



FCS Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) General Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2023

Attendees

- Attendance: Lydia Parris (President), Jennifer Renkema (VP), Karen Lecy-Alvarado (Secretary), Martha Arteaga, Mel Masta, Jamie Montie, Erin Crowley, Nicole Brigner, Kelly Herndon, Michael B, Tanisha Nanor, Kim Parmar, Jennifer Barnes, Julie Harman, Mrs. Vislay, Mr. Lawrence

Call to Order

- FCS PTO was called to order at approximately 7:02pm by Lydia Parris, PTO President, virtually (zoom) on January 10, 2023
- Opening prayer led by Mrs. Vislay, FCS Principal

Room Parent Program

- Jennifer Renkema, PTO VP, gave thanks to all room parents this school year who have been devoting their time and energy to support our teachers and staff
- A survey will be sent to all room parents and a separate survey to teachers/staff to give feedback on the program, generate ideas; results will be discussed at a later date
- Room parents are welcome to contact Mrs. Renkema with questions or concerns

Committee Reports

Staff Encouragement Committee

- Erin Crowley, chairperson, reported that a full list of birthdays of all teachers/staff was given to her, and the birthday e-cards are being sent to all staff as indicated
- The next committee meeting will be on January 17, 2023 at 8pm, and the link will be sent to members
- The next committee project will involve a Valentine's drink/snack cart for teachers/staff & volunteers will be needed to run the cart; PTO will cover the cost of supplies

Fundraising Committee

- Martha Arteaga, chairperson, reported that this committee continues to collaborate with the Events committee
- A combined Fundraising & Events committee meeting will take place via zoom on January 25, 2023 at 7pm
- A used uniform sale will take place this month, on January 25th, to raise funds for the PTO
- This committee is working on end of year activities as well, such as: Kona Ice fundraiser in March, Spring Fling, yearbook ad sale (6 pages will be allocated for businesses to advertise), & used shoe fundraiser (future endeavor)
- Spring Fling date will be May 20, 2023 (rain date June 10, 2023) at FCS
- Email updates on all events will be sent, & all PTO members interested are encouraged to attend the upcoming meeting

Events Committee

- Mel Masta, chairperson, confirmed that the upcoming Fundraising meeting (as mentioned above) will be combined with Events committee; both chairpersons have been collaborating & planning upcoming events
- Mr. Masta reported the need for an increase in membership for all committees
- Mrs. Vislay reported that she will advertise the need for more volunteers on the school social media pages

Other PTO Business

Volunteer Opportunities

- Used uniform sale: Nicole Brigner will lead the used uniform sale on January 25, 2023; volunteers are needed to assist in moving the large clothing bins from the PTO closet to room 150 for the sale, organizing the clothing on tables, sales, & pack up
- Ongoing library needs: Mrs. Groom is in need of ongoing assistance in the library; a signup genius link launched during this meeting & will be sent out school wide with date/time frames where parents can sign up to volunteer during the week; a separate signup genius link will be created for volunteers who can take home books that require mending/taping & return them to school
- FCS Open House on January 26, 2023 at 6pm: active PTO members are encouraged to volunteer to meet prospective & current FCS families in room 150 during open house to answer questions about the PTO or share information/experiences

Open Forum

The purpose of this forum is to address any questions or concerns from PTO leadership and PTO members alike.

- FCS administration reported that the FCS teachers/staff were grateful for the outpouring of love and appreciation during the holiday event week from the PTO, room parents, and other class parents/families, as well as, with attendance from families during holiday programs to show support
- A PTO member inquired about the spring school auction: administration reported that the auction details have not been confirmed, however, the date is set for April 28, 2023 & more

details will be shared soon; PTO will coordinate with the school administration in order to determine the needs for support

- Consideration for master calendar with both school & PTO related events; may be posted on the FCS website soon
- Per Mel Masta, chairperson for Events committee, the Fundraising & Events committee would like to coordinate a fellowship gathering near the end of the school year to thank PTO members for their volunteerism, donations, and other support; more details to be determined
- A PTO member inquired about two school related matters with the following response: the FCS offers Spanish language courses in both 7th & 8th grade, as well as, some language clubs are offered (currently Chinese language club in Spring 2023) for certain grades; the FCS offers day camp in the summer from late June until mid-August & participants can sign up at 1-week intervals, though all participants must have completed Kindergarten before applying

Closing/Adjournment

- Closing prayer by Lydia Parris
- This meeting was adjourned by Lydia Parris, PTO President, at 7:39pm

Respectfully submitted by Karen Lecy-Alvarado, PTO Secretary