

# FRIENDSWOOD HIGH SCHOOL PTO MINUTES

November 5, 2020

Executive Board: Liz Fischer, President; Aimee Reyes, VP; Libby Sims, Treasurer; Allison Cravens, Parliamentarian; Kristi Carpenter, Secretary; Shawna Lewis, PTO Faculty Liaison

## Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:45 am by Liz Fischer. Members in attendance were Liz Fischer, Shawna Lewis, Aimee Reyes, Kristi Carpenter, Allison Cravens, Molly Crow, Maria Karg, Libby Sims, Crystal Fortner, Christy Slack, Annie Clary, Mark Griffon, Ann Brannen

## Campus Report

Mr. Griffon thanked PTO for their support

- Final Fall exams - will not have Fall exams in an effort to increase instruction days
- Pre AP instruction - Changing name to "MAP" Mustang Advance Program - just a name change. College Board is taking charge of the PreAP name and beginning to charge us royalty to use that title. Same classes, just different name.
- Next semester changes for blended learning instruction: In an effort to encourage students to engage in face to face learning, a more selective process for virtual learning will be created to include a valid medical reason to remain virtual. Propose adding 8 days in the semester virtual learning for all students to help teachers with their planning. Changes will be presented to the board for approval. Looking to have more choices for the teachers for autonomous learning (Synchronous/Asynchronous) and would like to have a minimum of 2 days per week. This pertains to grades 6-12 and should be by subject. Once finalized and approved, it will be communicated before next semester. There will be some expected adjustments for students, but they will be able to adjust accordingly. Teachers will post calendars and communicate with students so everyone will be on the same page.
- Upcoming important dates:
  - 11/6 - Patriotic halftime show during varsity football game
  - 11/11 - Balfour will be on campus with grad supplies for Seniors in Freshman mall 5-7 p.m.
  - 11/12 - 3rd period extension to celebrate Veterans Day
  - 11/14 - Star of Hope Helping Hands Turkey Trot at the stadium

## Campus Highlights:

- Celebrated Red Ribbon week last week - pillars will continue all month. Counselors to recognize students exhibiting pillars throughout the year.
- Drug dogs on campus today. K9's on campus each semester to deter drug use
- Choir - 61 students named All district
- Band - TMEA virtual jazz auditions. All 5 students qualified
- Speech & Debate - competed virtually in Bellaire tournament - Out of 95 schools competing, we won bronze medal
- Academic Decathlon - won 2nd place
- Yearbook - Balfour ranked our FHS yearbook among top in nation. Will use sections to showcase in their national advertising
- Sports:
  - Soccer - both Boys & girls Varsity teams - received 2020 Outstanding Academic Award
  - Golf - Bronze for both boys & girls teams
  - Cross Country - both boys & girls teams qualified for Regional
  - Swim - won championship and doing very well
  - Volleyball - undefeated in district
  - Football - fighting to make playoffs
  - Tennis - won district, area, regional finals - will play semi-finals on Friday
- Campus will have half day classes on Friday prior to Christmas break
- Question regarding 11:59 deadline for homework/classroom assignments for face to face students - 11:59 is technically for assignments that should have been finished in class that day, unless it was assigned as "homework". Athletes having to leave class early for UIL events should receive extension on time if assignments are assigned to be finished "in class" to convert to "homework" and be handled on case by case basis. Please advise Mr. Griffon if you encounter any problems that you are unable to resolve with the teacher.
- School Bond passed on 11/3 election

Shawna Lewis - Wanted to clarify that all students - Virtual & Face to Face students are allowed to check out books. Books can be returned to Mrs. Franks at the front desk. This includes textbooks, library book, ELA, etc.. If any students have books to return from summer classes, they can either drop at the library or front desk. No faculty 100% PTO participation yet. Shawna will send out a reminder to staff.

### **Secretary's Report**

October minutes were posted on PTO Website. Allison Cravens motioned to approve with Libby Sims seconding motion - unanimous approval by attendees.

### **Treasurers report**

Libby Sims discussed current budget. Slight increase in both income & expenses for Merchandise due to sales & purchases of items. Not much has changed. We are about \$10,000 behind prior year. Reserved \$3000 to carry over from last year and will gift it when we see where we are toward the end of the year.

Budget was motioned for approval by Ann Brannen, seconded by Shawna Lewis & unanimously approved by all attendees.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Fundraising** - No new report - Need chair for upcoming school year
- **Merchandising** -\$3500 profit so far for the year. May open up ordering for sweatshirts based on several new requests - Need chair for upcoming year
- **Hospitality** - Maria Karg reported the following:
  - Snack Sacks were assembled & delivered to the teachers last month. We had many donations for the project & will use extra items for Veterans Day Breakfast
  - Veterans Day - 11/11 @ 10:30 - Signup Genius went out and we should be good. We have at least 10 Veterans attending so far. Event will be in the library & social distance/mask guidelines will be followed. MCS will already have the screen & equipment set up for interviews prior to arrival. Refreshments will be set up in Library also and will be all spread out. Limited number of students in library. Contact Maria for volunteer info.
  - January - Welcome back breakfast
  - Maintenance Christmas - still being held? Shawna will verify, but at this point, it is doubtful. Possibly Campus PTO's can do goodie bags with random gift cards in them to represent "Door Prizes"? Shawna to advise.
  - Faculty birthdays - Liz reported Kaplan Cakes will donate teacher cupcakes (25-30 teachers per month) Received annual donation from Highpoint Insurance for teacher birthdays - beginning in December will start doing big cookies instead of sheet cake as in the past.

**Academic Banquet** - Date set for 5/6/21 in house. Discussing ways to possibly divide into groups due to space. Usually 220 students plus parents, plus 50 VIP guests (Approx 500 people total) Molly Crow suggested live stream as done for Education Foundation event. Ashley Adair (FEF) would be good resource to discuss logistics.

**Mustang Cares** - Liz Fischer reported for Leanne Skinner

- Nurses received donations from UTMB and they are good at the moment. We still have over \$500 available in the budget to use as needed
- Christmas stockings - Counselors to advise student needs after Thanksgiving.

### **New Business**

Shawna discussed the annual staff Christmas party. Unable to host this year due to covid, but rescheduled for May. This event includes gift cards for all staff donated by PTO members. Discussed when to solicit donations, either collect now, or hold off until after the first of the year. Approx 188 faculty members service our campus. Will discuss at next meeting.

Upcoming dates:

11/12 Veterans Day assembly for students

11/23-27 - Thanksgiving holiday

12/3 - Next PTO Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m.