

**Fawn Hollow PTO Meeting**  
**Monday, November 13th**  
**Respectfully submitted by Darcy Scholz**

**Attendance:** Kate Goyette, Jigna Trivedi, Stephanie Batch, Mike Rubin, Jay Sheehan, Nichole Beruit, Rachel Olivera, Rachel Pol, Sopoline Teng, Rebecca Kosisko, Jessica Laner, Marisol Martinez

- **President's Welcome/Report: Mike Rubin**

- Introductions
- Last meeting in 2017
- Vote new treasurers - Kelly Sheehan and Jay Sheehan

- **Board Reports**

**Treasurer's Report:** Nichole Beruit and Jigna Trivedi

- See report
- Still waiting for Trick or Trunk to be settled as well as Fundraiser money
- On plus side for ice cream and trick or trunk
- Shade structure going up!
- Kelly and Jay Sheehan voted in Kate first, Rachel second
- All in favor! 13 votes

**Principal's Report:**

- Thank you for Truck or Trunk and Veteran's Day event. Thank you Mike Ganino!
- Winter Holiday Breakfast coming up!
- Thank you for the Parents' Night Out!
- Lost and found laid out on all purpose room. Will be out during pie pickup as well as conferences.
- Mr. Gratricks reached out for a community project for scouts. They will work on the leaves.
- December for grade 3 and 5 will take the OLSAT test.
- At Board of Finance meeting will discuss money coming back to us.
- report cards coming out Tuesday
- Send back conference forms asap!
- Turkey Trot Monday

- Early Dismissal November 30th
- December 20th cultural performance for holiday music
- Goody bags for teachers? For conferences
- Funds for projection system? Will roll over until next year and hopefully install this summer? Is very needed.
- Or can we use the money we have? Maybe we can get it sooner.
- It would have to go to vote.
- We would get an audio/visual person to give a quote as to what we need. We can ask our IT department too. There is a Fawn Hollow parent that may be able to help.
- Then we should have an impartial third party to get a quote from.

**Parent Council Representative: Alicia DeSanti and Rachel Olivera**

- Meeting on 11/1 at Town Hall.
- Mike Ganino was there talking about fraud prevention for non-profits.
- Good reminder of how things could go wrong .
- need checks and balances for treasurers
  - Don't take cash home to put yourself in a position to be questioned
  - Have multiple people involved so each can check each other (more than one treasurer)
  - Do paypal/online payment to prevent from money missing, etc
  - We are the only school doing this.
  - Minimizing cash payments help
  - Use a paper reimbursement form to be seen by more than one person
  - bond insurance
  - Creating a manual with policies that has anything to do with money.
  - We have a document that shows our checks and balances and other policies.
  - For school store we have two people counting money that are accountable for the money coming in, it is shared with others as well to check
  - We have procedures of how to set up school store.

- These documents for events completed getting ready to be uploaded to our google site. All that information will be accessible to new and current chairs.
  - We are ahead of the game!
- Supt spoke about good news that there won't be as many cuts as we thought.
  - Possibly getting coordinators at FH back? What happens to classroom teachers going back to coordinator positions? Mrs. Kosisko has a plan.
  - Budget that has been set for state will be for 2 years so we'll know about next school year for our town vote.
  - Class at Masuk with chromebooks one to one American Studies class. They use chromebook all day.
  - If that goes well that they may pilot next year.
  - Homework committee possibly changing some policies.
  - Report card committees starting.
  - Stem and JH merging? May merge again down the road if numbers are low. JH curriculum very Stem based now so is there a need?
  - SROs now wearing body cameras. Only on when having an unpleasant encounter with people.
  - Provide a locking file cabinet to the PTO

### **1st VP: Coral Wasserman and Stephanie Batch**

- Looking for volunteers for handing out pies on Wednesday. Will be in APR that afternoon.
- Stephanie sent an email blast who bought pies.
- We are under by about 1500.00 than we anticipated. But made it up with Parents' Night Out.
- Should we rethink fundraisers and do just 2 main events?

### **October Recap:**

- Trick or Trunk - glitch with parking that was worked out
- Police officer suggested parking differently because of all the kids.
- Great turn out
- Buying of food went down

- If you want to be next to a friend, come in with them
- Ganinos will write a summary
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### **November Events:**

#### **Parents Night Out - 19,000 raised!!!**

- Fun night
- Seamlessly planned
- Board did an amazing job!!!
- Letters going out to vendors to say thank you

#### **Veterans breakfast:**

- 45 vets
- Fabulous turnout
- 160 people!!!
- Ceremony inside with slideshow
- Ceremony outside - kids sang
- We have 2 chairs for next year!
- Summary coming
- Signup genius so helpful with sign ups
- Online store so very helpful
- Maybe next year have a volunteer seat people
- Next year cut numbers at 175

### **December Events:**

- Holiday breakfast
- Marisol - volunteers
- Nichole - arts and crafts
- Sopoline- event
- 4 seatings this year
- Cooking - sign up genius coming out
- This Event needs lots of volunteers
- High schoolers - service hours
- 200 per seating- round tables and side tables
- Helpers guide people to seats

### **Giving Tree:**

- Through social services
- Every person in need given 4 tags
- Tags very specific
- Set up this weekend - tags coming soon
- Deadline December 8
- Sorting December 12th at town hall
- Return purchased wrapped gifts under the tree
- Checks welcome too for gifts not purchased

### **January Events:**

- Will plan the rest of the year
- Teacher mini grants- will start reviewing
- Open for another event
- Movie night and bingo night hasn't been scheduled
- Mom/Dad nights
- Reach out if noticed an event not scheduled
- End of year picnic on June 9 th - early afternoon - for 50 th
- 2:30-6:30?

### **New business/ comments /questions**

- New vendor for pictures
- Maybe split into 2 days?
- Feel rushed
- Quality not as good?
- Vendor through central office
- Gifts for life events
  - Started last year
  - Wedding, first baby, retirement
  - Mr B wedding?
  - Ms Rhaza wedding
  - Anyone else?

### **Meeting dates**

**Upcoming meetings 1/8/18**