

Date: 11.14.2022
Time: 6:35 - 7:18

FCA-Carrollton 2022-23 PTO General Meeting

Board Attendees: Camille Stowe, Laura McCoy, Joanna Thompson, Rosane Walker, Casey Winters, Sharyn Fontenot

Administration Attendees: Mrs. Brown

1. Spring Creek Spirit Night - Rosane Walker
 - a. Michael from Spring Creek presented us with a check for \$1010.00
 - b. We sold 31 boxes of sauce!
 - c. 3rd grade had the most students show up! Their teachers will pass out their awards this week.

2. Presentation on Houses and Student Council - Mrs. White
 - a. Houses foster relationships between grades
 - b. Every house has 2 house leaders, that makes up the student council
 - c. The 4 houses are:
 - i. Ursa - Bear
 - ii. Aquila - Eagle
 - iii. Gulo - Wolverine
 - iv. Lupus - Wolf
 - d. Organized the canned food drive and stuffed animal drive

3. Treasurer Update - Camille Stowe
 - a. Meadow Farms
 - i. Raised \$3,349.00 (goal was set at \$3,000)
 - b. Candy Collection
 - i. 150 lbs of candy was collected to be sent to the troops
 - c. Purchases
 - i. Recess balls
 - ii. Recess soccer goals
 - iii. Kona Ice (paid with the jeans day pass funds raised during spirit week)

4. Upcoming Events
 - a. Spirit Nights
 - i. Chick-Fil-A - November 15 (5-7pm)
 - ii. Chipotle - December 13 (5-9pm)
 - iii. McAlister's - January 24 (5-9pm)
 - b. Door Decorating Contest - 3rd annual
 - i. K-5 only
 - ii. Room parents organize with their teacher
 - iii. Theme is based on a literary book
 - iv. Judging will be 12/5 - 12/6
 - v. We will post pictures for parents to see
 - vi. Contact your teacher or room parent if you want to get involved
 - c. Early Release/Spirit Wear Day
 - i. November 18

5. Volunteer Opportunities

a. Teacher Appreciation Coordinator

- i. We are in need of a teacher appreciation coordinator
 1. The position can require a big involvement or a little involvement, you pick
 2. Reach out to the PTO if you are interested- fcacarrolltonpto@gmail.com

b. Christmas Program

- i. Dr. Cain has asked for parent volunteers to sit with the children during the program and to help them on and off the stage

c. Upper School Cookie Decorating - Friday, November 18

6. Presentation on Dyslexia - Mrs. Bailey

a. Dyslexia Interventions

- i. Definition of dyslexia - A neurological learning disability
- ii. Runs in families
- iii. Effects 1 in 5 people
- iv. All kindergarteners and 1st graders are screened for dyslexia in the state of Texas

b. Dyslexia referral

- i. Evaluation Process
 1. Data Gathering
 2. Formal Evaluation
 3. Eligibility Determination

* If the child's vision and hearing screening is not passed they could possibly be denied

c. 504 vs SPED

- i. 504: is a protection not a program, IAP accommodations are available to level the playing field and ensure equal access to the curriculum
- ii. SPED: specially designed education plan provided for children with disabilities in order to meet their unique needs. An IEP can modify the curriculum.

d. FAQ-

Q: If a parent feels a child is struggling what is their first step?

A: Come talk to Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Polglase

Q: How long does the process take?

A: It can take from 6-8 weeks including creating the report and holding the ARD meeting

7. Admin Update

a. NTGD- we raised \$11,521 and 143 people donated. That was a lot more participation than last year's 35 people. Big Thank YOU!

b. Lower School News-

- i. Halloween Games with Coach Toma
- ii. Upcoming-
 1. Artwork will be displayed on hallway bulletin boards
 2. Door decoration contest
 3. Holiday Concert is December 8th

c. Upper School News

- i. Last year's house winners had Winner's Week
- ii. Two field trips (one for college tour and one to Kimbell Museum)
- iii. Pep Rally this week
- iv. Girls JV Volleyball were Regional Runner-ups

- v. Student Council has started
- d. Veterans Day Event- The Mayor of Carrollton spoke at our event to honor Veterans within the Founders Carrollton community. Very thankful to everyone that helped to put it together!
- e. Curriculum Night
 - i. Coffee with the Headmaster by grade will be offered in lieu of a Curriculum Night this year. We will be sending out the dates for these events after Thanksgiving Break.
 - ii. Look for more details soon!

8. Q&A with PTO

Q: Can we have spirit night on a different day than Tuesdays? Due to some parents' work schedules and some families having dietary restrictions on Tuesdays.

A: We chose Tuesdays because we tend to have the best participation that night. However we are open to trying a different night if the location has an opening.

****Please let us know if you have a recommendation of a restaurant that participates in spirit nights!!****

Adjourn @ 7:18 pm

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