

# PTSO Meeting

## MINUTES

JANUARY 10, 2017

7:00 PM

FRANKLIN H.S. LIBRARY

MEETING CALLED BY	Vanessa Flewellen @7:03 PM
FRANKIN H.S. ADMINISTRATORS / TEACHERS / BOARD OF EDUCATION IN ATTENDANCE	Cheryl Clark (FHS Principal) Ken Margolin (FHS Athletic Director) Jose Aviles (FHS Vice President) Nancy La Corte (Board of Education VP, FHS Liaison)
EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE	Linda Darby (Co-President) John Felix (Co-President) Kai Leung (Co-Membership Coordinator) Eve Kavaliauskas (Co-Membership Coordinator) Connie Williams (Treasurer) Vanessa Flewellen (Secretary)

### Agenda topics

#### DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

**VANESSA FLEWELLEN**

DISCUSSION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Reviewed minutes from the December Meeting</li><li>- Motion to accept minutes: Ardaman Singh</li><li>- Seconded: Connie Williams</li></ul>	

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

**CONNIE WILLIAMS**

DISCUSSION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- \$1,109.84 PTSO balance</li><li>- Motion to accept treasurer's report: Vanessa Flewellen</li><li>- Seconded: Ardaman Singh</li></ul>	

#### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

**KAI LEUNG**

DISCUSSION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 68 members (59 parents and 9 staff)</li></ul>	

#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

**MRS. CLARK**

DISCUSSION	
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- 8<sup>th</sup> grade visit was successful, next visit scheduled for January 12<sup>th</sup> with 140 students:
  - students expected to arrive at 9:15 with two blocks of shadowing
  - Guidance will hold an overview session for parents
- Four Juniors were nominated for the Governor's School of Science, Information & Technology
- Two students were nominated for NJ Scholars
- Thirty Instant Decisions were awarded to Seniors:
  - Stockton University – 5 students
  - Morgan State University – 11 students
  - St. Peter's University – 10 students
  - Jersey City University – 6 students
  - Kean University – 7 students (select students received \$500 and \$1000 scholarships)
  - Montclair State University – 3 students
- Dana Karas is the recipient of the Counselor of the Year award
- Maggie Moore is the recipient of the Teachers Who Make Magic award
- Jada Edwards received the AT&T STEM Scholarship
- All office hours / classes have been moved to the first floor between 3pm and 4:30pm; there are 300-500 students that stay after school on any given day with the exception of the arts & sciences classes
- Project Graduation concession stand begins at 3:15pm daily (begins after office hours)
- 55% of athletes made the honor roll
- FHS is moving toward becoming a MAC school (school is currently 75% MAC)
- The Red Cross Club participated in "Hands for Hope" Food Bank
- Team Pep held a baby demonstration
- Latin Students sang Christmas carols throughout the school prior to the holiday break
- Girls Basketball team is 6<sup>th</sup> in NJ
- Blood Drive held January 10<sup>th</sup>; 39 pints of blood was collected
- Future Business Leaders of America held workshops in classrooms regarding mental health and pressures of high school
- There is continuous focus on professional development; workshops with Rutgers, RVCC & Montclair
- JROTC competed in the Army JROTC Academic & Leadership Bowl
- Booster Club created flyers for "Hoops for Troops" promoting participation in all area schools
- March 4<sup>th</sup> – JROTC Drill Team will participate in the North East League Competition
- April 8<sup>th</sup> – JROTC will participate in the Annual North East League Competition

## PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL REPORT

**JOHN FELIX**

DISCUSSION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Board President spoke about initiatives and charter schools throughout township</li> <li>- Charter Schools:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• committee formed to oppose expansion of Central Jersey Prep and creation of third charter school</li> <li>• charter schools have a negative impact on public schools and a substantial amount of funds are exhausted from the public school</li> <li>• strategic plan workshop is scheduled for January 11<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at FHS; new mission statement for Franklin Township will be established</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Annual reorganization of the Board of Education was held on January 5<sup>th</sup>:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ed Potosnak – President</li> <li>• Nancy La Corte – Vice President</li> <li>• Ardaman Singh – newest member</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

## OPEN DISCUSSION

DISCUSSION	Next meeting is February 7 <sup>th</sup> instead of February 14 <sup>th</sup>
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OBSERVERS	See attendance list
SPECIAL NOTES	Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm by Linda Darby