budget, reimbursement forms, calendar, fundraising details, QR codes and more.

Principal's Update (Kiersten Hall)

- A thank you for back-to-school activities that were aided by a FVEA grant used to buy sweatshirts for each staff member, the book "Maybe," a Hydroflask water bottle; almost 100% of staff returned this year, we have two new certified teachers (both Kindergarten and veteran teachers), a new music teacher (also a veteran) who is doing great things with percussion and new security officer with school experience funded through 5A. The year-long theme is "Imagine the Possibilities."
- Back-to-school event is on National Talk Like a Pirate Day: treasure maps will be given out to families to go through school, kids will get stamps as they go through the building, staff will be dressed as pirates, will be Sept. 19 from 5 to 6 pm, way to showcase learning

- Entire Legend feeder comes together for the Homecoming parade on Sept. 25, and our school's fifth-graders will walk in the parade and toss out candy
- School board passed a unanimous election process to put 5A on the ballot to seek capital improvements with no tax increase (not to be confused with the 5A during the last election, which was the mill levy); our school would be in line for tile flooring, replace sinks and countertops to make them easier to clean, safety and security as well as new intercom system (ours is outdated and staff uses walkie-talkies to communicate). Our school also needs new HVAC because one of our two units has failed, a new water heater for our 22-year-old building that will go on a priority list outside of the bond measure, we also need new asphalt but that is not in the works due to the cost
- Recent concrete repairs were emergency repairs ... water came under old pad and eroded the dirt away and school would've started to sink had repairs not been made
- Next SAC meeting is Nov. 12

Treasurer's Update (Treasurer Dan Mansfield)

- Budget review: Valerie, Dan and Mrs. Hall built out this budget earlier this year
- \$27,200 to start the year in our account
- Differences in this year's budget from last: increased our budget by about 15% for teacher appreciation and 10% more for grants, and this is possible because the Fun Run organizers were able to bring in about \$49,000 and stayed under budget for their costs including tshirts by spending around \$6,200
- The net profit from the Fun Run was \$43,000, which is about \$6,000 more than last year, in two years, this number has grown from \$28,000 to \$43,000 (a record number of donations/sponsorships came this year)
- Account will be around \$71,000
- Some estimates of current revenue: \$150 from Kroger, \$420 from spirit wear, \$60 from milk caps
- No vote needed to approve the budget; we vote on line items outside the budget

Up for Vote

- Paint the FVEA shed for a maximum cost of up to \$250 **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**
 - Mike Woodbury will scrape, power-wash and paint the FVEA shed. He will need to purchase paint and other supplies. Requested by Leah Woodbury.

- Scholastic News Magazine subscription for \$412.50 **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**
 - Discussion: Lauren Storey and Cindy Holguin say the magazine is good for teaching nonfiction and current events; students can take it home after they use it in class. Requested by the third-grade teachers.
- Scholastic Dollars spend of up to \$4,500 **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**
 - We have about \$11,000 in Scholastic dollars available. This money being requested will fund a new mobile PA system as well as grants of \$750 each for three teachers (two new to the district, the third in a new grade)

Event Updates and Calendar:

- Spirit Wear Update (Leah): 85 items sold, \$5 profit for us per item for \$420, we used Schmancy Tees and we may re-open the store later this year
- Teacher Appreciation Committee (Lauren and Katie):
 - Last year's budget of \$5,500 was bumped to \$6,000 for this year
 - Lauren said that she and Katie plan to do something once a month for staff: this Friday will be a lunch for teachers when they are here without kids doing professional development training; in Oct. (the week of conferences) they will ask parents to stock the lounge vs. bringing food each day (mostly donations vs. using our budget); the week of Halloween will be breakfast burritos; Nov. will be Toms Coffee Cabin; Dec. will be a soup and salad holiday lunch
 - Teacher Appreciation is supporting the buffalo cart by doing the signup to collect donations (buffalo cart isn't every month); in August, they did a trail mix; a committee was created with dates to help
- Spirit Nights (Leslee/Valerie): discussed the calendar
- Fun Run (Amber, Monika, Beth):
 - Monika said it's hard to find sponsors, which is why the organizers opened family sponsorships which was a hit; they used leftover prizes from last year's fun run
 - Proceeds included \$689 from selling suckers, \$380 from student shoutouts; Amber expects that next year, \$6,000 won't need to be spent on prizes

- o One takeaway is that the game truck was pretty reasonable in price, but the inflatable party could be done for half the cost and a lot of the day-of items can be re-used for next year
- o Feedback from board was positive and appreciative for the work of FVEA volunteers who led this; perhaps next year we should create a committee, said Lauren; Amber said whoever buys rewards needs to have \$1,000 to \$3,000 out of pocket before getting reimbursed

Upcoming Events:

- Book Fair: Leah
 - o It will be be the week of Nov. 11 to coincide with Veterans Day ceremony, help offered from Cindy Holguin
- Trunk or Treat (10/25): Erin Wilkens
 - o Feedback is that we need to advertise trunks earlier and the candy drive worked well, so Erin will send out a signup for help; other feedback is that one hour is too short and she'd like to start earlier and end at 7 p.m.
 - o We ran out of candy last year because of big crowds due to nice weather
 - o Considering selling hotdogs before opening trick-or-treating at 6 p.m.
 - o We had 33 trunks last year, which is about what we can support for the amount of candy donated
- Pies with Parents (11/15): Beth
 - o This is a replacement for Donuts with Grownups. After discussion, it was decided that Pies with Parents will be a free event during the week of the book fair and we will do a Donuts with Grownups event this spring
- Veterans Day Assembly (11/11): Ashley Steerman agreed to chair this event and will serve coffee and treats

Fundraising (Valerie)

- Winter Carnival: Laura Anne Kenwick, Ashley Steerman and Leah Woodbury will spearhead; Handbid contract ends Feb. 3, so the goal is to have the event before then to save roughly \$1,300 by not renewing the contract
- New fundraising options (handout)
- Ongoing fundraising (handout)

Meeting for October was set as being virtual on Oct 8 (changed to Oct. 1) from 5 to 6 p.m.

End time: 6:29 pm