

Attendees:

Sarah Spach

Mrs. Lew

Mr. Ramey

Mr. Huppert

Chris Gray

Alicia Barnaby

Becca Walsh Wolfe

Meeting Notes:

- Treasury Report – School Store is on its way to making its money back. No other changes overall to the treasury (No checks written since Jan). School Store very popular and gets great traffic.
- Concept of “Couger Cash” to provide funds to school store, good way to reinforce positive behavior around school (and easy prizes for fund-raisers).
- Principal’s update:
 - Scheduling for next year already underway. Teaching staff, class offerings, etc...
 - Have requested as much budget as possible (for class options)
 - We will be adding a Spanish class (A must for 11th grade who needs two years of foreign language). Kids already fluent in Spanish will need a foreign language as well.
 - Will need a month or two in order to determine budgets, and finalize which electives are allowed
 - Some options that are being weighed: Ecology, Metrology, Forensic Science, Leadership, Law / Policy, Astronomy, and Modern Problems (Current Events).
 - With our electives we can incorporate our environmental theme directly into them.
 - Day meetings have also been occurring with faculty. These data meetings which are grade level specific allow the staff to evaluate curriculum and reach into specific groups of kids.
 - Camping gear looking to be purchased this spring. High need with current out-dated supplies. Need enough for 60 kids (tents / backpacks). Could easily spend 15 – 20K on it. Looking for grants and donations to start eating into this number.
 - Looking into Switchback (a local company that specializes in gear exchange). We have a friend to get our gear slightly above cost, now just need to secure funds.
 - Request for PTSA, for Microwave. Cannot use school funds due to policy, but has been a large ask of students. Requested \$200 - \$300 from PTSA. Must be a commercial standard Microwave due to its use and so it isn’t replaced in just a few short years. As was a student request it was decided to have Student Council and Coffee Cart to split cost. Mr.

Huppert to reach out for quote, or have Student Council to reach out.
Voted and seconded....

- Mr. Huppert on the board of directors at Blandford. And shared the news of our recently purchased Golf Course 122 acres added to Blandford to the existing 143 (almost doubling our size). Instead of offering reduced green fees to PTSA members, the land will be returned to nature. But this is a much better option than the proposed condos that were slated to be built (along with four new side streets)
- Blandford is our classroom now. This presents a great partnership between Blandford and CA Frost moving forward. This is a long term relationship and really great news. Blandford very interested in student involvement with help on grounds and ideas that will be well received. But, Handicap pathways, testing of soil and water, and replanting are events that are already getting underway.
- Each class should have their own bank account, and it follows them until graduation. At the moment they are separated by Middle and High School. The school will handle these accounts. But we will need to determine on a future date which fundraiser should go to which class or PTSA. We may need to make special consideration for our current 10th grade class who has yet to have their own account yet for fast approaching graduation, Grad Night, and all other senior level activities.
- Student council to start planning a Mid-Winter spirit week. Discussions taking place next Tuesday.
- Student Council would also like to start taking over our morning announcements (and making it their own). Student council needs more perks for those putting in the hard work.
- Our dance was well attended, and semi-formal event had our kids looking spiffy. Hosting the event in the gym was a good move with attendance and the new venue approved by “Two E” our resident DJ.
- Earth week update – official Money request – T-Shirt designs from 10th grade artist. Need roughly \$1400 to purchase shirts initially. PTSA to get money back before kids take profits. 50 of each design (about 200 shirts). Won’t need the money until we get the bill. Marketing to sell these shirts at water night, elementary school, Mother’s Day, etc.... Profit to go back into camping funds. Voted and passed.
- Thursday, April 20th will be our Water Night event.
- Walkathon (now being ran by Sarah Spach) – Kids that raise \$25 get to spend day at Richmond Park (on Friday April 21st). Kids could ride bikes, skateboard, walk, etc... Could we get community police officer to handle two cross-walks to the park? Mr. Huppert to look into permission slips or waivers needed to ride skateboards to Richmond Park. Money due from Walk-a-Thon by April 14th. Food for Richmond Day at Park: Mr. Ramey volunteered (in his absence) to feed the kids. And create a great Picnic atmosphere. Money raised by Walk-a-Thon to go to camping fees. Also suggested a prize for our overall top walk-a-thon promoter, and grade level prizes as well (Movie combo bucket, iPod Shuffle,

- Fishing Poles, Sky-Zone, Cougar Cash, etc...). Walk-a-Thon forms to be sent home in March (to beat other fundraisers to the punch).
- Adopt-a-highway on Saturday, April 22nd. Indian Mill event that was targeting that date moved into May.
 - Fighting to get our own Facebook page established. Named wrong initially, working through these issues. It will be linked to twitter and a source for parents, teachers, and students. A few key people will be provided administrator accounts to post events, news, announcements, reminders, etc... Also plan for each class to have a sub-page underneath (Class of 2019 for example).
 - Also working towards email distribution lists and the ability to do so by grade level. But, similar to the Facebook setup, still working through issues. Auto-mailers rejecting some specific email addresses. Working with Patty on it soon, but will be the “Robo-calls” for the digital age
 - A school Web-site is also under construction. A shared home for both Frost buildings and the ability to click elementary or middle/high and be presented to an appropriate page.
 - Conference meal sign-up sheet is up for next week’s conferences (Tuesday / Thursday), and Robo-Call should find parents tomorrow on this topic.
 - It was also suggested to have PTSA at all evening events. Providing access to our general Dues form, but more importantly for recruiting for next year to boost attendance. Our general dues form was within our admission packet and something Mr. Huppert will follow up with Patty on. But having a table at evening events would be very helpful.
 - We also need to recruit leaders for next year. Need to get nominations into secretary, to be voted upon during our April PTSA session. PTSA leadership positions available: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary
 - Next PTSA meeting on the second Thursday of the month (3/9/2017).