

Faith Christian School
PTF Meeting
September 13, 2011

Attendees: Aimee Finel , Susan Ingram, Susan Melcher, Lori Abel, Sara Brabham, Jacque Allen, Juanita Baumgart, Stephanie Earhart, Mellisa Spivey, Janna Thorsen, Rashelle Earhart, David & Christina Stoddard, Christie Ocheske, Kristen Huber, Erica Archer, Tina Palmer, Sarah Ramirez, Kendra Sambuceto, Roberta Wilson & Cathy Aime.

Jacque Allen opened the meeting in prayer. Mellisa introduced the PTF Board Members and explained how excited we are to have these positions filled in advance of the school year:

Mellisa Spivey, President
Stephanie Earhart, Vice President
Sara Brabham, Treasurer
Cathy Aime, Secretary
Kristin Huber, Event Coordinator
Michele Stein, Principal
Teacher Representative

We then went around the room and everyone introduced themselves. Welcome to all our new families!

Eagles Nest – school store

This venture began just last year and has been a great success. The middle school students along with parent/advisor Stephanie Earhart, worked up a business plan and presented it to the School Board. The students' proposal included borrowing money with a plan to pay it back, which they did by the end of last school year. Now they plan the schedule, help with ordering and staff the store. Future plans include having the students work on adding store information to the school website. Stephanie also updated us on new inventory and the spirit wear available. The scheduled hours are every Friday, 8-8:15, 11:30-12, 2:50-3:05, and other hours as announced.

Stephanie is currently working on the possibility of a hot lunch program on Friday's with Domino's Pizza in Dallas. Domino's currently does this with several other schools locally, where they offer healthier, whole grain crust, higher quality cheese, etc. This would of course, be optional, but a nice alternative once a week.

We will also be holding a school uniform swap where you can bring your gently-used uniform item and swap for another one. You will be hearing more about this soon.

Treasurer Report

Sara passed out copy of the budget for the 2011-2012 school year, and went over it briefly. If you would like to see a copy of the budget, please see Juli in the school office.

Etsy Store

Kristen explained to everyone what an Etsy store is...an online store to sell homemade items. You should have recently received a paper home with your child asking whether

you, a family member or someone you know might have something they would like to donate to be sold in our Etsy store. Please return these forms ASAP as we would love to have more donations. The proceeds will help fund PTF activities. Kristen and her husband Steve will manage our Etsy store, which is named "FCEaglesNEST.

Financial Issues:

Internet access – Grades 1-8

The school has been trying for sometime to get internet access out in the 1st-8th grade classrooms for the students. Ashlee Heide recently learned that she could add this access to her cell phone contract for an extra \$15 per month. Kristen Huber made a motion to pay her the \$150 for the school year (10 months) out of PTF funds. Stephanie Earhart seconded the motion. No opposed- motion carried.

Christmas Program

Melissa Hooper will be teaching/directing the Christmas Program for the school this year and we discussed what would be an appropriate amount to pay her for this. A motion was brought by Aimee Finel, to pay her \$300, and seconded by Mellisa Spivey. No opposed – motion carried.

Train Display – Jacque Allen

Jacque described an amazing miniature train display that she believes the students (and adult) would love to see. The display is set up on a semi flatbed truck and the demonstrator would bring it and set it up for an all-day viewing. He doesn't charge, but a donation is appreciated to help cover his costs, such as gas, etc. A motion was made by Mellisa Spivey to make a \$50 donation. This was seconded by Kristen Huber. No opposed-motion carried.

PTF is always looking for ideas for these types of learning options, and field trip ideas too– please let us know!

We always need more drivers for field trips, and we could use the church/school van (which holds 22) if we had a driver who had their CDL license. If you know of someone with this license and they are willing to drive, please contact Jacque Allen.

Fundraising Decisions:

Janna Thorsen – Jostens Representative

Janna does yearbooks for many schools in this area and all over the state, and is interested to see if we as a school would care to have one. Cost is approximately \$18-\$21 for a 40-50 page softcover book, although the cost could be less for fewer pages. Discussed possible fundraising options, or possibility of PTF funds covering part of the cost. Janna will put together a brief survey to find out the interest among our families, so we can hopefully make a decision by the next PTF meeting.

Federal Representative Lori Abel – Washington

Lori explained the savings program they have for kids where she would come to the school at a set time once or twice per month – 'bank day' – and the kids could bring their money to deposit into their account. Washington Federal offers a \$5 matching initial

deposit and other perks to encourage kids to save. We would like to get this started at least by the first of 2012, so Lori will work with Michelle and the teachers to determine the best time for her to come. We would also like to have a parent assist on bank days – so if you're interested, let Michelle know.

FCS does two main fundraisers: our Jog-a-thon in October and the Auction on the first Friday of May. Our goals for these two events are: fellowship and raising funds. Through trial and error, we have determined that we are most successful at both these goals, when we do only these two events each year, rather than many smaller ones.

Since the Jog-a-thon is coming up very soon, Friday, October 21st, we spent some time discussing and putting together a team of parents to be in charge this year. Following is the Core Team for this event:

Stephanie Earhart – Lead
Kristen Huber- Dinner
Susan & Lee Ingram – stuffing invitations, cleanup afterwards
Juanita Baumgart
Christie & John Ocheske
Aimee Finell
Susan Metzler

Stephanie will send emails out to the team about meetings, etc.

The **health screening** at school is coming up shortly – Monday and Tuesday, the 26th & 27th. Christie Ocheske volunteered to take care of the volunteer's children in the nursery again this year – thank you Christie!

The **phone tree caller** for each class is as follows:

Preschool 3's – Juanita Baumgart
Preschool 4's – Aimee Finel
Kindergarten – Kristen Huber
1st-2nd – Mellisa Spivey
3rd-4th – Erica Archer
5th-6th – Sarah Ramirez
7th-8th - ???

The phone tree is used when we need to contact everyone in the school without it being so much work for one or two people. For families with multiple children, only the class of the oldest student will be called – that way the same family isn't called multiple times. We will get lists out to the callers soon, so they have them when needed.

Our next regular PTF meeting is Tuesday, October 11th at 6:30 PM. We hope to see you all there!

Fall Blessings,

Cathy Aime
PTF Secretary

