

**Date:1.24.2022**  
**Time: 6:03p-7:12p**

FCA-Carrollton 2021-22 PTO General Meeting

**Board Attendees: Ann Pierson, Camille Stowe, Laura McCoy, Sharyn Fontenot, Angelique Lawless, Theresa McCaffrey, Amy Robinson, Joanna Thompson, Kristi Greenwell**  
**Administration Attendees: Mrs. Crowell, Mrs. Brown**

1. Welcome and Quick Introductions of Board

- a. Ann Pierson, President
- b. Laura McCoy, VP
- c. Camille Stowe, VP
- d. Jessica Gober, Treasurer
- e. Sharyn Fontenot, Secretary
- f. Angelique Lawless, Teacher Appreciation Chair
- g. Theresa McCaffrey, Fundraising Chair
- h. Amy Robinson, Volunteer Coordinator
- i. Joanna Thompson, Room Parent Coordinator

2. Treasurer Update- Laura McCoy

- a. Current balance – \$31,269.83 ( \$18,000 is carried over from last year)
- b. Apex raised \$18,235
  - i. Our goal was \$10,000, FCAC knocked it out of the park!
  - ii. 10% of what is raised goes back to the teachers (that's \$3500!)
- c. Spring fundraiser is coming up, our goal is \$3000.00
  - i. That fundraiser is it still TBD
- d. Spirit shirts are still available!
- e. Upcoming expenses
  - i. Field day
  - ii. Gym renovations
  - iii. Teacher appreciation – whole week in April
- f. Spirit nights
  - i. The goal for the year is \$3500. During our first semester we raised \$2500.

3. Gym Renovations

- a. The fun run fundraiser was to raise funds for campus enhancements
- b. The campus enhancement will be gym renovation
  - i. Why?
    1. It benefits everyone
    2. It will have a huge impact and provide school pride
  - ii. What will be done?
    1. The green carpet on the walls will be removed
    2. Vinyl signs will be mounted
    3. Wall pads will be installed
  - iii. The total cost -
    1. ~ \$25,000
    2. Admin will contribute some funds
  - iv. BSN sports is doing the job, this helps assure it will be completed within a good timeline and it will be done well

4. Boy Scout Troop Information- Guillermo Colón
  - a. Is there an interest in starting scouts at FCAC
  - b. Fun events include pinewood derby
  - c. Commitment level
    - i. A leader meeting one time a month
    - ii. A monthly to bi-monthly pack activity
  - d. If you are interested or have any questions please contact Guillermo by email [colon.scouts@use.startmail.com](mailto:colon.scouts@use.startmail.com)
  
5. Volunteer updates – Amy Robinson
  - a. February 11 – load the lounge (treats, k-cups, utensils)
    - i. If you want specific ideas to sign up for use the following link: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/4090a4caee28abfe3-fuel>
  - b. One-time projects-
    - i. Refinishing furniture
    - ii. Posters/Art hanging
    - iii. Spirit night hosts
  - c. Continue to check your email for updates on volunteer needs
  
6. Teacher Appreciation Updates - Angelique Lawless
  - a. Teacher appreciation week is April 25 - April 29
    - i. An Amazon link for donations will be provided
    - ii. Events held recently
      1. Sonic drink days
      2. Popcorn/pop
      3. Raffle/Hot chocolate
  - b. If you would like to help at these events please get your background check and reach out to Angelique - [fcacarrolltonpto@gmail.com](mailto:fcacarrolltonpto@gmail.com)
  
7. Room Parent Coordinator - Joanna Thompson
  - a. Three teachers are in need of a room parent
    - i. Restrelli
    - ii. Love
    - iii. Normand
  - b. The winners of the door decorating contest-
    - i. Most Creative – Mrs. Saylor
    - ii. Most Classic – Mrs. Nichols
    - iii. Most artistic – Mrs. Normand
    - iv. Best Overall – Ms. Noel
  - c. Donations needed for K-5 –
    - i. Teachers can always use treasure box items
    - ii. Indoor recess items needed
  
8. Substitutes Needed-
  - a. Reasons you should sub-
    - i. Getting to know the teachers and the kids helps you feel a part of the community
    - ii. Builds relationships
    - iii. The materials teachers leave you are amazing
  - b. If you are interested in subbing please email Mrs. Crowell at [kbaer@responsiveedtx.com](mailto:kbaer@responsiveedtx.com)
    - i. (Regardless of what the job description says on the RES site there are zero degree or certification requirements to sub. A completed background check is necessary.)

