

Fairport High School/Minerva Deland PTSA
Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2013

Lisa Pelletier called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Also in attendance were Linda Van Heel, Lisa Borcz, Marla Clark, Pam Ciranni (MD principal), Andrea Costanza (MD teacher rep), Kim Farrell, Donna Cole, LeAnna Watt (FHS asst principal), Elena Gosson, Jackie Ray, Michelle Britt and Nancy Loughran.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: *Lisa Pelletier*

- Lisa welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.
- Chairpersons are needed for Hospitality at FHS, School Beautification and Fundraising. Please contact Lisa if interested.
- Senior Bash committees are being formed. Contact chairperson Eileen Merberg if interested in heading up a committee.
- Odyssey of the Mind is looking for a coordinator to lead a MD/FHS team.

TREASURER'S REPORT: *Kim Farrell*

- Kim reviewed the proposed budget. Most line items remained the same from last year. 2012-13 expenses that will change in 2013-14 are District Art Show Hospitality (now paid for by FACET), senior breakfast budget reduced to \$750 since food service is no longer being used and outside costs are less and membership dues to increase for the \$1 increase in membership cost. \$5,000 was approved to for Activity Program Grants. Pam Ciranni motioned to approve the budget as amended. Donna Cole seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Andrea Costanza will remind the teachers of these grants.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: *Pam Ciranni and LeAnna Watt*

- FHS- LeAnna stated that the beginning of the year has been very positive. Students and parents have been reminded of the new building entry rules. Homecoming is coming up, with many activities including a Wall of Fame luncheon on 9/27, pep rally also on 9/27 and the parade, Wall of Fame induction, varsity football game and Homecoming dance all on 9/28. The Heather Boyum Memorial 5K will be on 9/29 at Center Park. It is being organized by Moms in Motion. There will be a club fair on 9/26. Open House will begin at 6:30 on 9/19.
- MD- There was also a smooth transition for the beginning of the year at MD. New this year at the orientation was a component led by asset leaders. Club Fair dates are 9/16 and 9/17. Funding will be based upon student interest. The Parent Open House went very well. There will be a NEW 9th grade class trip to NYC for 9th graders in April. This trip will focus on many cultural activities. There will be a Freshman Float for the Homecoming Parade. A student from MD will be selected to present a book to a Board of Education Member at the October 16 meeting.

TEACHER'S REPORT: *Andrea Costanza*

- Thank you to PTSA for providing popsicles to students for the first Friday.
- The teacher Mini Grant form will be available each building's main office as well as on the PTSA website.
- School pictures will be on September 20. No volunteers are needed.
- The New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance (NYSAPERD) has selected Fairport Physical Education Teacher Jason Lehmbeck as its 2013 Secondary Physical Education Teacher of the Year. Mr. Lehmbeck has taught physical education at MD for the past 18 years. He is also a coach in the District's athletic program.

CHAIRPERSONS' REPORTS:

- **School Pictures** – No volunteers will be necessary. Dates are as follows: FHS: 9/17/13 with retakes 10/16/13, MD: 9/20/13 with retakes 10/17/13.
- **Membership and FACET report** - Nancy Loughran and Andrea Costanza. There are approximately 150 members currently with more expected at the FHS open house. Nancy is trying to simplify the sign up with preprinted information available to past members. Membership cards offer a 10% discount at Staples for school supplies and 25% off copy and print purchases.
- **Volunteers/Website**- Michelle Britt. Michelle reviewed the website and how requests for donations and volunteers can be made through it. Michelle will input new members into the system.

- **Hospitality-MD** – Lisa Pelletier. Popsicles were supplied for first Friday assembly.
- **Hospitality-FHS** -vacant.
- **School Beautification- vacant** – no report.
- **Senior Breakfast** – Donna Cole- no report
- **Fundraising** – vacant. No report.
- **SEPTA** – Jackie Ray. Jackie leads SEPTA, special education PTA. This is a sub-committee of the FHS PTSA, not it's own PTA. The group is for K-12 and assists with advocacy, support and collaboration. Jackie met with Sheila McCarthy to see how the district and parents can collaborate to help all Special Education students.
The first SEPTA meeting will take place on Thursday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m. in FHS Classroom B. The meeting will be open for discussion on needs, etc. Jackie hopes to host a resource fair in January for parents. She is hoping to get the word out to all schools. Jackie can be reached at FairportSEPTA@gmail.com.
- **Scholarship** –Becky Cania. No report.
- **Decision Day**- Debbie Bruno. No report.
- **Fairport Cares**- Cyndi Dunn. No report.

STUDENT REPORT: *no report*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next meeting will be on October 21 at FHS.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda Van Heel, PTSA Secretary.