

Date:3.28.2022
Time: 6:03p-7:01p

FCA-Carrollton 2021-22 PTO General Meeting

Board Attendees: Ann Pierson, Camille Stowe, Laura McCoy, Sharyn Fontenot, Angelique Lawless, Jess Gober, Amy Robinson, Joanna Thompson, Kristi Greenwell
Administration Attendees: Mrs. Crowell, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Burger

1. Welcome and Quick Introductions of the Board and Board Positions

a. The Board

- i. Ann Pierson, President
- ii. Laura McCoy, VP
- iii. Camille Stowe, VP
- iv. Jessica Gober, Treasurer
- v. Sharyn Fontenot, Secretary
- vi. Angelique Lawless, Teacher Appreciation Chair
- vii. Theresa McCaffrey, Fundraising Chair
- viii. Amy Robinson, Volunteer Coordinator
- ix. Joanna Thompson, Room Parent Coordinator

b. Board Positions

i. Officers

1. President- oversees and helps out wherever needed
2. Vice President 1 & 2- each vice president looks over different chairs
3. Treasurer- self-explanatory, is responsible for the money coming and going and the annual budget
4. Secretary- manages the website, creates the monthly newsletter, and does the minutes at each meeting

ii. Chairs

1. Teacher appreciation coordinator- is responsible for all events for teachers, sonic drinks, and gifts
2. Fundraising- is responsible for finding and setting up our spirit nights, coordinates the spring and fall fundraiser
3. Volunteer coordinator- when there are events or areas in which we are needing volunteers they send out emails to all of the people who have said they have interest in volunteering and checks that they are background checked
4. Room parent coordinator- responsibilities are most heavy at the beginning of the year, currently this is a K-5 need however we do have hopes for grade parents in the upper levels in the future

2. Lost and found

- a. Every nine weeks whatever is not claimed will be donated
- b. We have an amazing parent volunteer that currently posts images on Facebook of everything in the lost and found as often as possible

3. Treasurer Update- Jess Gober

- a. Current balance – \$17,660.78
- b. Gym renovations have begun!

- c. Spirit nights
 - i. Currently \$250 over our annual goal
 - ii. Chuck E. Cheese total raised - \$878.40
 - iii. Chick-fil-A total raised - \$470
- d. Spirit shirts are still available, we sold them at cost this year, so you might consider buying another in a larger size for next year

4. Teacher Appreciation- Angelique Lawless

- a. This week is teacher appreciation week
 - 1. Monday- supply bags
 - 2. Wednesday- buy a staff member/teacher lunch
 - a. still have three more that need someone to sign up to bring lunch
 - 3. Friday- smoothies
 - a. Thank you! **Olga Rodriguez from Lago Nutrition, located @ 1580 Mira Lago BLVD Suite 113 Farmers Branch**, for providing smoothies for all the teachers/staff

5. Fundraising Update- Laura McCoy

- a. FCAC Craft Fair is Saturday, April 30th from 10-4 in the parking lot
- b. Vendor info:
 - i. If you have a business please sign up to be a vendor, we would love to have you
 - ii. We are looking for a variety of different vendors, we would still love to have vendors in:
 - 1. Essential oils
 - 2. Mary Kay Reps
 - 3. Nonprofits welcome too
 - iii. No electricity or tents will be provided
- c. Non-Vendor related fun includes:
 - i. Food trucks
 - ii. Student artwork on display
 - iii. Student presentations in the gym
 - iv. The Carrollton fire department will be there
 - v. Silent auction
 - 1. Donations welcome (\$25 and up)
- d. Visit our website for more information and if you are a vendor there are links to available flyers for you to download www.fcacpto.org
- e. Please share on your social media platforms!! Promotion for this event is key to its success and we would love your help

6. Gym Reno Update - Ann Pierson

- a. Completed
 - i. All green carpet has been removed
 - ii. The navy and white paint is up
- b. Coming soon-
 - i. Wall bases will be installed
 - ii. Wall pads that say Home of the Falcons will be installed
 - iii. Banners will be hung to cover the crosses
- c. Please know that the funds raised from the spirit nights, the fun run, and other fundraisers are being used to make improvements to the school
 - i. Your contributions to all of these events matter and we hope you see your money put to good use to improve your child's school

