

Fowler Middle School  
Thursday, April 20th, 2022  
7:00-8:00pm

## PSO Meeting Notes

### 1. Called to Order

At 7:03 pm on April 20th, 2022 on Google Meet by PSO President Tonia Banks.

### 2. Welcome & Introductions

### 3. Attendees

Andy Van Fleet, Marnie Watts-Tupou, Karyn Vorhees, Evelyn Earys, Claire Kolkoski, Tonia Banks, Shelly Smelser, Sara Gomez, Heather Champion, Jessica Cook, Kim Matsler, Beth Schuff, Angela Harkness, Jacqueline Lindsey, Jenifer Vasicek, Andrea Johnson, Kristi Sloan, Sarah Vannice, Tiffany Morgan, and Jacqlyn Proper

### 4. Old Business

- The minutes of the March 17th, 2022 meeting were distributed and approved.

### 5. Principal's Report - Andy Van Fleet

- The end of the year is a busy time and I wanted to make sure the PSO is aware of everything going on. We are moving into our third and final scheduled day of eighth grade OSA state testing, and have a set of iReady tests that will come after that. These tests gage the learning from the beginning of the year to the end of the year that will inform our administrative and teacher teams of what we were able to get to, what students learned over the course of the year, and allow us to start mapping out Math and Language Arts readiness for next year.
- Experiencing massive challenges with substitutes being available in our ESS subsystem has been felt by our staff and students. Teachers are having to step in for other teachers that are out sick to fill in for that one period during their day, it's not that same adult, not that same connection. It's been extremely complicated in getting enough bodies to just cover the classes, and like to thank our head secretary Trish Merrick being instrumental in being able to make all this happen. Some good news to share, Fowler for the first time has been awarded a roving permanent substitute that will be housed at our building for the remainder of the year. Phil Walsh will be our permanent substitute and will get to know our students, system, and our needs.
- CTF fifth-graders walked over and were jazzed to be able to listen to Disney, Star Wars, and Lord of the Rings music performed by our choir, band, and drama

classes. Showcasing these classes is an attempt to harness the interest in the Arts again they have been severely impacted by the pandemic. Every single student who comes to Fowler next year as a sixth-grader will get exposure to the arts whether it's in a rotating wheel or with band or choir for the entire year. Metzger will join us tomorrow and Mary Woodward on Monday.

- Received notification today, that we were awarded through the American Rescue Plan Act and all of our secondary programs are eligible to apply for funds through this \$10k grant to backfill projects they have done or currently working on as well as the money can roll to next year. This grant is to grow and support Homework Help programs which will relieve our district and building funds for other projects for the school.
- We will be hosting a virtual Town Hall event on Thursday, May 5th from 6:00-7:30 pm, details will follow soon as we are still in the planning phase. This will be an opportunity for our families and community to connect with administrators and the district. The conversation we had at our previous PSO meeting was extremely helpful and this Town Hall will provide a chance to dig in a little more by expanding and inviting more voices.
- Hope to have the details ironed out by the end of next week to be able to share with the community our end-of-year eighth-grade celebration. We are now able to move forward with an offsite event and are happy to turn over to the PSO what that offsite location might be. Oaks Park or a BBQ at a park is all possible. Students want to bring back the 8th Grade and staff basketball game, but understand not everyone wants to be crammed into a gym. We are looking at other alternatives like holding a soccer game instead which would allow students to be outside to sign yearbooks and connect before we wrap for the end of the year.
- Looking to bring back more of an assembly version honoring our eighth graders for sticking with it for these three very difficult years and giving them a more personalized send-off as they move on to ninth grade. Hoping to hold steady with this mask optional environment until the end of the year to be able to provide an assembly version. We'd like to live-stream the event and hope to provide more clarity next week. Like to determine/lock in what day we could go offsite for the eighth-grade celebration with the PSO.

## 6. Vice Principal's Update - Marnie Watts-Tupou

- Spirit week is next week, with several fun activities for students before we launch into full state testing. Along with this we are trying to encourage students to get to class on time and opted for a fun competition called 'Beat the Bell' to encourage students to get to class on time. Classes that do not have any tardies will be entered into a drawing for a party at the end of the week. Will repeat this through the remaining weeks of the school year if we see this to be a success.

