

FCA PTO 1ST QUARTER MEETING MINUTES

FCA PTO 2021-2022

Freedom Crossing Academy PTO Meeting Minutes

Date | time August 26, 2021 4:00PM | Meeting called to order by Meka Cook

In Attendance

Executive Board, Committee Chair Members and other attendees via Virtual Meeting.

Board

Meka Cook welcomes all attendees and gives thanks for joining today's meeting. The current 2021-2022 School year Executive Board and select Committee Chair Members were presented and introduced.

Meka Cook: Co-President, Katie Richards: Co-President, Meghan Over: 1st VP, Maribeth Bagnall: 2nd VP, Stacy Ross: Treasurer, Marissa Tatulli: Secretary, Dani LaBare: Partners in Education, Justine Gidden-Historian

President's Report

Meka Cook Presented report.

- PTO purpose and goals
 - The purpose of the Freedom Crossing Academy PTO is to enhance and support the educational experience of FCA by fostering relationships among the school community, parents, and teachers. We also strive to improve the environment of FCA through enrichment programs, volunteerism, and financial support. Our main goal is to provide communication and to fulfill the needs of the school.
 - The PTO is a success because of the many volunteers; we thank you all for being part of your child's educational experience.
 - PTO related information and events can be found on www.fcpto.org

Vice President's Report

Meghan Over Presented report.

- Summer and Start of Year Update
 - Our PTO provided a welcome back breakfast for our staff of approximately 200; in addition, each teacher was gifted a \$25 amazon gift card as a token of the PTO's appreciation to them. We also provided helping hands at every Meet the Teacher Orientation session. Our support included: spirit wear sales, back to school photo prop, membership and events information, welcome table. It was a great day for all. We are thankful for every volunteer; participants included Board Members, parents, grandparents and high school students. Meals and refreshments were provided and funded by the PTO for all volunteers.
 - Current status: Unfortunately, due to changes in health protocol we were unable to put on a few planned events, including our kindergarten Boo-Hoo breakfast, but we are hopeful for the calendar of events in place for the remainder of the year.

Treasurer's Report

Stacy Ross Presented report.

- Treasurer's report
 - Current balance is \$31,069.28
 - August expenses: \$14,067.39
 - August Income: \$27,149.49.

Partners in Education Chair Report

Dani LaBare Presented report.

- Overview
 - Our Partners in Education program is designed to build your business while offering a fundraising opportunity for our school. In the spirit of community, we can help support each other in a variety of ways. Our business partners benefit from multi-exposure opportunities and networking with many local and new families.
- Update on Current Partners
 - FCA PTO currently has 4 Platinum partners, 3 gold partners and 2 bronze partners. We are working on getting payments from a few additional sponsors. Chick Fil A is willing to do fundraisers throughout the year and they have great spirit night ideas for us. We are also participating in Decorate The Christmas Tree event with Chick Fil A this year. If anyone has any sponsor referrals or recommendations, please email Dani
- Contact Information
 - EMAIL: Danifcapto@gmail.com
 - CONTACT: 904-504-7457
 - INFO: <https://www.fcaptop.org/partners-in-education>

Principal's Report

_____ Presented report.

- NA, principal not present.

Fundraisers

- Boosterthon
 - Overview
 - Boosterthon is our biggest fundraiser and our kick off is scheduled for 9/8 and the main event will be on 9/17. A typical Boosterthon program can be done on-campus or virtually. The program starts off strong by rallying the school to gather donations and work together. Students get introduced to a character theme, the fundraising goal is announced and families start helping raise funds for FCA.
 - Usually, the Boosterthon event is a fun run for our K-8 students. They run 30 "laps" in a designated area and earn money for their efforts. Daily prizes are given for participation and pledges received. Logistics are TBA due to potential health safety protocol changes. If needed, students can participate in a dance off like last year. Middle schoolers will have a color run and prizes for middle school will be more age appropriate than they have been in the past. We are hoping for a large participation, despite covid restrictions. Last year we brought in \$60,000 which was tremendous considering the circumstances surrounding covid. We will need 1-2 steady volunteers to be there to help.

- Spirit Wear
 - All preorders will be delivered in the coming weeks to your child's classroom
 - FCA PTO is still accepting Spirit Wear orders. Items can be purchased via FCA PTO website
 - www.fcaptopro.org/spiritwear

Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities

- Live School Store
 - Our Live School Store is a PTO funded program where students can use their hard earned Live School points to “purchase” items of their choosing.
 - Live School Store Training
 - September 3rd at 9:30AM
 - If you are available on Tuesday and/or Thursday mornings from 7:45-8:35 to help run the Live School Store at FCA, please join our in-person training.
 - All volunteers must be approved by St. John’s County School. Masks are required on campus for all volunteers and only adults please.
- Room Parent Meeting
 - Virtual Room Parent Meeting
 - September 3rd at TBA
- Falcon Friday
 - Every Friday, students are encouraged to wear FCA spirit wear or House Colors to promote FCA school pride! Each month, a random “special” Falcon Friday has been chosen and students will receive a special prize as they enter the school.
 - First special “Falcon Friday” scheduled for 9/10
 - Volunteers will be appreciated
 - Sign up genius will be created soon and can be found via facebook/ PTO webpage
- Book Fair
 - Scholastic on-campus book fair/ or Barnes and Noble
 - Dates TBA

New Business

- 2021-2022 Budget
 - Current balance is \$31,069.28. August Expenses: \$14,067.39 August Income: \$27,149.49
 - Our PTO Funded programs budget is \$4,000 and our expenses are \$79,000. PTO operations expenses are \$9300. Income Sources are \$153,400 with Expenses of \$24,600.
 - 2021-2022 FCA PTO Fiscal Year Budget was approved; all in favor.
- Calendar Related News and Updates
 - Change in Live School Training Date due to administrative request
 - Executive Board President’s and Vice President’s will meet with administration in the following weeks to discuss our Calendar of Events and logistics. Updates will be provided to PTO members as appropriate and necessary.
 - 2nd Quarter PTO Meeting
 - Scheduled for November 4th
 - Location and Time TBA

Motion to adjourn meeting was made at 4:30PM and was passed unanimously.