7. Admin Updates - Mrs. Crowell

- a. Library update-
 - i. The library will be expanding, currently picking books that go with curriculum
 - ii. All books need to be returned to the library
 - 1. Currently there are 100 books checked out
- b. The school is putting on a production of The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe April 28 & 29
 - i. This is a big production for the school
 - ii. Please come join us
- c. Events that are happening- keep a lookout for dates
 - i. Field trips for K-2nd
 - ii. Field Day for Upper & Lower school
 - iii. End of year awards
 - iv. Kindergarten graduation
 - v. Kindergarten round up for students entering kindergarten next year
- d. The 5 houses
 - i. Currently the swat department and fire department are using them for training
 - ii. They will be coming down soon to put in a soccer field
- e. Flynn O' Hara
 - i. Next year all acceptable dress will be from FlynnO'Hara ONLY
 - ii. We are shifting from a dress code to a uniform policy, please keep an open mind
 - iii. There are two upcoming measuring events
 - 1. May 16th from 3:30 - 6
 - 2. June 20th from 10 - 2
- f. Our campus is growing
 - i. Currently we are at 550 students, next year we estimate 710 students, we already have 675 currently pre-enrolled
 - ii. Expansion will be happening in
 - 1. Kindergarten
 - 2. First grade
 - 3. Administration
 - a. We will have an additional assistant headmaster, announcement coming soon

8. Presentation about STAAR- Mrs. Wylie and Mrs. Greenwell

- a. What is STAAR?
 - i. A test on core subjects
 - ii. It is a 4 hour timed test
 - iii. Third grade is the only grade where you test with paper and pencil, the rest of the grades are online
- b. Why take the STAAR test?
 - i. In response to Texas state legislature
 - ii. Focus on academic readiness
- c. How are we preparing our students for STAAR?
 - i. Math
 - 1. Through curriculum/supplemental resources
 - 2. Focusing on multiple strategies
 - 3. Small group instruction in the classroom
 - 4. Tutoring

- ii. Language arts
 - 1. Curriculum/supplemental resources
 - 2. Focus on strategies
 - a. When I'm reading articles/passages using:
 - i. PRIME
 - ii. UNWRAP
 - 3. Read alouds that require deep thinking
 - 4. Small group instruction
 - 5. Tutoring
- d. What does my child's score mean?
 - i. There are three different ways the test is scored
 - 1. Raw score
 - 2. Percent score
 - 3. Scale score
 - a. Does not meet, approaches, meets, masters
- e. On the big day
 - i. Things you can do to help your child on the day of STAAR test
 - 1. Good night's sleep
 - 2. Wake up in plenty of time to have a healthy breakfast
 - 3. Get to school on time
 - 4. Send them off with an amazing attitude (now is not the time to be scared)
 - 5. Let them know how proud you are of them
 - a. Write them a note, it goes a long way
 - ii. If your student is absent on test day
 - 1. STAAR test can only be made up on the dates following in that same week
 - 2. Everyone across the state is taking the test at the same time
- f. Dates to Remember
 - i. April 5: EOC Eng 1
 - ii. April 7: EOC Eng 2
 - iii. May 3-6: EOC Alg 1, EOC Bio
 - iv. May 5-6: 8th grade science and social studies
 - v. May 10-13: 3-8 grade math/language arts
- g. Helpful tips
 - i. <http://tea.texas.gov>
 - 1. Parent checklist
 - 2. Access to STAAR report card
 - 3. Assessed curriculum
 - 4. Release test
 - 5. Reference materials
 - ii. What parents can do-
 - 1. Review goals
 - a. Talk with them about their goals
 - 2. Look through their graded assignments
 - a. You can always rework what they got wrong for helpful practice and to help assure they do better next time
 - b. Celebrate their successes
 - iii. Access code

1. If you have not received an access code from a previous year you may receive it through the TEA website above using your child's name, date of birth, and Social Security number

9. Q & A following the presentation (answered by Mrs. Wylie, Mrs. Greenwell, and Mrs. Crowell)

Q: House bill 4545

A: Students who did not meet state standards need to receive 30+ hours in each subject in tutoring. Students are invited to tutoring in the mornings and afternoons.

Q: Can I register on the website for practice for my second grader?

A: Yes

Q: Seventh grade is math reading and science?

A: There is no science in seventh grade.

Q: If kids don't pass STAAR do they have to repeat the grade?

A: No, they take into consideration the whole picture. They would start school the following year in the fall with additional support.

Q: How does your STAAR score affect you in 10+ years?

A: It's not until the EOC years that they are a requirement to graduate, schools will ask for those grades at a college level

Q: People tend to assess the quality of a school's education based on STAAR ratings.

A: We recognize the score holds merit, however remember Covid. House bill 4545 is a direct response to Covid. Teacher shortages and that the TEA changed STAAR. Remediate parents' expectations for Star. Mrs. Crowell stated that her goal is not to create a great student, she is creating a citizen.

10. Raffle- 2 lucky attendees received a Flynn O'Hara gift card!

11. 2021-2022 PTO Meeting Schedule-

Monday, May 16th

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

12. Adjourn @ 7:01pm

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