

**Frelinghuysen Middle School
Home & School Association
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 15, 2013**

Attending: Tamara Haynie, Hera Pizzimenti, Margaret Monahan, Tanya Seaward, Kirsten Hadley, Vicky Bashant, Diane Marum, S. Dzikowski, Naomi Stein, Tracey Barrett, Beth Sparacino, Heather Dobbs, Gale Grennan, Jan Melzer, Susana Carbajal

Meeting called to order: 7:00 by Tamara Haynie

President's Update - Tamara Haynie

- District Day at MHS this Saturday (October 19th) at 12:30. Students ask to participate.
- Colonial Challenge this Sunday (October 20th) Mr. Manning offering free HW passes to students who beat him.
- Next Board of Education Meeting is October 28th.
- October 25th is the Dinner & Sports Night. All are welcome.
- Approval of September minutes - Margaret Monahan and Hera Pizzimenti

Principal's Update - Mark Manning

- **SGO's** - Student Growth Objectives based on the new teacher evaluations required by law that went into effect this fall. (Student Growth Percentiles from standardized tests will be used to evaluate Math, Language Arts and 8th Grade Science teachers.) Teachers will establish a baseline then project where students will be at year-end. The SGO's will be skill-based, not content-based, and linked to the common core skills.
- **NJ ASK Results** - FMS scored at or above the state average in 88% of the overall clusters. However, there is a dip in 6th and 7th grade test scores that comes back up in 8th grade. These results are demoralizing for the staff and parents. We do not feel these test scores accurately reflect students' proficiency if year after year the results come back up in 8th grade. Next year students will take PARCC test where they will have to manipulate information vs. testing static skills.

Treasurer's Update

- FMS Clothing sales were up.
- Please remember the "Just Write A Check" campaign. All funds go directly to the school. Also, magazine sales continue throughout the year.

Committees Update

- Magazine Sales - To date \$18,000 online orders and \$14,000 in paper orders.
- Clubs - Will be getting together new clubs for the winter
- 7th and 8th Grade Social - Student Council will be coming up with ideas.

- 6th Grade Social - Thank you to Toby Goldman, Abby Ledhan, and Margaret Monahan for a great night! Lots of positive feedback.

Communications Update

- Thank to Wendy Vissar for our new HSA website
- The student directory should be out by the end of next week.

Meeting Adjourned - 8:00PM