

## FRIENDSWOOD HIGH SCHOOL PTO BUDGET MINUTES

October 3, 2019

Executive Board: Liz Fischer: President; Jolyn Brand: V.P.; Libby Sims: Treasurer; Kristi Carpenter: Parliamentarian; Aimee Reyes: Secretary; Shawna Lewis: PTO Faculty Liaison

### **Call to Order: 11:53 AM**

The meeting was called to order by Liz Fischer at 11:48 am.

All board members were in attendance. Also attending were Thad Roher, Mark Griffon, Chris Barta, Christy Slack, Ann Brannen, Hillary Rosenthal, Maria Karg, Dawn Barta, Terry Janney, Maxine Fortner, and Lori Bromwell.

### **Guest Speaker: Mr. Roher**

Liz Fischer introduced our speakers: Mr. Roher and Lauren Ambro - director of elementary teaching and learning. Lauren's position with FISD is supporting the elementary kids and educate the whole child (social and emotional needs) and how to build in time with that considering our large educational track.

- Upcoming event: Oct 18 - literacy lunch and learn (program adjusted to meet students where they are) Individual needs in different subjects.
- Mr. Roher spoke about the Friendswood ISD culture
  - Out of the Blue Into the New - something unexpected, special, opportunity, apply this term to our students and staff. Opportunity for students for transformation when they come out of FISD. We would be different in what we do beyond the typical curriculum.
    - Into the Blue - strategic 5 year plan of the hopes/dreams of our students. Came out of committee of all different types of community members.
  - Call to Action - Confident learners equipped with knowledge skills and character through learning experiences that are hands on, real-world, motivating; through relationships.
  - 7 goals that have 22 items. Focusing on 6 of them this year. Particularly discussed resources for facilities that promote authentic learning experiences and real-world opportunities, and redefine the measure of student success based on our beliefs and call to action.
  - Citizen advisory committee - 44 people that board appointed who volunteered. Review a long range facilities proposal from a external company who examined all campuses intensely. Set a number of \$125 mil as a marker to give some context to tax wise 17-15% tax increase. Board will make a recommendation on this tax rate. Haven't passed a school bond since 2005.
  - Looking at growth for elementary area.
  - There are learning needs that kids are being turned away from in the HS programs such as engineering and culinary arts.
  - Commend Mr. Griffon for the mustang academy to address kids that aren't necessarily at the top or bottom of HS classes.
  - Facilities can help us but we are still exceeding.

### **Campus Reports**

- Mr. Griffon
  - Thank you for all you do; you are difference makers.
  - Campus has gone through a tough time with the loss of Cole Gordon. Still have continued grief counseling. If you know of any students, please direct them there.
  - This month events:
    - Today - special olympics send off for swimming
    - Oct 4 big band preview dinner 5pm
    - Oct 11 end of first 9 weeks
    - Oct 14 student holiday
    - Oct 16 PSAT testing (will post special schedule and students testing be here at 8am) two busses will run earlier than usually and around noon old annex for free SAT
    - Oct 17 choir concert 7:30
    - Oct 21 homecoming week
    - Oct 26 & Oct 31 community event with haunted house in auditorium 6-9pm
    - Oct 28 red ribbon week

- Academic news back from SAT 2018 FW average was 1158, above state and national, ACT beat state average also.
- Skills USA group: two students traveled to DC and brought back leadership skills
- 41 choir members moved up in contest
- Julie Sanchez first place in battle of Lakes percussion
- Speech/Debate off to great start with new coach
- One of the Eagle scouts here made the elite level
- Varsity tennis - undefeated
- Volleyball undefeated
- Football undefeated in district play. Tough part of schedule coming.
- CC having strong season and compete for district championship on Oct 17 at centennial park.
- Discussion:
  - Mustang academy - Hillary Rosenthal - concern that their success is good but kids not in the academy are struggling and there's an issue of fairness in grades and work load. Parents are thinking long term for college applications but there is a concern. Mr. Griffon - All students exceeding the other classes is not totally correct. Ultimately they do cover the exact same TEKS. The big difference is they are in a cohort where they move with the same teacher. The power of this program for these kids (to qualify they had to sign up for regular english 1, biology, algebra, and world geography) is we have done this program with english and social studies and it has been successful. These regular kids would be mixed with regular classes that have very high achievers and lower achievers where they dominate the Q&A. In the academy all the kids are the same and they can't hide. They will get more hands on/one-on-one attention. Other schools have been very successful. 127 kids in program that is a pilot. Made sure the freshman didn't have to give up an elective. We hope they engage more and are more excited about school. Hillary - Are you looking to expand if there is success? Yes, extensive training for 18 months, now going back to teams and using strategies to other levels. Giving them the opportunity to get off on the right foot instead of getting lost as a freshman. This will only be offered for freshman next year.
  - One big area of need is the CTE program.
- Shawna Lewis - Thank you for gift cards passed out 3/4 at last staff meeting. Date change of veterans program is Nov. 13

**Secretary Report:** - September minutes distributed for review. Dawn Barta made a motion to pass with Lori Bromwell second. Minutes passed unanimously.

