

# FLY Meeting | MINUTES

Tuesday, March 12, 2019 | Time: 6:30-7:30 p.m. | Meeting location: FTE Library

## AGENDA TOPICS

### 1. Introductions - 11 people in attendance

2. Good News	Lead / Organizer	
Warmer weather; almost Spring	Parent	
MAT finished up well; prizes, t-shirt contest, parent help, dinner and games—all were successful.	FLY Presidents	
Instructional Coach shout-out for the many interesting and engaging instructional things happening in 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade.	Parent & Shelly	
Gym Show (during specials) & Fine Arts coming up	Parent & Mrs. Pelc	
More daylight 😊	Parent	

3. Spotlight on Education	Lead / Organizer	Date(s)
School Board Visit	Shelly	March 2019
Guest Readers	Shelly	March 2019
Instructional Coaches	Shelly	2018-2019 School Year
Message from Mrs. Ecker – Art Teacher	Chris Ecker	Spring 2019

## Discussion Notes |

- **School Board Visit** – Several members of our School Board and Dr. Perrin visited us this month. They had **so many great things** to say about our school, our teachers/staff, our kids, our environment, the wall messages, students' work in the hallways, student manners/behaviors, the "feel" of our school, etc. I find it incredibly easy to brag about all the wonderful things happening! Quite frankly, I can't talk to anyone about FTE without smiling 😊 Our school is simply amazing!
- **Guest Readers** – As part of our celebration for Read Across America and the birthday of Dr. Seuss, we held our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual "Guest Readers" day. We invited staff from across the district, in various roles, to come and read to our students. This was very successful and well received again this year. Each classroom had a least 1 guest reader participate. We love combining the power and modeling of reading with the chance for our students to meet other professionals who work in the GASD.
- **Instructional Coaches** – This year we added 2 Instructional Coaches to the GASD: Dr. Godard and Mrs. Heefner. These positions have been very well received. Our teachers are taking full advantage of this resource. Teachers of all grade levels are collaborating with the coaches weekly and on a regular basis. The coaches are amazing and so incredibly supportive. Our teachers are really stepping out of their comfort zones and trying new instructional strategies with their students. It's been great to watch this evolve. The goal is to eventually have an instructional coach assigned to each of the buildings in the GASD, K-12 over the next several years.

▪ **Mrs. Ecker (Art Teacher):**

- Square 1: Mrs. Ecker shared about her Square 1 Fundraiser. Square 1 is a fundraiser to supplement our own art program as well as Xuchialt, the art school in Leon, Nicaragua. This is FTE's 3rd time participating. Every student has completed a piece of original art (K & 1 have the same image, which is a lion) and the other students chose their own subject. I am mailing all of the work TOMORROW and then in 2 weeks students will receive a free sticker sheet of their art & an order form. Parents can order on-line or use the order form & pay with cash or check. Deadline for ordering is April 16. Orders arrive May 10 (actual delivery may be a bit later due to sorting time).
- Little Library: She also share some information getting a "Little Library" for Franklin Township. The plan is to have it ready by this summer. Mrs. Bugler offered her husband's carpentry services and shared that her daughter may also be interested in helping Mrs. Ecker with this project. The cost to charter this is \$40.00.
- Art Winner: There will be an art piece chosen as the Art Award Winner and it will need framed. The cost to frame it is \$50.00. Fly has paid for this in the past and will continue to.

4. Recent Events/What's coming up?	Lead / Organizer	Date(s) – If applicable
Fine Arts	Mrs. Pelc and Mr. Serfass	March 27-28 2:15/6:00pm
Spring Concerts	Mr. Serfass, Ms. Young, and Mrs. McDonald	May 15-16
Fly Presidents' Report	Lindsay and Danielle	
Gift Cards Drawing (McDonald's)	All Present (2 winners)	

**Discussion Notes |**

- **Fine Arts** – Fine Arts will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, March 27-28. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade on Wednesday, KG and 2<sup>nd</sup> on Thursday. Matinees on each day will begin at 2:15 and the evening performance will begin @ 6:00pm.
- **Spring Concerts** – The Chorus concert will be held on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at GAMS starting @ 7:00pm and the Band/Orchestra Concert will be on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> @ GAMS, also starting @ 7:00pm.
- **Fly Presidents' Report** – FLY is doing a fundraiser @ Tommy's Pizza on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. If customers bring in their coupon/flyer, then 20% of their check will go towards FTE's FLY. Shelly will ask Andrew Robinson to advertise for this on the GASD facebook page. The coupon can't be combined with the Warrior Card. Shelly will also share with teachers at FTE. Teachers are invited and encouraged to come and help serve or bus tables, etc...Danielle/Lindsay – can you send me an email blurb about this to share with our staff?
- **Your Turn...Public Participation**
  - Post PSSA Testing Fun - Question was asked if there are fun things planned for students after PSSAs. Shelly said yes 😊 We will do "Here's the Scoop" again this year (students who are testing can earn different parts to ice cream sundaes and students in the primary grades will also get a special treat for being encouragers and cheerleaders). This incentive helps students to stay engaged, on-task and motivated throughout the testing period. Additional ideas are also being discussed.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Farewell – Question was asked if the teachers need help with planning this. Ashlee and Shelly reported that over the past few years, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers have taken the lead in organizing this but we'll reach out to them to confirm and report back to FLY.
  - Staff Appreciation Week (SAW) – Ideas were discussed for how to tackle Staff Appreciation Week this year. Sara is familiar with Sign-Up Genius and offered to take the lead with this to get parent involvement during this time. Shelly said she'll join efforts too, and also plan a few things again for the teachers during this week. The actual week to do this is being determined. Depending on school-wide events, it'll either be the week of May 6 or week of May 13. Specific details will be discussed as we get closer to May.

- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Library Legacy – The idea was shared to possibly have 5<sup>th</sup> graders donate a book (in their name) to our library before they head off to middle school. Students could give a monetary donation and have the book donated in their names. This could be a favorite book or a book bought to be donated. Nothing was decided, just an idea shared.
- Jump Rope for Heart – Josie shared that she could use some parent help with this on Friday, **April 12<sup>th</sup>**. This will take place during the school day. Josie has 5<sup>th</sup> grade students helping, but she could use more adults. Josie also shared that she needs 500 apples. Sara offered to post something on Sign-Up Genius to get parents to help with Jump Rope for Heart. Thank you, Sara!
- Energizer Guy Assembly – Josie recently heard about this assembly opportunity and great things about it from the other schools. The assembly is free and takes about 25 minutes. There is one slot left on May 7<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. Shelly scheduled this assembly the next day 😊  
Thank you Josie!