



## FTHS PFSO Minutes

November 17, 2020

### IN ATTENDANCE

Board and Committee Chairs: Valerie Zeko, Hollee King Winegar, Jennifer Duston, Russell Gibbs, Margarida Eidson, Sueanne Chadburn, Shontaia Dixon, Amanda Armitage, Kimberly Prieto

Membership and Presenters: Claire Adams, Dailyn Thompson, Michelle Frumkin, Lisa Bondy, Tammy Kizer-Robineson, Amy Bisgard, Amy Harris, Elke Fedde, Melanie Lindsey, Pricilla Garcia Ocampo, Dana Jennings, Amy Avelar, Charley Elliott

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Hollee King Winegar at 6:36 pm.

### APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING'S MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Shontaia Dixon and seconded by Jen Duston. The motion passed.

### STANDING REPORTS

#### Staffulty Report

Claire Adams / Michelle Frumkin

Claire Adams thanked the PFSO for continued support of the Staffulty. She asked parents to encourage their students to reach out to teachers for help if needed. Communication by email is not ideal, but it is better than no communication, and is the best way to get problems solved. Expectations for online school and regular school are different. Staring at a screen for hours is tiring for students.

Teachers are working to adapt. She asked that we encourage students to turn on their cameras, but at this stage, the fact that students are doing work and showing up is a good start.

Michele Frumkin also thanked the PFSO and reiterated that students and parents should reach out to teachers if they have any questions. She also shared that the Math department has extended tutoring hours on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Times and Zoom information will be posted on ParentSquare.

### ASB Report

Dailyn Thompson

Dailyn shared ASB's plans:

- o Staff has been contacted for the cookbook and staff cutout events.
- o Winter week spirit week is planned for early December
- o They are moving forward with the Stockings for Foster teens service project
- o The Freshman Poinsettia Fundraiser has started.
- o Senior swag has been distributed. Information about cap and gown orders has been sent out. Orders are due on 12/3.
- o They are also working on a Senior/Renaissance "coffee bar" at Starbucks to be funded by ASB.

### Presidents' Report

Valerie Zeko & Hollee King Winegar

No report this month.

### Principal's Report

Russell Gibbs

Q1 grade data is in. There has been a big improvement from the first progress report. The number of students with Ds and Fs has diminished and over three hundred students had a Q1 GPA of 4.0 or higher. The number of students that are eligible for Renaissance went down, but that was expected in a remote learning situation.

Small groups were defined to support lower performing students. These groups were due to start this week, but now need to be reworked due to the fact that the county has moved back to the Purple Tier. Groups must be smaller, so additional teachers need to be recruited. Mr. Gibbs expects these groups to launch shortly after Thanksgiving break.

Additionally, there are some small group enrichment activities for certain student cohorts, like Bioscience, D-tech and Journalism. Additionally, ASB is working on an enrichment group for seniors.

The school and district are still working to define a reopening plan for high schools in accordance with the parent survey responses. However, given the move back into the purple tier, it is unclear when in person learning will be able to be resumed.

### Vice President's Report

Amanda Armitage

No report this month. Amanda asked for the VP job duties description. Valerie will send it to her.

### Treasurer

Margarida Eidson

All PFSO tax filings for the year have been completed. Hollee asked that we all consider who might be able to replace Margarida as Treasurer for next year in hopes that the person would be able to shadow Margarida for the rest of this year to ensure a smooth transition.

### Membership

Sueanne Chadbourne

Thank you to Darcy Duffy for all of the support to distribute the PFSO tee shirts. Distribution was incorporated into the pick up for Q2 supplies and went very smoothly. Once late pickups are completed, Sueanne will work to identify the plan for the distribution of the ones that haven't been picked up.

### Boosters

Jen Duston

Boosters have not had a meeting since the last PFSO meeting. However, the Booster raffle was completed yesterday. Winners were announced by email and Facebook. Winners should pick up their prizes at school on 11/18.

