

# Friendswood Jr High School PTO Meeting

## February 21, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Jenny Wiest. There were 9 members in attendance.

Nov 2017 minutes were distributed and discussed. Unanimously approved. Motioned by Dana Drew, seconded by Albert Cipolla.

### **Principal's Report**

Mr. Drew addressed successes at FJH. Basketball did well. Track is in full swing. UIL & Academic teams did well also. 7th & 8th grade both won championships. One Act play had 10 teams. FJH Advanced to second round and won 2nd place. Cheerleaders won National Championship in Dallas.

The topic of school safety was addressed in light of the recent events. With 1500 kids on campus, school safety is main concern on daily basis. Staff meetings have been held to reinforce policies and procedures. Some of the safety measures implemented:

- \* 80 cameras on campus
- \* All AP's have TV screens to monitor in their offices
- \* Radios tied in with FPD
- \* Ability to Auto lock exterior doors with one card swipe.
- \* Daily door check by Officer Lewis
- \* Panic button alert to FPB
- \* Unannounced intruder drill done annually.

Discussed phone apps kids use and the potential dangers associated with them. Monitoring what your kids are accessing is crucial. Apps developed and designed for kids to hide info from parents. New apps pop up all the time, so frequent monitoring is helpful.

Know who your kids hang out with and their parents as well.

Teacher training - PLC days (half days) include drills and discussions of relevant topics of concern.

Discussions about how to be more observant about our surroundings and how to make our kids realize the dangers all around us.

Discussed Run - Hide - Fight training. "See something, say something" is highly encouraged as a tool for our kids to report things they may see on social media or in the schools.

### **New Business:**

FHS PTO - Tammy Lewis & Pamela Fridye discussed the needs of the FHS PTO for next year. Board positions needed: President, Treasurer - Several committee chairs and committee help needed. Please visit [FHSPTO.ORG](http://FHSPTO.ORG) for more information. Please get involved!

### **Treasurer's Report**

Liz Fischer distributed & discussed the current budget. We are about \$5000 ahead of where we were last year. The FJH PTO donated gift cards to approx. 92 kids affected and displaced by Harvey for Christmas. Budgeted through Mustang Care Committee

### **Committee Reports**

**Box Tops** - Kristi Carpenter reported next submission date is 3/1 and will be last call for the year. Received check from Box Tops for \$190 for first submission. Amy Brown will chair this committee next school year.

**Cafeteria Sales** - Very successful for Valentine grams. Pretty much sold out of everything. Done for the year

**Hospitality** - May teacher luncheon date 5/11 - La Escondido. Teacher birthdays are going well.

**Spirit Store** - Nikki Garcia reported - 3/2 next Spirit Store. Low inventory is good. Closeout sale in the works for May. Will be ordering items for next years SS in June this year.

**Character Counts** - Need to discuss counselor needs for gift cards. Requests have increased greatly and some students have won character counts but have not been given gift cards. Jenny will follow up to verify exact needs

**Science Fair** - Low turnout for participation, but went well. May have been due to hurricane and/or date change. Thank you to Spirit store for donating notebooks for Judges.

**Pi Day** - Albert Cipolla reported 61 students this year. 3/8 all day. Will need help making mini pies. Contact Albert Cipolla if interested in helping out!

**Food Truck Fundraiser** - Randy Shirck said Nacho Nacho may be interested. Also may be a good idea to have available at registration for fundraiser

FISD Grants - The Board will look over list of grants available and decide what we can purchase. Budget is \$1500 - \$2000

Meeting adjourned at 11:09. Next meeting is 3/21