



FCS Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) General Meeting Minutes

September 29, 2029

Attendees

- ☐ Attendance: Dr. Bates (FCS Vice Principal), Nicole Brigner (Co-Leader), Erin Crowley (Co-Leader/Secretary), Frank Rodriguez (Treasurer), Martha Arteaga, Jamie Montie, Emily Hemphill, Julie Harman, Octavio Parada, Jake Scott, and others (Some guests didn't sign the sign-in sheet at the front desk.) 😊

Call to Order

- ☐ FCS PTO was called to order at 7:06pm by Nicole Brigner, PTO Co-Leader, on September 29, 2029.
- ☐ Opening prayer by Nicole Brigner.

Nicole announced that the PTO is in need of a new Secretary and a third Co-Leader. She invited anyone interested to let current leadership know.

Budget:

Our account currently has over 24,000, which is more than enough to cover our current budget requests (see below):

[Budget for 2025-2026 school year](#)

There was a motion to approve the budget. The motion was seconded and it passed. Other figures will be added later.

Nicole Brigner introduced our committee chairs: Jamie Montie (Staff Encouragement), Emily Severin (Events), Martha Arteaga (Fundraising)

Staff Encouragement Committee

- Jamie Montie coordinates activities for our staff such as Teacher Appreciation Week, Snack Cart, monthly lounge snack and drink replenishment, celebrations of birthdays and other special life events. SEC's next meeting will be on Zoom on Thursday, October 2nd at 8pm on Zoom.

Fundraising Committee

- Martha Arteaga coordinates Movie Night (Saturday, October 18th at 7:15pm following Fall Festival—movie TBA), Spring Fling, Kona Ice, Ledo Pizza, Pizza Fridays, Used Uniform Sales, and more. She reminded everyone of the importance of volunteering. (Ex. If we wanted to move Pizza Fridays to every week, we would need more volunteers.) She does not have meetings every month, only as needed to help plan these events. She often works closely with our Events committee. The money we raise goes back to funding for special teacher projects during the year (ex. upgrading our garden, software purchases, speakers for Coach Burgess's sound system during the Fun Run, etc.)

Events Committee

- Emily Severin is supporting the fundraising and membership committees. On Friday, October 3rd there will be a Parent Prayer Day. Coffee and donuts will be available for fellowship from 8-9am during dropoff. Another Prayer Day is planned for the spring closer to the end of the year.

Nominating & Membership Committee

- Ginny Lee is trying to recruit a new Secretary and a third Co-Leader.

Our meeting format for this year:

- We plan to have at least four in-person meetings this year, at least one per quarter. Our hope is to spend the first part of the meeting going over any necessary business. We'd like to invite guest speakers to come and give a short presentation on a topic we feel may be of interest to parents. For example, we are planning to have Ms. Groom come to our November meeting to discuss choosing reading materials that are of an appropriate level for students based on their age. Also, we can discuss how to interpret IOWA test results and how to guide students to use safe internet practices at our subsequent meetings. Regarding future meetings, we welcome any questions or suggestions our members have. (We may have a 5th general meeting in May over zoom for voting purposes.)

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Closing

- Closing prayer by Nicole Brigner.

Adjournment

- This meeting was adjourned and everyone was given time to visit committee tables.

Respectfully submitted by Erin Crowley, PTO Secretary