



**Fort Washington Elementary School PTA Minutes
General Membership Meeting
October 11, 2017**

PTA President Debbie Rothkopf called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Principal's Report, Shawn McAleer

- The first Stage Café was a success. The tables had nice tablecloths and battery operated candles.
- AM Academy has started. An AM Academy for students in 3rd grade will begin in January.
- PSSA scores were sent to all students. RTII and AM Academy are two tools we are using to help kids that scored borderline proficient or below on the test.
- RTII(Response to Instruction Intervention) has started. Program focuses on reading. Students work in groups based on ability. There are three programs – Junior Great Books(Inquiry), Text Types(Comprehension) and Leveled Literacy (Decoding & Comprehension)
- FLES(Foreign Language in the Elementary Schools) has started. Students from the HS come to FWES to teach the children a foreign language.

Teacher Liason Report, Ed Bush

- Veterans Day – FWES is honoring Veterans by having Veterans come into the classrooms to speak to the students, attend an assembly and then attend a social. If you know of a Veteran that would like to come to school and speak to the students, please contact Mr. Bush ebush@udsd.org. The Veterans and volunteers would meet in the lobby at 1:15pm, head to classrooms at 1:30pm and then the assembly would be at 2pm.

School Board Report, Sara Rothman

- Sandy Run Middle School –
 - Task Forces have reviewed options and have recommended that they long term plans should be to rebuild SRMS as long as it is financial feasible. The School Board has not made a final decision. The School Board is hosting Community Tours and Forums on 10/16 and 11/14.
 - UDSD Facilities is putting together a comprehensive plan of all of the projects that need to be completed across the district.
 - The next step is to put the project out to bid. We will get bids on 1) rebuilding the entire facility 2) rebuilding the annex and renovating the main building 3) renovating both buildings 4) new ideas
- PSSAs – UDSD scored 20th in the PSSAs statewide.

Excellence and Equity Committee, Pam Olshefski

- There are seven sub-committees under the Excellence and Equity Committee – Asian American, African American, Hispanic American, Faith Based, LGBTQ, Special Education, and Gifted & Talented. Pam is the Co-Chair for the Faith Based Committee on Excellence and Equity for Upper Dublin. They do programs for Thanksgiving, MLK Day and Yom HaShoah. To learn more about the Faith Based Students and Families Committee, please attend the meeting on October 12th 3:30-5pm at the UDHS Library Media Center
- For more information on the Excellence and Equity Committee and the sub-committees go to <http://www.udsd.org/community-2/equity-and-excellence-steering-committee/>

Business Meeting

- September Minutes will be approved at the next meeting.
- Treasurer's Report is attached.

Committees

- Auction – The Auction is sold out. If you would like to be put on the waiting list, please contact Julie Clark juliedansbury@yahoo.com. We have lots of great prizes but can always use more donations. If you know of anyone that would like to donate, please have them contact Julie Clark.
- Trivia – Trivia will be November 18th at Trinity Lutheran Church.
- Blood Drive – will be on November 1st at 1pm.
- Spiritwear will be announced shortly. They will have long sleeve shirts, blankets, pj pants.
- Yearbook needs Photoshop in order to do a custom cover. If you have Photoshop please contact Jen Iannitti salmonjennifer@gmail.com. We have 90 families that need to approve their children being in the yearbook. Letters to those families will go home this week.
- Cradles to Crayons will start next week. They are collecting jackets and clothing. Please drop-off items in the bins near the front door.
- Big Strides in on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:55am-1:15pm. Please sign-up to volunteer.
- Assemblies – November 30th is our first assembly. It is the Ned Show.
- American Education Week is November 13-17. Parents are invited into the classrooms.
- Kid Stuff Books – Orders will be delivered shortly. If you did not pay for or return your Kid Stuff Book, you will receive a delinquent notice.

Announcements

- Blood Drive is November 1st
- Auction is November 3rd
- Veteran's Assembly is November 8th
- American Education Week is November 13-17th
- Barnes and Noble Night is November 16th
- Turkey Trot is November 17th
- Town Meeting (Kindergarten) is November 17 (NEW DATE)
- Trivia Night is November 18th

Thank You

- Thank you to Amanda Jones and Laurie Guagliardo for Kid Stuff Books.

Debbie Rothkopf thanked all for coming and adjourned the meeting at 8:09 PM.

The next PTA meeting is November 8th at 7PM in the library.

Minutes prepared by Sandra Atherholt, on October 12, 2017.

TREASURER'S REPORT: October 11, 2017 PTA Meeting

Date	Type	Number	Description	Amount	Totals
Deposited Income					
9/8/2017	DEPOSIT		school store 16-17 final deposit	386.00	
9/15/2017	DEPOSIT		Spirit Wear-sales during K&Jitters Days	150.00	
9/26/2017	DEPOSIT		Welcome Packets 1st Deposit 9.18-9.25	9,982.00	
				TOTAL	\$ 10,518.00
Checks					
9/7/2017	CHECK	1454	PTAEZ, Inv 4454 FWES PTA EZ Renewal ADM 2017-18 School Year	179.00	
9/7/2017	CHECK	1455	Marian Butcher, Kindergarten Meet & Greet Aug 2017 Popsicles	18.75	
9/7/2017	CHECK	1456	Penn Valley Publishers, Inv 29110 Enrichment Curr Support Geography Books	1,424.50	
9/7/2017	CHECK	1457	R.V. Nuccio and Associates, Fort Washington Elem PTA Liability Insurance ADM 17-18	179.00	
9/12/2017	CHECK	1453	Directory Spot, Directory Spot renewal confirmation #5470091200 paid online w eCheck	450.00	
9/25/2017	CHECK	1458	Signature Promotions, ENR Patriot Award Inv 9429 9.6.17 95 Capes	570.00	
9/27/2017	CHECK	1460	national aquarium, Res # 3872036000 05/24/2018 FWES 5th Grade FT	75.00	
				TOTAL	\$ 2,896.25