**Treasurer Report** - Libby Sims

- This month's budget was distributed for review. Very similar to last month. Please ask if anything stands out. Jolyn Brand motioned with Hillary Rosenthal second. Budget passed unanimously.

### **Committee Reports and Actions**

- **Fundraising** - (open)
  - Dawn - Kendra Scott shopping event: contacted Dawn has contacted them and is in process of uploading info to their website. Looking at first week of December. Will report back when date is set. Money will be used for scholarships.
  - Hillary - Do we want to consider doing spirit nights at possibly mod pizza or Canes? Dawn will call Mod Pizza. Also La Escondida - Lori will contact and will help when done with other projects.
- **Merchandising** - (open)
  - Posted t-shirts on FB Friendswood shop and swap and made \$500 in profit from the lotus flower t-shirt.
- **Hospitality** - Hillary Rosenthal
  - Nov 13 veterans day breakfast; sending volunteers end of Oct.
  - Nov 21 science dept breakfast grab and go covered by parents and hospitality team
  - Dec. custodial dinner usually a joint effort covering cost amongst the schools.
  - Jan 6 teacher breakfast grab and go.
  - Thank you to Michelle Kallsesn/Dawn Barta for keeping up with staff birthdays every month.

- **Academic Banquet** - Hillary Rosenthal
  - Looking at November to start kick off and donation solicitation. 10/25 alumni will be here and maybe have a table set up to collect donations. Shawna will contact to get table set up. Reach out to Jackie for website and re-evaluate the levels of donations.
- **Membership** - Kristi Carpenter
  - Not a whole lot from last meeting. Anyone can always join.
- **Volunteers** - Liz/Paige
  - no report
- **Mustang Cares** - Leanne Skinner
  - Request for folders was fulfilled by using library stock. Bought some & will put them in the PTO closet next week.
  - Request from counselors for a student who lost a family member: Contacted Ms. Hickman and she was going to reach out to the family to see what was needed. I have not heard back from her yet.
  - Contacted the nurses to let them know to contact me when needs come up for hand sanitizer & tissues. Thank you for all previous donations.
  - Contacted the counseling center to let them know to contact me for any student needs/school supplies (Ms. Deckard)
- **Behind the Scenes/Scholarships** - Natalie Sweeney
  - no report
- **Scholarships** (open)
  - see new business
- **Website** - Jackie Gibson
  - No update.

### **New Business**

- Quest kids need a new cart that will last more than a year and cost is \$240. Any ideas/suggestions on how to help them achieve that. Not sure how much support they get from the community
  - Hillary asked them to come to the lobby every first Thursday for the PTO meeting to help raise the money.
  - Send a message to the PTO community.
  - They buy their own supplies and we can help them with these supplies because all this money goes to the students.
- Helping Hands scholarship - class of 2020 and parents feel compelled to do something to honor Cole Gordon. This will be a scholarship for service. Liz reached out to his parents, Mr. Griffon, and Mr. Roher who gave blessing to use our resources to help facilitate. It would collecting donations from the community specifically for this scholarship with deadline of December. We can revisit this in Dec. based on the amount of money to define some unknowns. Lori Bromwell is member of FFA and can help but we may want to contact FFA so we don't overlap with anything they want to do. The FFA alumni isn't just for Friendswood, it is also for surrounding communities. If we have enough we could gear part to FFA. There is a rodeo scholarship for just Friendswood that has never been utilized.
  - Create a committee to work on the development of this scholarship.
- Lori Bromwell - Girl Scout leader partnering with Angel Bins to collect gently worn shoes. Thank you to many teachers and Mr. Griffon to put bins around school to collect shoes that will be sent to 3rd world countries to provide shoes for school children. Not accepting high-heel shoes. All sizes accepted. Other bins at Revive, Delta Life Fitness and Prince Properties. Collecting until Oct 24. Contact Lori Bromwell to post on class FB pages.
- Hillary - fundraising - Craig Carver wanted to get involved? We may not have an event that we can give him that kind of exposure. He wants an "in" with the district. Maybe the academic banquet.

Upcoming Dates:

- Oct 11: Last day of 1st 9 weeks
- Oct 14: School holiday
- Oct 16: PSAT
- Oct 24: Homecoming parade
- Oct 25: Homecoming

Adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Next meeting is Nov 7, 11:45am - guest speaker Dr. Ana Morales, focus will be nutrition.

**End of Meeting Minutes**