Fairview High School
Fairview Parent Organization
Minutes of the Meeting
September 8, 2010

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm

Introduction

- Meeting is organizational.
- Budget documents and organization chart distributed.

Old Business

- Discussion of the role of the FPO in previous years versus this, and upcoming, years.

- Topics discussed how to be helpful to Don Strensrud and his team, difficulty in finding volunteers for FPO, and how to improve communication.

- Multiple forms of communication are important: school-to-parent, teacher needs (e.g., through mini-grant program), parent-to-parent. In the past, quality of communication was lacking (meetings not scheduled at the right times, poor attendance, defining the role of the FPO). How can we improve?

Treasurer's Report

- $97,000 in the budget with $92,000 of unspecified funds. Some expenses still being paid out from 2009-10 (bills for teacher mini-grants).

- Important to spend money that parents donated and believe will be allocated.

Principal's Report

- There are a number of priorities for the FPO. One is a communication tool (with filtering to efficiently convey timely and important information). A second priority is fundraising (note that Don had to cut $50,000+ out of the budget this year). A third is parent education via the Parent Education Network. Fourth is volunteer coordination.

- Does the FPO need a president or governing board? Don's administrative team functions well and may be a possible model for the FPO.

- Need a dedicated, reliable conduit for disseminating information to the parent body. Electronic distribution is probably the best form of communication. Discussion of how often to disseminate, possible formats, and accessibility of the master calendar.

- FHS is getting a new, student-designed website.

New Business

- Budget

    - Should the FPO ask for donations 1-2 times per year (e.g., @registration and direct mail) versus multiple "asks" throughout the year?

    - Review of list of activities/functions to determine what FPO should focus on and fund. Activities discussed included: Showcase, Night of Transition, Back to School, Freshman Parent, May Retirement Tea, August Teacher Luncheon, and Senior Barbeque.

    - Discussion of how to spend FPO money. Priorities are funds to make up for textbook shortfall, mini-grants to teachers, capital improvements (e.g., landscape improvements for tennis courts).

- 2010-11 Meeting Schedule.

    - It was agreed that the FPO would meet monthly on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:45 am. Meeting dates are: October 13th, November 10th, December 8th, January 12th, February 9th, March 9th, and April 13th.

Meeting concluded at 7:45 pm.

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