

FRELINGHUYSEN HSA MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 24, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm.

President's Update:

- Colgate-Palmolive has “adopted” FMS. As part of this relationship, students will have the opportunity to take tours and learn about careers. Colgate-Palmolive donated \$250 to each House for house-day expenses. House of the Dragon used the money to decorate baskets, cards and place mats for holiday baskets to be donated to the Community Soup Kitchen. Colgate-Palmolive also donated 4 turkeys per house for the baskets and plans to donate hand sanitizers to the school (pending BOE approval).
- Morristown High School turf installation will begin in December. This was funded 100% by donations. A new track, which was previously budgeted for, will be installed at the same time. Team up for Turf is seeking additional donations to fund new goal posts and other peripheral expenses.
- Board of Education meetings are open to the public and participation is welcomed. The next meeting is 7:30 pm on Dec. 14. See www.morrischooldistrict.org for information.
- FMS clothing sale has begun. New items reflect the maroon color theme. Order by 11/30 for delivery in time for the holidays.
- Homerooms are in need of tissues – please send in donations!

Treasurer's Report:

- Magazine Sale income of \$32,000 (does not reflect unpaid invoice). Expected profit is \$18,500. Thank you to all the sellers and to the chairpersons.

Visionary Planning Board Presentation:

- Annemarie Forman and Deirdre Falk presented an update on the progress of the VPB.
- 2008-2009 goals were 1) Climate – school community, 2) Data – use data to drive instruction and 3) Professional Learning Communities – teachers collaborate across houses to assure consistent assessments across houses. During the 2008-2009 year: random surveys of students in fall/spring resulted in increase of time to change classes from 2 to 3 minutes; guidance now meets with every 6th grader; successful “House Days” were held throughout the year; data on students passed on to 7th and 8th grade teachers, facilitating team discussions on providing necessary support; Scholastic Reading Inventory data given to teachers; Professional Learning Communities meet twice/week and attended workshop by author of “Results Now”; Coins for a Cause logo design contest and several community service projects were held.
- 2009-2010 goals focus on climate and achievement and include: implementing the Advisor/Advisee program, where each staff member will be assigned 10-12 students for all 3 years; refining climate surveys; implementing House identity plans (for example, pep rallies); expand analysis by Professional Learning Communities; focus on “21st Century Learning” - what skills do the students need to become critical thinkers in today's rapidly changing environment.

Next HSA meeting: January 19th at 1:00 pm at Morristown High School. There will be an opportunity for 8th grade parents to ask questions of the administration.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.