

# FHS PTO Meeting Minutes

## May 9, 2023 via Zoom

### **Wendy Simpson, PTO President:**

-Thanks everyone for coming.

-Mentions that this is her last meeting as President of the PTO. Working through the years in PTA/PTO has been a pleasure. This is a great place to get information and have face time with the administration, teachers, counselors, the school board, and others. A special thank you to Ms. Sage who comes to every meeting and has been wonderful to work with. Your input and support have been greatly appreciated.

-Wendy thanks the PTO board for all their help over the years.

-The remainder of the year will be deciding on what to do for Teacher Appreciation and the outdoor space for teachers and students to gather.

-Motions to approve April Meeting Minutes – 1<sup>st</sup> by Jessica Hancz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jessica Kalavoda

### **Jessica Kalavoda, Treasurer:**

-As of 5/9/2023, the checking account balance is \$3,774,54

PayPal account balance is \$788.03

Total Balance is \$4,562.57

-Motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> by Kathleen Sweeney, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jessica Hancz

### **Kelly Burkhart, Vice President:**

-Thanks Wendy for her years of dedication and for being an amazing resource for parents over the years. Whoever takes on the role of PTO President next year has big shoes to fill.

### **Officer Elections:**

*President – Kelly Burkhart (accepted nomination)*

*Vice President – Jessica Hancz (accepted nomination)*

*Treasurer – Jessica Kalavoda (accepted nomination)*

*Secretary – OPEN*

*Member AT Large – Open*

Due to nominees running unopposed, a vote was taken. No voiced objections. *Above officers elected for the 2023-24 school year.*

If interested in either of the opened positions, please reach out to [freedomhspto@gmail.com](mailto:freedomhspto@gmail.com)

### **Ms. Sage, Principal:**

-Thank you to Wendy for all she has done over the years. There is a lot of behind-the-scenes work that she does, and she has been a strong advocate, not just for students but for teachers. We will miss you. It has been great to work with you.

**PAC Report: Jessica Hancz:**

- Dr. Roy announces his retirement.
- Trish, from BASD Proud Parents spoke about the upcoming Advocacy Day in April. Many other school districts are looking at our district as an example, which speaks volumes about the good things happening.
- Dr. Silva and Dr. Leeson gave an update on the new grading system that will roll out next year.
- Kim Harper reported on the Reading by Grade 3 (RBG3) and how it is gaining attention across the country.
- Focus will be on middle school athletics as a means to get students at that level more involved. The district is hoping to get an intramural program started for 6<sup>th</sup> graders, along with after-school programs and activities.

**Principal's Report: Ms. Sage:**

- Thank you to the newly elected PTO board.
- Congratulations to the cast and crew of *Beauty and the Beast*. It was outstanding. There is a link to the show available for purchase. Thursday at noon will be Freddy nominations.
- We had a band concert, an art show, and a choral concert over the last few weeks.
- On May 5<sup>th</sup> we had the athletic signing day with 19 student-athletes.
- The orchestra concert is tomorrow, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.
- Friday, May 12 is the Prom at Steel Stacks from 6-10 pm. The theme is Enchanted Garden.
- May 17 is the Academic Awards. We will celebrate scholar athletes – Krish Patel and Julia Heineman.
- May 24 is the Athletic Awards in the gym.
- May 17-19 is Keystone Exams. A mailing was sent out with information.
- May 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> are senior final exams, and May 30<sup>th</sup> is senior final makeup day.
- May 31 is the Distinguished Diversity Awards at NEMS.
- June 6 is Academic Signing Day and luncheon.
- June 6 graduation rehearsal (Main Gym ) and senior breakfast; June 7 Graduation rehearsal (Main Gym) with cap and gown distribution; June 8<sup>th</sup> Graduation rehearsal at Stabler Arena and Graduation at 7pm .
- Chromebook collection during rehearsals. The computer, stylus, bag, and charger all need to be returned.

Question: Can parents of seniors still send in a picture for Graduation?

Answer: Yes.

Q: Can paper copies of community service still be turned in or is it all done via Helper Helper?

A: Both paper and electronic methods are being used for now as we are taking our time rolling out the new Helper Helper app. Any questions can be directed to Ms. Phifer at [ephifer@basdschools.org](mailto:ephifer@basdschools.org) or your counselor.

Q: Where should my student turn in their early dismissal form for Friday?

A: On their way out of 2<sup>nd</sup> block.

Q: IS Senior skip day considered a lawful or unlawful absence?

A: It is considered unlawful. Make sure work is handed in/up to date.

Q: What does the school day look like for non-seniors during Senior Finals?

A: It is a regular school day.

There is no transportation available after senior exams unless requested. Most seniors get a ride or walk home. They are welcome to stay until the end of the day if needed.

-June 6 is Block 1 and 2 finals; June 7 is Block 3 and 4 finals. No lunch is being served. Noon dismissal.

Q: If my student does not have Keystone Exams, does she report to school?

A: No, but she should keep up with Schoology and any assignments she may have.

Wendy reports that Spring Garden is having its Carnival this Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Community service hours available.

Meeting adjourned.