

FC PTA General Meeting
April 3, 2017 6-7:30pm
Cafeteria, Fall Creek Elementary, 202 King St, Ithaca, NY
DRAFT Minutes Margaret Royall, Secretary

1. Call Meeting to Order
 - a. Welcome & Introductions – favorite vegetable
2. Speaker – Audrey Baker, director of the Fresh Snack Program at the Youth Farm Project (YFP)
 - a. Presentation (she will be posting a public version of her presentation soon)
 - Why? Food security and poverty equalizer; snacks help students focus – many kids come to school hungry, many families don't have ready access to the grocery store and/or fresh food
 - What? Non-profit bringing local and organic foods to local schools; increase access to healthy, local food
 - What is the YFP? Inclusive and diversity driven youth farming; Farm based programming, community distribution, farm to school, Fresh Snack Program; Farm at the edge of Danby, south of IC
 - Working on providing resources (handout, lessons, volunteers, college students) to teachers for use around distribution of the snack
 - Farm field trips
 - b. Questions
 - How do we make this happen at FCE? – Funding. Have some financial supporters. Ask PTA to provide a percentage (15%, ~1500 for the year, but depends on number of students, 30 cents/student/school/day + staff, 2 days/week); donations from families
 - i. ~\$7000 to start it up at Fall Creek school 2 days, \$85
 - ii. Get all schools to make a case to ICSD; have a plan for expansion
 - iii. At capacity for fundraising – looking at more corporate fundraising, local businesses
 - On days when you provide snack, is that the only snack? – yes
 - What is the commitment to “no waste”? -Everything served in paper boats, stainless steel; try to reduce food waste – refrigerating for reuse at after school; depends on culture of school and encouragement from cafeteria staff and teachers
 - Do we think it will go over well at our school? – yes
 - Is there a volunteer need? – not any more; mostly use interns
 - What on the ground structural support would this program to succeed? – support and encouragement from the principal and cafeteria managers; cafeteria manager gets paid
3. Approval of November and March Meeting minutes - posted online for review - Margaret Royall
 - a. Approved through a vote
4. Nominating Committee – Jamie Jones-Rounds (Chavon Fort, Daniel Sheehan)
 - a. Nominee(s) for president – none yet
 - b. Nominee(s) for secretary – Ashley Stockstill
5. Other Standing Committee/Coordinator/Event Updates
 - a. Basketball Season – Christine Evans – 5 teams at FCE, super fun, Fall Creek is known for positive spirit and encouraging culture
 - b. Science Olympiad – Jamie Jones-Rounds – kids had fun, but it was tough because the rules weren't given again at the event after they had practiced for weeks
 - c. Reading Celebration Week – Alex Spencer
 - Need volunteers for smore's station
 - Need equipment (tents, flashlights, fake trees)
 - d. Fundraising Chair – Christine Brouwer Hinman (not at meeting)
 - Scholastic Book Fair Update – Need cashiers, 1 hr slots, sending around a signup sheet

- Donations for kids with needs - Mainly from other families; if we hit a sale goal, kids get a goal; prioritize parents buying a book for another child; Can we have a wish list for kids?
 - Questions for Christine
 - Buffalo Books? Scholastic was chosen because it's a setup system and PTA makes money
 - Talk about BJM book fair - pre-paid book fair
 - Mike Simons – did “Books on your Birthday” at another school using Scholastic books
- e. Butterfly Garden Committee – Margaret Royall
- K & 1st grade plant project
 - Upcoming events: BFG Committee – April 8th or 23rd, General - May 20th, June, July, fall
 - Needed: experienced gardeners, especially for summer weeding (relatives, neighbors, etc)
6. Principal Mike Simons will be leaving his position July 1st – ICSD beginning search for new principal
- a. Elaan pushing for PTA representation on the new principal hire – contact Elaan with input
 - b. Mike will get information from ICSD to Elaan soon
7. Announcements
- a. Support Life's So Sweet fundraiser – gift certificates available Wednesday mornings
 - b. Reading Celebration April 10-14
 - c. Scholastic Book Fair April 11-13
 - d. Next PTA Meeting May 8
8. Adjourn

Roles that need filling:

May Photographer Staff Luncheon Coord. Teacher Appreciation Week Coord.
 Membership Chair

Remaining Events – 2016-2017

Ongoing	Chocolate Sale		
April	Reading Celebration		Scholastic Book Fair
May	Teacher Appreciation Week		Talent Show
June	Bike Rodeo	June Playground Party	Staff Luncheon

Remaining PTA Meetings:

May 8

Vote on new board members