

FRIENDSWOOD HIGH SCHOOL PTO MINUTES

March 4, 2021

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 @11:45 a.m. by Liz Fischer. Members in attendance were Liz Fischer, Shawna Lewis, Mark Griffon, Kristi Carpenter, Molly Crow, Annie Clary, Maria Karg, Dene Dexter, Libby Sims, Crystal Fortner, Amy Pogach

Campus Report

Mr. Griffon reported on the following events. Please visit FHS website for detailed list of events & student accomplishments.

Thanks for all the support during our challenging year.

Excited to be face to face. Covid # remains low and manageable. Regarding mask mandate lift, TEA guidelines require masks and current safety measures in place will stay for remainder of the year.

4/11 - FHS Alumni Style Show - Location: Lonestar Flight Museum - Event Flyer on Website

3/15-19 - Spring Break

3/29 - Asynch day

3/30 - Percussion concert in auditorium

4/3 10 a.m. - Ag Barn open house

4/8 - STAAR Eng 1 & 2 for Freshmen & Sophomores - Jr/Sr Asynch day - Virtual students need to attend F2F to take STAAR

Art Teachers - 26 gold medals at Art competition. Rodeo Art Winners on website

Debate - Winners in last virtual tourney - 2 students advance to state

HOSA - virtual contest - 8 students advanced to state

45 students earned Div1 medals. Students qualified for State in Austin

Wranglerettes - in completion and placing 1,2,3 in competitions

Skills USA - 5 won gold, 1 silver - all advancing to next level at State

K9 Interquest - On campus to deter drugs

Spring sports in full swing

Track doing well & advancing students to Finals

Wrestling - Several kids won in their weight categories. Happy season continues thru Covid

Golf - Both teams are medalling in their tournaments

Softball - started district and doing well

Tennis - Galveston tournament will be spread out due to covid

Soccer - area ranked and undefeated in district

- Prom? - Yes, Prom sponsors looking at venues now. Planning on still hosting Jr & Sr. tentative date 5/8 or 5/22. May do on campus, outdoor on football field. Prom sponsors - Coach Truman & Jennifer Barmore
- Final Exams - Monday announcement regarding Exams
- No makeup days due to Freeze
- Summer School - 6/-6/23 - Registration opens 4/12 most likely online, not in person

Ms. Kinard reported on Signs of Depression in adolescents.

In the works of producing Webinars to get information out to more people. Info keeps evolving, so it is important to make sure information is available to everyone in a timely manner. April tends to be a big month for depression and suicides. The Social Dilemma is a good resource for parents to watch together with your children. Social media and technology contributes to things already affecting our kids.

Signs to look for in depression - isolation, shorter answers, sense of feeling trapped, stomach issues, sleep pattern changes, feeling hopeless and lost sense of purpose.

Having conversations about suicide/depression is a good thing to discuss with anyone who you suspect may have these signs. Clear Lake Regional has a good resources for adolescent mental health. Any questions can be directed to your counselors. They all have good information and resources available for all students in our district. Please contact Ms. Kinard at AKinard@fisdk12.net for any questions.

Secretary's Report

February minutes are posted on PTO Website. Motion to approve was made by Libby Sims, seconded by Shawna Lewis - Minutes were unanimously passed.

Treasurers report

Libby Sims discussed current budget. February is typically slow. Expenses - Hospitality, (Teacher Birthdays). No PayPal transactions, and no income. Bank Statements are reviewed monthly by Board Members and available to members as requested. Currently about \$10,000 behind previous year, but expected due to lack of fundraising. Merchandise sales have been helpful in our holding steady, along with our sponsors for events. Next month will begin to determine amounts to be given back to the school, scholarships, etc.

Committee Reports

- **Fundraising** - No new report - Need chair for upcoming school year. Please reach out if interested. Letters to businesses need to go out in June.
- **Merchandising** - Need chair for upcoming year. Need to begin thinking about new t-shirt designs for upcoming year and begin planning to have items ready for registration.
- **Hospitality** - Maria Karg - No new events to report

Faculty Birthday Cookies will be delivered tomorrow. Aimee Reyes will handle cookies for this month. Thanks to Highpoint Insurance for sponsoring!

Thanks to Krystal Kaplan for her donation for Birthday cupcakes!

Academic Banquet - Event date is 5/6/21 in auditorium. Will be Students & Faculty members only. No parents will be able to attend, but working on Live Stream. May be opening up cafeteria for parents to watch from there. Still in need of Sponsors for this event.

Mustang Cares - No new Update - will check in with Nurses to confirm needs prior to end of year

Scholarships - Liz reported for Michelle Kallessen - Mrs. Deckard will post notice in Naviance and will be posted on our FHS PTO website. Due March 26th 3:30 p.m.. Students can electronically send submissions, along with references. Will be due after Spring Break. 2 scholarships awarded - PTO & Future Educators (education majors) Amounts will be determined based on budget allotment. Need volunteers for Scholarship Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Grad Program assembly - Any parent, excluding Senior parents, needed to help

Need to create a Nominating Committee for next years Board positions - Christy Slack will begin the process, please contact Liz Fischer or Christy to help volunteer for this committee.

STAAR & EOC - Dayna Owen's Sunday email has more info regarding testing for all students (Virtual & F2F) She wants to make sure information is clarified against some reports you may have seen recently.

Thank you to all our Sponsors & Donors!

Upcoming dates:

3/24 - Rescheduled SAT for Juniors

3/26 - PTO Scholarships due

4/1 - Next PTO meeting 11:45 a.m.

Meeting Adjourned @ 12:35 p.m.