### PAC Rep Report

Natalie Mueller

No PAC report this month

### Fundraising

Tiffany Emch and Dushyanth Perera

No Fundraising report this month

### Hospitality

Ilina Soto

No Fundraising report this month

### Teacher Appreciation

Shontaia Dixon

Shontaia, Hollee, Val and Jen will get together in the second weekend of December to go through the typical calendar of Teacher Appreciate events. Once grounded in the 'normal' events, Shontaia can work with others to find creative ways to approach this year, given that a number of the normal activities cannot be easily done when people cannot gather. A suggestion was made to

acknowledge the teachers' birthdays. Shontaia would like their contact information so she can distribute items as needed. Melanie Lindsey offered support for this.

### Parent Rep Reports

9<sup>th</sup> Grade

*Stephanie Quintana-Herbert*

No report

10<sup>th</sup> Grade

*Sueanne Chadbourne*

No report

11<sup>th</sup> Grade

*Barbara Beltran Walker*

No report

12<sup>th</sup> Grade

*Shannon Bryson*

No report

### OLD BUSINESS

#### 1. Amazon Smile

We have started receiving money from Amazon Smile. It had been delayed. We received \$489.44. We encourage families to designate Foothill Technology High School PFSO via Amazon Smiles. Kimberly will post instructions on Facebook so that we can benefit from what people spend over the holidays. Mr. Gibbs will also promote this on Parent Square.

#### 2. PFSO Sponsor HS Students' Movie Night at Fairgrounds

The PFSO has been asked to sponsor a high school movie night at the fairgrounds in partnership with the parent organizations at Ventura HS and Buena HS. It would be run by CBF productions. They are asking each PFSO to front one third of the cost, \$3000, which will be reimbursed in full or in part based on the proceeds. Tickets would be \$30/car. We would need 300 cars to break even. More than 300 is profit. PFSO would have to promote the event. There is a small committee working through the details. Melanie Lindsey, Jen Duston, and Shannon Bryson are on committee representing the FTTHS PFSO.

CBF and the Fairgrounds will "police" the social distancing requirements. Cars are allocated spots. Students would be able to move around within the

Fairgrounds but would need to be masked at all times, including when they are in the car.

While this could be a fundraiser for us, the main goal is to create normality for kids. Discussion covered issues of liability, logistics, and access to all students. The group acknowledged that there will be families that are not comfortable participating in this event, but also mentioned that no other safer option for an event has been identified.

Jen Duston moved that we sponsor the event and commit to invest \$3000. Shontaia Dixon seconded.

A roll call vote of the members on the call at the time was held:

Jennifer Duston: yes

Melanie Lindsey: yes

Amanda Armitage: yes

Russell Gibbs: yes

Sueanne Chadbourne: yes

Shontaia Dixon: yes

Hollie King Winegar: yes

Valerie Zeko: yes

Kimberly Prieto: yes

The motion passed.

This topic will be readdressed in a future meeting to determine what part of the budget the funds come out of, and to understand the details as the planning is finalized.

### 3. Senior Activities

Jen Duston shared that a group of senior parents, across Foothill, Buena, and Ventura, are working to organize events for seniors this year. They are aiming for an event per month. They want to make sure that all of the seniors in the district get celebrated. Jen asked that ASB, the district, and this grass roots parent group stay in contact to ensure they stay aligned and coordinated. Parents interested in participating in this group should email

Jen Duston at Jennifer.duston@franklincovey.com.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. No new business

## UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Thanksgiving Holiday Nov. 25-27
2. Poinsettia Sale -  
Foothill's grade 9 "Class of 2024" is offering beautiful, locally grown poinsettias from local Freyr Farms.  
<https://connicarr.com/fire-poinsettia-sale>  
Order by November 20 for delivery in the first week of December (Wednesday, 12/2)
3. Next meeting Jan. 19 (no meeting in December)

## FINAL REMARKS

No final remarks

## MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 8:21pm