

**Frelinghuysen Middle School
Home & School Association
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 20, 2014**

Attending: Caroline Godfrey, Tamara Haynie, Ruth Fleck, Sang Sporer, Jenn Smith, Lucy Webber, Amy McDonald, Tonya Seaward, Michelle Chin, Kirsten Hadley, and Naomi Stein

Meeting called to order: 9:45AM by Caroline Godfrey

President's Update - Caroline Godfrey

- **Approval of April minutes** by Amy McDonald and Lucy Webber
 - Suggestion was made regarding the 5th grade parent panel discussion to add information on buses (late bus and late late bus)
 - Another parent suggested families go online to greatschools.com and put on positive reviews for FMS!
- **Voting in of 2014/2015 Board:**
 - Tamara Haynie & Margaret Monahan - Presidents
 - Lucy Webber - Secretary
 - Jenn Smith - Treasurer
 - Sang Sporer & Patty Haralampoudis - Communications
 - Hera Pizzimenti - Committees
- Toast to Teachers - MEF Fundraiser that honors teachers. They just added one for Mr. Schumacher.
- **Thank you to all who volunteered with the HSA this year!**

Treasurer's Report - Jenn Smith reviewed the current budget and the 2014/2015 budget. No significant changes were made. The incoming 6th grade class is large so expected magazine sales and contributions were adjusted accordingly. The budget was also adjusted on the expense lines for the three houses and the Tax Return line. The motion to pass the budget was approved by Kate Hein and Sang Sporer.

Committees Update - We are still looking for a committee chair for Staff Appreciation and a second chair for after-school clubs.

Principal's Update - David Thompson

- **Staffing Changes**
 - Myrna Velez hired as House 2 Supervisor. Worked in district 10 years ago. Bilingual. She will start July 1st.
 - John Schumacher (Band) and Barbara Schorr (Computers) are retiring.
 - Mauro Raguseo (8th grade Italian teacher) is leaving the district.

- **FMS Garden**
 - Should be done in a week or two weeks.
 - Finishing fencing and need to wire sprinklers.
- **Sports Banners** - Ordered and received the following banners to hang in the gym:
 - Girls Basketball County Champions (2014)
 - Girls Soccer Undefeated Season (2012)
 - Ceremony to be scheduled for June
- **Changes to the Curriculum for 2014/2015:**
 - Sixth grade students will take a double period of Language Arts and enrichments will be eliminated.
 - There will be 2 language arts teachers in each house.
 - Focus on reading informative text.
 - This is all part of a Grade 6-10 initiative to have units of reading study with an anchor text and work on different approaches to text.
 - Grammar is covered in the Reader Writing Workshops

Meeting Adjourned at 10:55AM