



FPBS PTA Meeting
Tuesday, November 24, 2020

Rosalie welcomed everyone to the November PTA meeting.

Pledge of allegiance recited

Rosalie introduced herself and the executive committee and introduced new committee member Lisa Condran. Announced spin the wheel to win a raffle. Text to pick the prize up. 2 gift cards, 3 ipad stands, 3 headsets, 3 pop sockets and a picture day voucher.

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

Approval of minutes. Motion made to waive the reading of the minutes, motion moved by AT and seconded by Rosalie.

Rosalie stated she has child at FPBS and at FPM and acknowledge Adams, Siebert and Trentacoste. Thanked everyone. Spoke about the Holiday Fair happening the week of Dec 7 to Dec 11. Will be spaced out and COVID guidelines will be followed. Can order and have items shipped direct to your house. PARP will happen in January with the Book Fair. Blood drive happened on Sunday. They collected 61 units resulting in 183 recipients. Many rules to follow due to the pandemic. Please be patient with us and the school.

Diedre Moore introduced herself. Read quick description about the PTA. It's a non-profit, 501c3 organization governed by the IRS. PTA is the largest child advocacy group. Goal is to try to raise standards of home life and protection measures. Look to have parents and teachers cooperate with one another to educate the children.

Lisa introduced as new treasure. Thanked everyone. New to being treasurer but worked with budgets in the past. There is so much TBD so the budget will be updated and shared out at the next meeting in January. \$18,978 balance and have some outstanding checks in the amount of \$1627. Looking to add is a zoom account for the PTA which depends on the volume of people attending meetings. 990ez was filed for the PTA.

Melissa Mazzacco introduced. Lots of correspondence for tonight. Thanks to everyone for continued support and understanding during these times. We'd like to thank the King family for the library at the front of school. Take a book leave a book its free. PTA purchased 900 pumpkins for the pumpkin patch and launched the first Halloween house decorating contest.

Personally delivered pumpkins to everyone who entered as a gesture of gratitude. Prizes were given to winners.

The PTA gave toys to the school for the school banner contest and we had picture retake day. Please be advised all of PTA positions will be open for new volunteers to fill PTA board. Email at fbpspta@gmail.com or contact the nominating committee chair Maggie Weikert. All info is on the website. We are looking into zoom assemblies for the children. Always receive thank you notes from Ms. Adams and community members. We appreciate them.

Rosalie thanked Melissa. If anyone needs to speak to our SEPTA chair, Lois Katcher please contact her She is also selling t-shirts. SEPTA 6th grade transition meeting is usually in sept but was cancelled now happening in January. District website and our website has emails and phone numbers for the chairs of the committees.

Many have expressed concerns about health and wellness. Rosalie introduced nurse nora. COVID is amongst us. There has been an uptick. We have been fortunate with low numbers in our building. She believes its inevitable we will have increased cases. JLC is not in school due to COVID cases. The staff member who tested positive is all over the building so its difficult to contact trace. Out of an abundance of caution the board decided to quarantine the school. FPBS has had very low numbers of students or staff. Many people are quarantining because of positive cases in their household. Many will quarantine next week returning from holiday. Wishing everyone a healthy happy holiday.

Rosalie stated there are people who have joined the meeting please change you name if you are listed as iPhone so you can be entered into the raffle. Mrs. Adams introduced.

Mrs. Adams: Good evening so nice to be together. Thanked PTA for everything. Give a shout out to Nora who has been working 24/7 to keep everyone informed and safe. Thank you for supporting the procedures and policies. Students take mask breaks as needed and recess. Everyone has embraced. Thank you. Safety drills building safety meetings, BOCES how do we continue the drills while maintaining COVID-19 restrictions/social distancing. Bus drill was done outside the bus to give them the same information. Thanks to the PTA for picture day and retake day. We had Unity Day in October and a Halloween banner contest. Visit the video on the website all the banners. Will also have a door decorating contest in December. Dazzling door contest. Each grade will have an opportunity to purchase something for the classroom. Junior achievement high school heroes has been a part of the community. A virtual meeting was held to discuss launching a virtual program this year. Going to run across 4 or 5 weeks. For the 5th graders junior achievement there is a planning meeting for the public sector employees. Foreign language teachers will zoom into the 6th grade classes. 5th graders wrote thank you cards for all the donors of blood since they couldn't be present due to COVID-19 restrictions. Hope you have enjoyed our social emotional newsletter. Next edition will be sent out before Christmas vacation. If you have any resources, please let us know we will include it. Shared decision committee is working on the diversity topic. Thinking about putting together a diverse cookbook which can be sent to every family. Lots of diversity training through Adelphi university. Lots of information is forth coming. Remember the true meaning of thanksgiving. So grateful and thankful for being a

part of this community. The children are resilient and learning a lot despite the pandemic. Wishing you a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

There was a question about the grassy knoll adjacent to the blacktop. Can we unlock the gate so the kids can play. Adams explained its locked because its very rooty and its not a safe flat ground. We don't want to remove the trees. We are thinking about how best way to use it. Its locked to keep the children safe.

Lisa had a question / comment cards at blood drive were well received and would be great if continued. Can people donate books to the little library? Teresa King can receive the books to put in the library. She's been recycling the books to mix them up or Rosalie can change the books around. Adams is planning wacky weds in December for the children. Pajama day will be Dec. 22nd.

Communication on COVID-19. How should we expect to get communication? Adams said If people prefer email or call they can do that.

Comment was made that there is a safety issue with the massive rain puddle by the school walkway. Adams stated she would look into it.

Rosalie encouraged people to join the PTA. Check out our Facebook page. Sign up for the Textcaster to get the latest information on school activities. Rosalie recognized the first responders and the school personnel for everything they are doing. Acknowledged the lengths to which the school is going to follow COVID-19 protocols. Wished everyone a healthy and happy thanksgiving. If you are aware of anyone who is in need of a turkey or financially hurting please let Rosalie know. SK lets spin the wheel and announce the winners. The virtual wheel was spun and announced.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15