Douglas Southall Freeman High School
Regular PTSA Board Meeting
April 7, 2014
DSF Leadership Conference Room

PTSA President, Ann Slough called the meeting to order at 5:04pm.

Present:

President:	Ann Slough
Recording Secretary:	Jennifer Hollis
Principal:	Anne Poates
School Counseling Rep:	Jennifer Crowder
Betsy Beamer	
Julie Eddins	

PTSA President:

Ann Slough welcomed everyone and asked Jennifer Hollis to take notes since Kathy Klassett was absent.

MEETING MINUTES:

February & March corrected meeting minutes were approved. Betsy Beamer made the Motion to approve the Minutes and Julie seconded Motion. Motion carried.

Principal's Report: Anne Poates reported:

- Ms. Poates was asked if all classrooms receive the morning announcement. Ms. Poates confirmed that ALL classrooms should hear morning announcements. However, if a student does not hear them he/she should tell their teacher.
- All Senior received senior information packet last week that contacted all senior activities. A parent asked about Bike-to-School Day. Information about Bike-to-school day can be found on the senior class Twitter & Facebook sites.
- 4/22 is the Big Feet Meet at the Sports Backers complex. This event is for high-school age children and Freeman will be sending a couple of participants.
- Interim Safety Audit was performed last week. Freeman did fine.
- 4/11/14 – Report cards will be distributed.
  4/26/14 – Student Talent Night in gym
- Mrs. Poates reported that the Freeman 101 will be during the week of may 19th. She asked about whether parents are interested in the Freeman 101 program. Is it beneficial? The general consensus was YES!
- Rebel Camp for rising 9th graders – August 5, 2014.
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School Counseling Report: Jennifer Crowder reported:

- Survived scheduling! Rec'd lots of feedback re new process. There are 3 days that counseling dept. will meet with students (in PE 9, PE10 & 11th grade History classes) to get all requests from those that missed the deadline. This will give counselors more individual time with students.
- AP Testing – Process to start after Spring Break. There are @ 380 students taken 860 + exams.
- Test dates are 5/5/14 to 5/15/14; tests will take place in big gym and library.
- Ms. Crowder confirmed that military "Appointments" can be in the Signal WITH student consent.
- Mrs. Poates to meet with Seniors to talk about self-reporting of college selections.

President's Report: Ann Slough reported:

- New Bylaws were approved and will go on to State for approval.
- Ann asked Elizabeth Baskins to give an update on the Nominating Committee. Elizabeth reported that there are still several vacancies (the 2 biggest being President-Elect & ANGP Chairperson).
- Ann praised Elizabeth Baskins and the Nominating Committee for their efforts & hard work.
- Motion made to approve the 2014/2015 slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee. Elizabeth Baskins made the motion & Julie Eddins 2nd motion.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

MOTION: Elizabeth Baskins, Chairman of Nominating Committee made a motion to approve the 2014/2015 Slate of Officers as presented.

Second: Julie Eddins, seconded Motion.

Motion Carried.

- Ann reported that the Richmond District Banquet was last night. 25 schools out of 135 were represented; Ann, Suzi Hendrix and Mrs. Crouch attended. Freeman was presented with a Community Leadership Award. This is due in large part because of all of the wonderful PTSA programs that Freeman has as well as the students participation on the Legislative sessions.
- HCCPTA Banquet is May 12, 2014. Freeman will send 4 attendees (and will still be under budget).
- The Freeman PTSA Volunteer of the Year is Carolyn Luxton. Ann reviewed comments and praised Carolyn for all of her wonderful contributions and time & effort spent on the PTSA.
- Girls Rising Video – Co-sponsored y Freeman PTSA. There was not a great turnout. Julie Eddins is trying to find a way to offer the movie again (since we own the DVD) since it is such a moving & gripping video.

Treasurer's Report:

- Online donations are up & running and there are (2) new credit card swipers (iphone, ipad attachments) for PTSA usage.
- There is a little bit of money if you know of any teachers that need anything.

Programs Report: Cheryl Pacious reported:

- There were about 10 people at the last PTSA program.
- Next program is on 5/7/14 from 9:30-10:30am in the library. Christopher MacDonald (attorney) will speak at the Principal's Coffee about the legalities of beach week. For legal reasons, no notes can be put on the PTSA website.
- 5/27/14 – Linda Hancock will speak about college transitional issues. She is a repeat speaker and was great last year. She will speak in library at 6:30pm and needs a microphone.

After Graduation Party: Ann reviewed notes from 3/3/114 meeting.

Baccalaureate: First meeting on 4/22/14; Building use form is completed.

Hospitality: The teachers Luncheon will be on 5/7. Baked Ziti from Frank's will be served. SighnUp Genius will be sent out for salads, desserts, beverages, etc.

Landscaping: Replaced a few plants, topiaries died; working with budget Strange's Florist for the best replacement options.

Lay Advisory: Elizabeth Baskins reported:

- Only 6 attendees at last meeting.
- Meeting date was discussed.
- County cancelled 5th grade Book Bowl.
- There is an upcoming meeting on laptop issues.
- Discussion – "How does Lay Advisory push forward? Also, how does math continue to be an on-going issue in Dr. Meyers eyes'?" Patient, Persistent & Professional.
- Ann Slough to ask about Student Performance Task Force.

Legislation: Ann reported that the Government signed into law that fewer SOL test will be required; however, another assessment will have to be given.

Next Meeting will take place may 5, 2014 at 5;30pm

Meeting adjourned at 6:14pm by Ann Slough, PTSA President.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Hollis
DSF PTSA Recording Secretary