

**Fawn Hollow PTO Meeting**  
**Monday, March 12th**  
**Respectfully submitted by Darcy Scholz**

**Attendance:** Tom Halligan, Chris Grumer, Jenn Lafferty, Katie Mondo, Nicole Morgenthaler, Samantha Bahamon, Jessica Brito, Tori Wash, Kelly Sheehan , Michele Garofalo, Janeille Ervin, Rob Giampe, Sabine Dolo, Sopoline Teng, Nichole Beirut, Marisol Martinez, Erin Walsh, Kate Goyette, Mike Rubin, Caitlin Walsh, Becky Kosisko, John Battista, Jack Zamarly, Darcy Scholz, Elizabeth Richer

- **Superintendent's Report**

- 1.44% reduction in taxes
- Mill rate going down
- Educational goal
- Proposed increase: 1.59%
- Last year 1.55/this year 1.15
- Budget Overview
- 135,000 1st Selectman cut
- Highlights: 3.5 FTE staff reductions ME due to enrollment decline
- 1.5 Non cert due to enrollment decline
- Medical and Dental insurance BOE increase 400,000
- contractual salary increases
- reinstate 2 of the 3 k-5 coordinators
- reinstate elementary tech support
- 20,000 social worker hours
- state grants continue to be uncertain
- enrollment plateaued the last 3 years, contrary to predictions
- Fawn Hollow picking up many of the new children
- What's the future of STEM?
  - Can fit 700 into JH, more than that programming suffers
  - Now 781
  - Next year 727
  - 19-20 projected 709
  - 20-21 projected 677
  - 21-22 projected 646
  - Will have to revisit when numbers get lower than 700
  - Programs not unique to stem, like BYOT
  - Programs aren't as different now between the schools

- Talking to area Superintendents to combine services to save money.
  - Example: send a bid for fire extinguishers to get best price
- Risks: State funding, unanticipated special education costs, unfunded mandates, unanticipated maintenance/emergency repair, medical and prescription costs.
- No plans to look at redistricting things at this time.
- Safety and Security:
  - National Walk Out - Wednesday the 14th
    - Middle school will have a program about how to get your voice heard, safety in the school, writing letters to FL.
    - High School - want their voices heard.
    - Student government and Mr. Kobza put a program together with police chief, Ken Kellogg, plus many others.
    - Students will have a chance to speak and ask questions to the elected officials
    - Will have a moment of silence.
    - Will have a registrar there to sign up kids to vote
    - Kids will be involved and have their voices heard
- There is no 100% solution but there is 100 1% solutions.
- Starting to change what we are doing
  - Not sharing yet - but we are training teachers to have the kids be the safest
- Structural changes in all schools
  - sally ports in all schools
  - buzz in systems
  - all classroom door locks upgraded
  - outside door repair and replacement
  - glass film on windows and doors in key areas
  - video camera additions
  - police ability to monitor
  - swipe badges
  - common “all call” by anyone anywhere in the building
  - school gate guardian for visitors
    - visitor badges
    - background check
  - panic buttons

- Behavioral Changes:
  - monthly practice drills
  - don't open the door
  - see something, say something
  - ALICE training
  - ongoing security committee meetings
- Law Enforcement
  - SROs - 4 full time MPO for our 5 schools
  - Investigating hiring ASOs - armed school security officer - retired police officer in good standing (training by police)
  - Provide feedback about practice drills
  - Don't open the door
  - See something, say something
  - Ongoing meeting with police
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## **Board Reports**

### **Treasurer's Report: Nichole Beirut**

- Family Movie Night - 700!
- Doing great

### **Principal's Report:**

- Big Read Reveal
- Program about stop motion movies was awesome! Kids loved it. Showed another talented person in art.
- Teachers are getting items from mini grants and are delighted!
- Progress report come home Friday.
- Sign up conferences on line in March 28th and 29th
- Staff: Mrs. Barbin Daniels and Mrs. Hajj Platt lost their moms.
- Ms. Raza is getting married.
- Pine trees in the playground took a beating.

### **Parent Council Representative: Rachel Olivera**

**February 14, 2018**

**Guest Speakers discussed the use of safe technology in our schools. Mary Rauner was one of the speakers and discussed how Fawn Hollow teaches all of**

our students about using the internet. They also explained how we have the “best” in firewall protection, but there is always a chance that something inappropriate may come through, as hackers are working non-stop to get into networks. If anything comes up, it is important to report it immediately to the IT team. The internet service provider that we use is the provider for most of the schools and libraries in Connecticut, owned by the state and operated by UCONN. School emails are very secure and will not allow emails to outside email addresses. If needed, the IT team can customize email and internet preferences.

In terms of school budget, John Battista mentioned that the selectman did cut a few things, but the town will use capital from reserve funds for the required new trucks and new Chromebooks.

Masuk principal jobs currently have 35 applications. They have a committee that will be weeding these out and interviewing the best people.

#### **Nominations for Open Positions:**

- Co-President - 1
- VP of Fundraising - 2
- VP of Non Fundraising - 1
- Secretary - 2
- Parent Council Rep: 1
- Director PTO Directory :1
- School Store Director: 1
- Co- Data base

#### **March events**

- Movie night was a success!
- Loved the movie and kids had fun.

## **April Events**

- April 21st 6-9pm Father/Daughter night
- Sports Center - 21.00 each - all entertainment except skating
- If can guarantee enough attendees, can come down on the price
- Food plan is 6.50 per person - pizza and drink
- If get 250, can get an even more discounted price
- Box Tops Winners

## **May Events**

- Plant Sale - Thursday/Friday before Mother's Day
- Bingo 5/4/18
- Mother/Son? Bowling? May 5th? But that is the day after Bingo
- Teacher Appreciation is May 8th

## **June Events**

- 50th Anniversary Picnic - Status and committee
  - We have a committee and volunteers!!
- PTO Volunteer Event - Thursday or Friday night at Jennie's
- Garden - need volunteers and coordinators
  - Maybe boy and girl scout troops can help?
- Kindergarten Orientation - June 6th

## **New Business and Discussion:**

- Wolfe Park Playground Fund/Color Run Sponsorship - Update
  - pushed until next year and will discuss at next meeting
  - Do we want to sponsor or participate?
  - Will vote next meeting
- Gifts for life events
  - Officer Karen - will get her a monetary gift
  - Give her a picture with signatures? Care package?

- Sound System APR
  - Mike is calling around to places for quotes
  - We need a projector and sound system
  - Post on Monroe Business page to get more names
  
- **Meeting Dates**
  - Upcoming Meeting 4/19/18