9. Admin Updates - Mrs. Crowell

- a. The spelling bee was a great success
- b. We have a sign! The Founders Classical Academy sign outside is complete
- c. We are working on branding and adding models to the walls
- d. Fences are in and are in the process of being painted
- e. The playground fences have been heightened
- f. Safety measures have been put in place
- g. Foundation funds – (North Texas giving day) a large portion is going to the PTO for the gym and approximately \$2000 will be left for things along the way
- h. Boarded up houses are coming down and hopefully what's next will help support sports

10. Presentation by upper school student council reps - Mr. Ward

- a. House system
  - i. Entire upper school
  - ii. Function is to teach students about self government
  - iii. Houses names are from a noble animal native to North America
  - iv. Animals chosen to represent virtues
  - v. Your house is permanent – siblings will be in the same house
  - vi. We are the third Founders school to utilize houses
  - vii. In Carrollton the house system was established in 2021
- b. What do houses do
  - i. House Elections- there is a house boy and a house girl
  - ii. Plan events – house games, dances, field trips and outings, fundraisers, and charity events
- c. The 4 houses at Carrollton (name, animal, the house boy/girl at the meeting)
  - i. The house of Ursa - Bear - Gillian Evers
  - ii. The house of Aquila - Eagle - Landon Ware
  - iii. The house of Hystrix - Hedgehog - Aiden Martinez
  - iv. The house of Lupus - Wolf - Thomas Hunhoff
- d. Student Government
  - i. 2 students ( house boy & house girl) and one faculty member per house
  - ii. 12 seats plus one moderator
- e. Points
  - i. They're won and lost
    1. Three quarterly house games
    2. Field day
    3. Holiday food drive
    4. Discipline and merit referrals
    5. Sports games & drama production attendance
    6. Essay/art contest
    7. Spelling bees
- f. Privileges that come with houses
  - i. On competition days you get to wear a house colored shirt, face paint and other accessories to support your house

11. Administration Questions/Answers (all answers were provided by either Mrs. Crowell or Mrs. Brown and are summaries in most cases)

Q: Why is the library gone?

A: I wrote a letter to explain about the library but then the threat happened towards the school, we went on break and then I got sick and we were short staffed. The teachers were aware but the timing was hard. The library is alive and well. Not sure what it will look like and it might become a volunteer opportunity but currently it is in a pause moment.

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Q: What are a few takeaways from the situation regarding the threatening note on campus in December?

A: We are working with local police and fire departments to make sure the campus is safe. Since the occurrence we now have an emergency team that includes local law enforcement, staff, and teachers. We have increased police presence here on campus. Our main goal is that students are kept safe.

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Q: Can we have parent/teacher conferences? Why does it seem like a disconnect from class to class or grade to grade?

A: You are always welcome to contact your teacher for a conference. We are offering detailed notes in report cards.

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Q: What other sports does the school plan to add?

A: Next year we will be offering football and volleyball in the fall and soccer and basketball in the spring

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Q: How do the decisions get made for where funding goes? We see the fence and the sign, but are wondering about allocation for the other funds?

A: The sign and fence were campus funds and parent money is going toward the gym

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Q: Shouldn't the upper school and elementary schools have designated bathrooms?

A: Starting tomorrow teachers will be notified that some bathrooms are for middle school use only

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Q: It seems like the uniform enforcement is arbitrary. Some kids get notices of violations and others walk around for weeks without teachers saying anything. Is there training happening so that we can all be on the same page?

A: The transition has been difficult, next year will be Flynn O'Hara only which will solve much of the ambiguity.

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Q: What are the administration's goals for this school year and for the upcoming school year?

A: Upholding policies in place, Mrs. Brown will continue with teacher coaching, we will have a big push towards looking at ourselves as a K - 12, begin helping older students with graduation, transparency and welcoming.

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12. 2021-2022 PTO Meeting Schedule-

Monday, March 20th

Monday, May 16th

\*\*\*Each meeting is TBD on virtual vs. in person

13. Adjourn @ 7:12pm

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