



FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL PTSO
APRIL 13, 2021 MEETING MINUTES
ZOOM MEETING

PTSO Executive Board Attendees

Elected Officers	Yes	No	Elected Officers	Yes	No	Non-Elected Officers and Administration	Yes	No
Nick DiMeglio, President	x		Monique Severino, Vice President		x	Frank Chmiel, FHS Principal		x
Sandra Dehogues, Co.- VP-Comm. & Membership	x		Monique Thompson, Co-VP-Comm.	x		Arohiben Shah, Teacher Liaison	x	
Ty-Wanna Cotten, Co-VP Fundraising		x	Montoya Reed, Co-VP Fundraising	x		Catina Jackson, Board Liaison to PSTO	x	
Michelle Craine, Treasurer	x							
Amber Evans, Co-Recording Sec.		x	C. Kelly Zehr, Co-Recording Sec.	x				
Imani Robinson, Corresponding Sec.	x							

Other Attendees: Robert Freedman, Bill Grippo, Sheronda Martin, Nicole Rollins, Dana Karas, Nichelle Esser

Welcome- Meeting began at 7:08 pm

Minutes - March minutes moved to approve by Arohi, seconded by Michele, all approved.

President's Report - Nick DiMeglio

Covid cases for District - 163.

Please fill out Climate Survey, by April 15 at 3pm

Lawn Signs for Seniors being sold. Will be at ShopRite on Elizabeth Ave April 24th and May 8th.

501 3 (c) has been approved. Previously we did not need it as we did not do fundraisers.

Teacher appreciation - Teacher Appreciation Food Truck Vendor, Harvest Speciality Group, at \$8.50 per person, serving from 10:30 to 2:00, teachers will have numbered tickets. Will have Vegan Food. And Water. Nick moves to approve Food truck, Monique T. seconded. Need to finalize the date.

Discussion - common planning periods are more often early in the day, suggestion to start at 10:00 instead. To verify who is included in Teacher Appreciation - Teachers and all staff included.



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Food Truck Festival - Not sure if it will be happening as it is not yet approved by Somerset County. The FT BOE has approved. Need to wait until later this month for the final word.

Travel Reminders - Quarantine when returning from out of state. There are new CDC guidelines, district guidelines need to be reviewed.

Communication and Membership Report - Sandra Dehogues

Total of 143 members

Fundraising Report - Montoya Gregg

Pocketbook Bingo was canceled. Was concerned why the event was canceled without her knowledge. Monique T. suggested this all be discussed offline as the person who can clarify everything is not there. Shoe Drive shoes were finally picked up, 70-75 bags. Custodial Staff did a phenomenal job. Such a great team.

Treasurer's Report -

Treasurer's Report - sent money for pens, Nick advised he will give her checks for the donations that were received. Need to discuss Pocket books that were returned.

Board of Education Update - Catina Jackson

Recap for the most recent meeting of March 17th, predominantly the Budget Report was previously sent.

Principal's Report - Frank Chmiel

Dana Karas Dana Caras · Job + College Fair Updates

Summerer - National College Fair May 2 Special Seneca only hopes to help figuring out Financial Aid.

May 17th Micro College Fair for Juniors

The following week Career Fair

Mental Health Club Fair later in May

Kimberly Fromme is covering for Jackie Schumacher until the end of year, and will then take over the end of 'S' to Z names.

State Testing will be waived. DLM testing for disabled students & ESL testing will still happen.

Final Exams still in discussion - Final proposal project instead. all still in approval mode. Mandatory for those failing, optional for others. What happens if a child does a portfolio and bombs it? what happens to the grade? Not decided yet, some things are still in discussion.

Some schools in Somerset have canceled exams already

Arohi- proposed for next year - have an email from her to teachers that are members. so they know what is happening with PTSO since they don't come to meetings.

Ms. Martin Chrome book Returns - want to get them back for AP testing

Green Cohort - Redoing Large Bulletin board at lobby, PTSO Board should be updated.

Student of the Month still popular.

Mr. Freedman- Senior Events Senior Movie night - still in planning stages June 4th possible

Class of 2021 shirt available. Parents of Seniors who purchased yearbooks will get a refund. Non-seniors can purchase yearbooks, link on website - it is all seniors and sports.



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Project Grad on June 25th from 6pm to 11pm. Not all night, will be outside. Asked about a DJ. It was suggested that it would cause kids to dance. Suggested a playlist instead.

Good of the Order - Michele - Question about Covid. if someone needs to quarantine next year when there is no virtual school, will they be able to do remote learning?

Ms. Martin. Not sure, need to wait for news from the governor. School is starting to plan for September.

Strength of Warrior initiatives over the summer to encourage summer school students,

Suggestion - make sure 10th graders have an orientation at the beginning of the year, that is already in the works.

Parent- Nicole Rollins - has Freshman twins, will be starting Monday, Dana Karas said to call guidance and schedule a private tour.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Attachments: