

**FLHSA Meeting**  
**January 24, 2025**  
**9:30am – Dr. Amos’ Office**

**Present from FLHSA Board:**

Yalda Bahari (President)  
Amy Ferguson (Secretary)  
Farah Hoyt (School Store)  
Kyle Kaino (School Store)  
Cary Keller (E-Notes Editor)

**Absent from FLHSA Board:**

Sean Reidy (Vice-President)  
Jen Kothari (Treasurer)

**Guests:**

Jennifer Amos (FLHS Principal)  
Melissa Oricchio

FLHSA President Yalda Bahari opened the meeting at 9:35am.

**Principal’s Report**

Dr. Amos noted that today is the last day of the second quarter/first semester. The January Regents exams are wrapping up this week.

Melissa Oricchio is gearing up for a busy spring at FLHS. There is a special guest speaker, Laura Stack, scheduled for next week that will discuss the dangers of vaping and today’s marijuana with students in all grades. The Seniors will have a presentation by Kathy Sullivan before the Senior Prom. For Valentine’s Day, the chorus will deliver singing telegrams during the day, a tradition at FLHS.

The Staff Appreciation Lunch was discussed, with a tentative date of April 25<sup>th</sup>. It is the week before the actual “Teacher Appreciation Week” but given that overlaps with the administration of the AP exams, April 25<sup>th</sup> will be less disruptive. Communications will need to go out to convey the reason for the change of date to the staff.

**2025 Projects and Events**

Yalda updated the Board on the new format for budgeting for Senior Events. For this year, the Senior Class parents have been given a guideline of a \$5000 contribution from FLHSA for the Decision Day lunch, Graduation Brunch and Senior Prom red carpet event to help offset the costs of those events. We will re-evaluate this process when we see how this year proceeds. The 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade classes should be made aware of the changes going forward, and the 11<sup>th</sup> grade class parents are also being looped in.

It needs to be clarified which staff member will consistently be the liaison for the class parents in the future.

To continue to be able to contribute to these events, FLHSA needs to increase their fundraising. Amy will create a graphic to be distributed in the short term via email and social media. Other sources and methods of fundraising need to be considered.

The red-carpet event has gotten a bit unwieldy to continue in its' current configuration. It may be moved to an outside event going forward, but the administration is considering options.

The Staff Appreciation postcards will be sent out Teacher Appreciation Week instead of the week of the actual lunch.

### **Board Seats**

Yalda will confirm the seats that will be open for next year, and Amy will create a graphic for communications. Kristy Emery can also send it out via FLHS communications.

### **School Store**

The School Store is considering doing a Valentine's Day specific fundraiser. Chocolate roses were discussed, and they are looking into other options.

### **Other Discussion**

Dr. Amos mentioned a potential ASPIRE program that involves the Youth Police Academy. However, the program costs \$450 per student, and there is not enough funding for it. FLHSA cannot assist with the funding of that given its limited impact and significant costs.

With no further business to discuss, FLHSA President Yalda Bahari adjourned the meeting at 10:35am.

*Respectfully submitted by FLHSA Secretary Amy Ferguson on 2/5/25.*

## **Principal's Report**

Dr. Amos noted that, while the school year is off to a strong start, she is putting together a note to the FLHS community about kindness. There have been a couple of isolated incidents where students' made poor decisions regarding comments or texts they thought were "jokes" but were not necessarily perceived that way by the recipient.

The Junior and Senior classes will be having a presentation on drinking and driving, drug use and related topics later in November, while the Freshman and Sophomore classes will have a presentation on goal setting and grade evaluations.

A potential future class concentrating on executive functioning was discussed.

It was also noted that Honor Roll status will be back on the report cards going forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50am.

*Respectfully submitted by FLHSA Secretary, Amy Ferguson on November 16, 2024.*