



Purpose: (a) enhance the educational experience of all students at F.AVE; (b) support classroom instruction and the IB curriculum; (c) enrich school spirit and the school environment; (d) give parents and guardians an opportunity to be involved and have a voice in what happens at F.AVE; and (e) support the mission and vision of F.AVE.

PTO Board Meeting Agenda – Wednesday, November 17, 2021

Attendees: Becky Aemmer, Sue Curtin, Alina Crews, Lynn Hanson, Leah Humphries, Katherine Hunter, Carol Hill, Heidi Hill, Angie Prophet, Sybil McCullar, Wendi Stone, Kate Swett, Jessica Wentworth

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm, with a review of Purpose
2. Minutes - A motion to approve the minutes of the October meeting was made, seconded and approved with no discussion.
3. Reports & Updates
 - a. Presidents' report
 - i. Read-a-thon is moving forward before break. Scaled down version to make it easier on teachers, allowing students two weeks for reading.
 - ii. Community-building - King of Pops is available to close out Read-a-Thon. Another suggested option is fire pits for S'mores and food trucks.
 - iii. Dance-a-Thon - Planned to be held before Spring break, with possibly a parent social in the spring associated with that. We still need chairs for Dance-a-Thon. It is very turnkey (not labor- or time-intensive for volunteers). Regarding concerns last year about cost of the Dance-a-Thon management/overhead, we can encourage anyone with those concerns to donate directly to Friends of FAVE instead.
 - b. Principal's report (Lynn Hanson and Jessica Wentworth)
 - i. Parent chat in January once parents can be in the building
 - ii. PTO needs to get information out to teachers for Read-a-Thon by Friday morning - ideally by 11/18.
 - iii. Teachers loved the gift cards - this has been a big hit.
 - c. Treasurer's Report
 - i. Review of treasurer reports provided on income and expenses, comparison to last year, and cash flow
 - d. Committee reports and questions
 - i. Special Projects - about \$11k was approved to spend, two other outstanding items were investing in shade and for a mural. DEF is sponsoring Paint Love to do social justice work - might be a partner with the mural.
 - ii. Yearbook - Students voted on a cover, which has been ordered. We will not sell though Josten's but will provide to every student and request a voluntary contribution of \$10 based on a survey sent out to FAVE parents. Photo retakes are December 2. Tributes will be just for 5th graders and are free (they will go through the room parents).

- iii. DEI update - Leaders are in need of additional support and active parents.
- iv. Staff appreciation - new chair is doing very well, planning a staff holiday party at Sceptre.
- v. Read-a-Thon - info will go to teachers this week
- vi. Communications - Falcon flyer, FB to talk about Read-a-Thon
- vii. Room Parents - Shea will send out correspondence regarding class gifts
- viii. Spiritwear - no update
- ix. Sustainability - Agnes Scott & city of Decatur are working on a Resilience Plan.
- x. Other committee reports
 - 1. Fifth Grade Experience/Field trips - Talley is doing a Tybee field trip. FAVE is not due to safety and mitigation concerns, and also no reservation. FAVE Admin will think about how to communicate this information to parents, with PTO helping as needed.

4. New Business

- a. PTO representative for Resilience Plan for the City of Decatur
 - i. Motion was made, seconded and approved with no discussion for Michael Black to represent us for the PTO on the Resilience Plan team.
- b. Other items to follow up on:
 - i. Continue to think about ways to partner with Talley, and possibly share resources, keeping equity in mind.
 - ii. Sue Curtin to help plan an event or outreach to connect parents with committees

5. Meeting Adjourned at 7:35pm