

## Findlay North PTO

### Minutes – Monthly meeting

Oct. 17, 2018 6:00 p.m.

Jacobs School

### 2018-2019 officers:

President Elizabeth Behrendt

Vice-president Kristy Szkudlarek

Secretary Valerie Smith

Co-Treasurers: Amber Hirt (Jac.)

Deb Anders (NV), Carolee Hertel (BH)

Attendance: Elizabeth Behrendt, Valerie Smith, Amber Hirt, Deb Anders, Krista Miller, Troy Roth, Emily Hanson, Andrea Pickens, & Stephanie Wendt

1. Welcome! - please sign attendance sheet – provide your email address to sign up for PTO notices/email
  - A thank you card was given to the PTO on behalf of NV for donating dinner during parent-teacher conferences
  - A thank you card was given to the PTO on behalf of JA for donating dinner during parent-teacher conferences
  
2. Guest Speaker: Troy Roth – Vote yes for Issue 5, School Safety & Security
  - Troy Roth (assistant superintendent)~ Mr. Kurt sends his regards, but he was attending the Golden Apple awards ceremony
  - Thank you for participating in PTO
  - Issue 5~ Safety and security levy and FCS has a partnership with city council
  - After the shooting in Florida, FCS took initiative to proactively listen to students and parents during a community forum with 265 people present
  - Sylvania City Schools also has a safety and security levy as well and our areas are the same 3 as them
  - Area 1: Security Officers...FCS is asking for additional security personnel, where we they will partner with the city and hire 6 additional officers; FCS currently has security at the high school; 4 carry weapons, FCS would like to increase this number to 12 security officers partially through the city and partially through FCS; Other buildings can be available for security as well; there will be an armed officer in our buildings every day; we would then allow them to answer nearby calls; this is a win-win for the schools and the city and this will help to build positive role models and positive relationships between students and police officers
  - Area 2: Mental Health... presently 4 buildings share a counselor; FCS would like to add a clinical counselor for possibly k-5 and then 6-12, they would be available to students and families in need; transportation can be an issue outside of school and this will allow students to receive needed services during school hours
  - Area 3: ALICE training...FCS would like to purchase online training modules; upgrade camera services and be able to connect with the dispatch in real time
  - Levy: 45% of the money will go to officers; 47% of the money will go to counselors; 8% of the money will go to security
  - There will be a report in July or August to see how the money was spent. This money will only be used for these 3 areas. This levy will be every 5 years, it is not a continuous levy because by law it cannot be; this will be an approximate \$52.50 increase for a \$100,000 homeowner
  - Question about using security officers for events~ certain sporting events require this; it would make it easier to have an officer; right now there is not an officer after school at the high school
  - Question about getting an endorsement by a local judge

- Question about the boot program~ The boot project is a sheriff initiated program, the high school is not fully installed yet because they have armed personnel there. That will be done in the future.
- Like the Facebook page: Citizens of Findlay City Schools
- **Please go out and vote; please support our schools and students**

### 3. Secretary's Report - Review/approve minutes of prior meeting held Sept. 19, 2018

- Deb moved; Elizabeth 2<sup>nd</sup>; motion approved

### 4. Treasurer's Report

- Current balance / funds available~ \$68,056.95, but this is overstated because we have not paid for the Otis Spunkmeyer sales; we have done book fairs at JA and BH but have not written a check to pay for that yet and that in itself will be about \$8,500; but we still have a healthy amount
- Roughly \$16,000 profit for Otis Spunkmeyer; this rough number does not include anything ordered online; last year we had just under \$18,000; we did well with it being right after the Mumkins fundraiser; Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough continues to be very successful for these 3 schools
- There were 6 nonsufficient funds checks (approximately \$165)
- Donations of \$286 for the fundraiser; next year we will try to get the donation slips out earlier
- We will possibly do a donation slip in the spring as well to help cover graduation t-shirts etc.
- Separate budget meeting to review – executive session to follow tonight's meeting
- Principals, please share with your staff...please make sure checks are written to Findlay North PTO, not Findlay City Schools
- Question about money for lunches at JA; look at all 3 buildings and this should be included to the budgets; there is a period of time that paperwork from year to year is expired; funds last year \$125 @ JA; \$100 @ NV; nothing @ BH last year because they had left-over money from the previous year;
- THANK you to Amber, Deb, and Carolee!!!

*Budget Procedure Reminder: All allocation requests that were approved in advance via the budget will be paid by treasurers upon submission of allocation request form. Items not budgeted will come before PTO at next available meeting, subject to approval by membership. Budgets are approved in September or October yearly. Reimbursements will not be paid until after approval of the budget.*

### 5. Fundraisers:

- 2018-2019 Fall Fundraisers (2) are in progress

**Mumkins** – Fundraiser is complete. Thank you to all students, staff & volunteers!

#### **Cookie Dough, Otis Spunkmeyer**

Fundraiser Chair: Carolee Hertel; Event Coordinator: Elizabeth Behrendt

\*\* Need volunteers to help on delivery day, beginning at 1:00 pm

Delivery date: Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at Bigelow Hill

### 6. Events in progress:

- Read-a-thon, Spring 2019~ Books are ordered for NV; JA and BH are in progress; there will be 3 books for every student in every building; these will be given before Thanksgiving, Spring break, and before Summer break; librarians helped choose appropriate books; school will offer book swap days in the spring; no grade will get all of the same books; need volunteers to put bookplates inside the front cover as a gift from Findlay North PTO; Scholastic helped us out...younger grades were \$1 and \$1.50 and older grades were \$2-3 dollars
- Bakery Bingo, March 2019~ Researching bingo license, but there are a lot of steps; no cost for tickets; need to follow fire code rules

7. Principal comments & Announcements  
Lockdown Drills went very well at all 3 schools  
Mrs. Miller stated that all 3 schools deeply appreciate everything the PTO does
8. Teacher comments & Announcements  
n/a
9. Next meetings: Northview School, **November 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.**  
Bigelow Hill School, December 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.