## 7. New Business - President, Vice-President, and Treasurer

- Presidents - Wendy Jenkins and Tonia Banks

- i. Walk and Roll Challenge on May 4th
  1. Posters and flyers will be delivered to the school
  2. Walking, riding a bike, and the possible option of walking in groups from a bus stop instead of taking the bus
  3. In the morning a table will be set up with prizes for those students who do walk or bike to school that day
  4. Seeking volunteers for assistance day of
  
- ii. Next month we will be voting for board members for next year
  1. Co-Presidents
  2. Vice President
  3. Treasurer
  4. Secretary
  
- o Treasurer - Claire Kolkoski
  1. Revenue for April: \$6,030.11 (*Does not include Spring Online Auction*)
  2. Expenses for April: \$1,624.06
  3. Balance to Date: \$34,489.20
  
- o Spring Online Auction - Heather Champion
  - i. Revenue: \$6,200.00
  - ii. PSO to donate \$600 in Walmart gift cards for families in need
  
- o Teacher Appreciation - Angela Harkness
  - i. Teacher Appreciation Week
    1. Monday is Message Monday with a sticky note on teachers' doors
    2. Tuesday is snack fuel up for the week
    3. Friday will have catered lunch
      - a. Encourage families to bring in small gift cards
      - b. Mr. VanFleet thanks everyone for the logistics and legwork in supporting
  - ii. The budget for Teacher Appreciate has been spent to date
  - iii. Would like to put together some prizes for the Staff Bingo game and thinking gift cards or personalized Fowler stickers, sharpies, tote bags, etc.
    1. Request for an additional \$200 to cover this activity.
    2. PSO has not spent all allocated funds and could transfer money to meet this request.
    3. Mr. VanFleet noted that Items such as clipboards would be considered instructional needs and could be covered by Fowler.
    4. Committee approved an additional \$200 to be moved from other PSO budget line items to fund this request.

- Student Store - Andrea Johnson and Tiffany Morgan
  - i. Held the first in-person student store last week, the kids were super excited, and the kids has so much fun.
  - ii. Students were held to the guidelines of respectful behavior
  - iii. Able to unload a ton of back stock of inventory that had been collected the last couple of years
  - iv. We will hold Student Store again next Thursday, and then possibly in May will start holding it weekly
  - v. Seeking volunteers and donations to sell at the store
  - vi. Next year Tiffany is moving on and Angela will still be coordinating it
  
- Pledge Drive - Heather Robbins
  - i. Brought in \$895 from 24 dollars
  - ii. Heather will be leaving for a year and would be happy to forward along the website and password information to the next coordinator
  
- Dining Out
  - i. May: Crumble Cookies
  - ii. June: Menchies
  
- 8th Grade Celebration - Andrea Johnson
  - i. Scheduled for Wednesday, June 15th, or possibly be able to reschedule for Tuesday, June 14th
  - ii. The number of 8th graders is 266
  - iii. Current budget at \$5,400. We May need to discuss pulling additional funds. Plus need to be factor buses into costs
    - 1. Committee voted on \$25 per person plus \$1,500 for buses estimated at \$8,000
  - iv. We will need to review the probability of waivers if required
  - v. Oaks Park is \$15 per person and \$300 for the lunch space.
    - 1. They have a school party program that they provide from May 31st through June 10th. The week of June 7th through June 10th is sold and is \$15 per person. The only availability they have is May 31st through June 2nd.
    - 2. Another option is group discount rates if you purchase 25 bracelets or more for \$25 per person.
  - vi. Bullwinkles was about \$25 per person
  - vii. Super Play has unlimited laser tag, bowling, and 2 slices of pizza for \$20 per person.
  - viii. Langers is not reviewing requests until April 26th, the website notes \$20-25 per person
  
- Continuation of Conversation and Resolution of Ideas Regarding School Fighting - Jenifer Vasicek and Kim Matsler

- i. In response to the videos of bullying and fighting happening in school, parents have created some immediate actionable items.
  - 1. With the goal to provide extra support and supervision and increase positive interactions with adults.
    - a. Seek additional volunteers to assist in monitoring After School Activities on Mondays and Wednesdays starting the first week in May and anytime there is an ASA Jamboree.
    - b. Soccer ASA could use an assistant coach or at least help with the number of students.
    - c. Mr. VanFleet and Mrs. Watts will be putting together a training and guidelines on communicating emergencies for bringing on 12-15 volunteers to cover the two-hour lunch break.
    - d. Jenifer has placed an announcement in the weekly bulleting that volunteer opportunities are coming so please make sure your background and vaccine checks are complete and to keep your eyes open for the signups that will be sent shortly.
      - i. Jenifer met with Trish who was able to pull data that there are currently 78 volunteers noted with both background and vaccine checks complete. There are another 219 in the system that is background checked but not vaccine checked. Jenifer will follow up with that group to push them through to be completely ready to assist.
  - 2. Jenifer and Kim met with Kathy of TTSD's
    - a. Mental Health Services is a cultural shift within the next year or two that there will be volunteers and mental health counselors in middle school.

## 8. Meeting Adjourned

- o The next PSO Committee Meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, May 19th at 7:00 p.m.