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Parent Teacher Association

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General Board Minutes

Tuesday, December 8, 2015 6:30pm

Committee Chairs

Robin Burchill, *Communications*
Ann Marie Foss, *College Readiness*
Bill Gerstel, *Fundraising*

Meeting was called to order at 6:36pm by Vice president Bill Gerstel.

Executive Board Present: Kristin Joo, Ann Marie Foss, Bill Gerstel, Robin Kleuber, Susan Crowson.

Robin K: in late

November minutes were passed.

Principal Report: Danielle reported that Monday kicks off Wellness Week. Help with community building. 9th and 10th will be together in advisory, and 11th and 12th grades combined. Focus is on Physical and mental wellness. Body positivity day. Gay Straight Alliance will speak on Wednesday. Clubs will be cancelled next Friday. If they go to the Screening of "Inside out." They will be entered into a drawing for some great free stuff.

Upper house marking period will be ending December 23rd. End of 9th & 10th January 18th. ISM will have big thing end of January. Week of January 25th will be special schedule for regents week. Intersession will be happening. College NOW sign up is due by January 15th. Must be in person. Check with guidance counselors. Based on PSAT. Scores won't be in until close to deadline.

Expo February 1st 5-7 ish. Review of Block Scheduling: engaged in blocks. It seems to be going well. Regents Week will be January 25th. Most of 9th and 10th grade won't have Regents.

Security on Campus: Tier 3 Security Guard came to speak last month. Robin K. reviewed the security situation. Should we send a letter to Chancellor asking for information on making sure that security in the school will be safe.

CRC: Ann Marie Foss reported that there will be an email about the iBid Prep. Class will enroll aiming for April ACT. Just had CRC meeting December 1st. The school wants input on where the kids want to go on school tours. Maybe 5 choices of schools to visit with various interest. How is the pushback? Seems to be moving along. College Night has been moved up. All kids should be invited to College Night. They should have it in the Fall. Or maybe PTA can push and do a College Night in the Fall.

Communication is improving. Anything that we can initiate for the Spring to help? Get the College Prep book that Inna put together. How about CRC put together a How to Plan for College? A night to have guidance. May Meeting...*Pass the Baton* meeting sponsors. Help get colleges to know about FMHS. Have Alumni send a letter introducing the FMHS to the college.

Fun draising: Barnes and Noble THIS THURSDAY. Lots of really neat readers. Parents can read too. December 10-13 in store December 10-19th online. More volunteers the better. Family giving is over 28%. Not sure of amount. Under 5,000. Another letter could be sent with the thank you's. How about set up a table at Expo. Come January we'll get started.

Treasurer's Report. Opening Balance: 36,055.25 How much has been raised vs. budget \$4982.54 raised vs. annual target of \$31,300. How much has been spent thus far this year \$8,978.38 vs. budgeted annual expenses of \$34,100, and the balance on hand in the PTA bank account as of the end of November \$32,059.40 The summary report on actual vs. budgeted revenue and expense through November 30, 2015 was distributed and discussed.

Question was raised why not have graduation here on site? Question is why not put money into a prom site.

EB meeting. Danielle Gates looking for funding for podcast. Staff Support: \$500 bucks. Ms. Pelton got her art supplies.

Vote \$2,200 for Venue for Graduation unless they'd like to put the money for Prom.

SLT: Maria Hartman Community Walk a thon.....kids will choose charity. Will get permits.

Need 9th grade rep.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm and option to continue discussion at Fred's.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Ashland Crowson
Co-Secretary