

Floral Park Bellerose School April PTA Meeting Minutes

Attendees in person- 11

Attendees via Zoom-8

Meeting began at 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Budget Presentation- Dr. Macias and Superintendent Ruiz

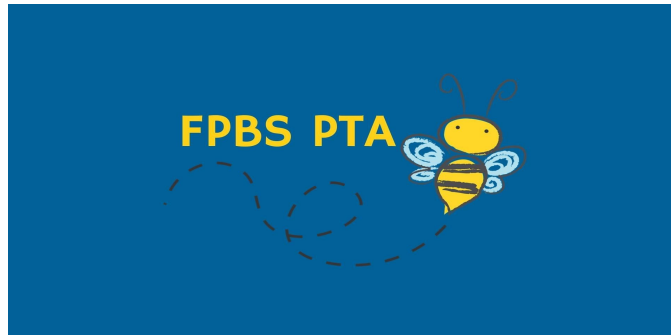
Adopted budget for 24-25 School Year

- April 11th Meeting, Board adopted budget
- Vote on May 21st
- Budget to budget increase 1.72%
 - Primary goals to be fiscally responsible
 - Make recommendations that are student and data driven
 - Reduce expenses without impacting students and staff
 - In line with BOE goals

Sources of revenue

- Tax Levy
 - \$729,848
 - increase of 2.73%
 - For Homeowners, estimate of \$205 per calendar year/\$17 a month
 - Filed with the Office of the State Comptroller
- State Sources
 - State Aid-Still no budget from the state
 - estimated 4% increase

Total proposed budget estimated to be \$39.5 Million (increase of 1.72% of last years budget)



Expenditures

77% salaries

Supplies materials and equipment

Contractual

Debt payments

1.72% increase= balanced budget

Budget Highlights

This year, given the anticipated tax levy and state aid-tight budget

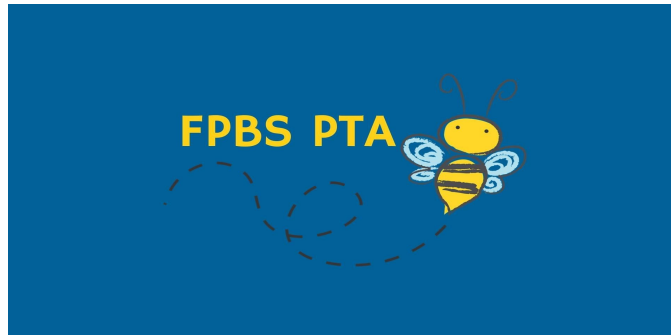
Closely looked at every line of the budget to maintain and enhance programs

Committed to providing the best education to all students

5 year strategic plan-finalize in May, implement in Sept

Curriculum improvements

- Adding two new ICT positions
 - one in each school
 - 6 full time, 3 in each building
- Adding 8:1:2 class (total of 3 classes)
 - Speech and Language Therapist
 - Behavioral Therapist
 - Occupation and Physical Therapy
- Additional reading programs
 - Hegerty phonological awareness for PK and as intervention for K, 1 and 2
 - Elevate Program-Reading horizons for higher grades
 - Professional development for teachers
- SCOPE educational services
 - Afterschool
 - Before school
 - some students need 1:1 aid, district will provide that support
- Updating Sensory Gym
 - Last year FPBS
 - This year JLCS
- Summer Reading Support
- Programs to provide a positive school culture
 - DEI Understanding the Power of Words 5th and 6th graders
 - bringing to all grades next year
- Close budget gap
 - modification in Library program



- One librarian to serve both schools
- Library every other week
- Aide so that library can stay open to students and staff
- Re-institute of the Gifted and Talented Program
 - for 3-6 grades
 - pull out program
 - funded with existing staff
 - students will be identified with current criteria
 - teacher recommendation
 - academic scores
 - Adding a cognitive skills assessment for 2nd graders
- Finalize a new Math Curriculum

Balanced Budget of \$39,539,684

Capital Reserves

- Request to expend funds
- on Ballot
- \$2M to fund boiler in both schools
- part of the 5 year plan

Contingency Budget

- Continue at same budget
- Reduction in program enhancements
- Reduction in equipment supplies and materials
- Require the district to charge for use of Facilities district wide

Dates of additional presentations

4/17 JLCS

5/1 Wednesday Mother's Club

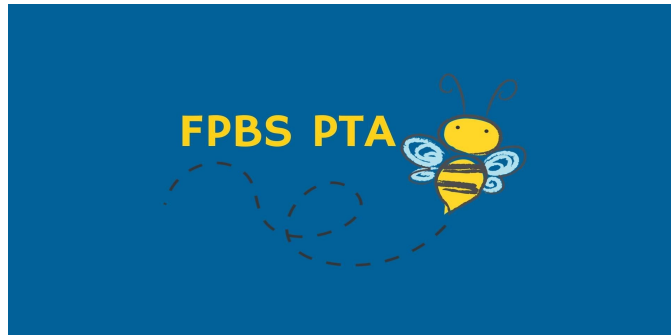
5/2 Floral Park Civic Association

5/8 Bellerose Terrace Civic Association

PTA President recap- Susan St. Joy

School of Excellence update

- One standard that we need to focus on-Connect School with Community partners
 - First survey, scored low



- Second survey shows improvement

Survey is still open. Closes April 24th

Excellence Survey share out April 17th

Principal's report-Mrs. Stegmeier

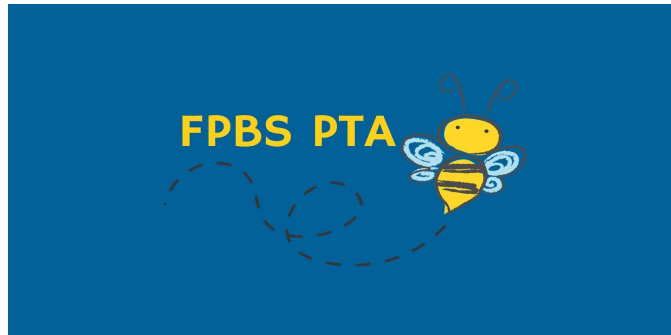
Building level updates

- Class placement letter went out
- May 21st Budget Vote, so Special Person's Day will be on May 21st
 - more foot traffic can help with vote
- Newsday report about chronic absenteeism
 - FPBSD lowest in Long Island
- NY Islanders Assembly
 - Sparky the mascot was here
 - Kids had a great time
- Operation Safe Child has wrapped up
 - few extra dates at Library
- Little Mermaid was a great production
- April Recess 4/22-4/30 Staff and Students return 5/1
- Wrapping up state testing
 - minor hiccup with tech, internet outages.
 - Only a few students had issues submitting but have submitted without further issues

PTA updates-Susan St. Joy

Volunteers-PTA needs volunteers

- Teddy bear picnic
- Liz's day
- Pie sale
- March Math Madness (next year)
- Square one art
- Art Walk



- No Tech Tuesday
- SEPTA

2024-2025 PTA board

- Current Members have elected to serve 2nd term
- No vacancies but nominations can be made on the floor
 - must be submitted in written consent submitted 5/14
 - 2 business days before next PTA meeting

Family Fun Night-METS

- 560 people joined
- Will do it again next year

Autism Awareness Month

- Large display in Lobby
- 4/16 therapy dogs visiting 8:1:2 classes
- PTA purchased Autism Awareness bracelets to be distributed to all students

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- May-Deck of Cards
- June-Pizza Dinner

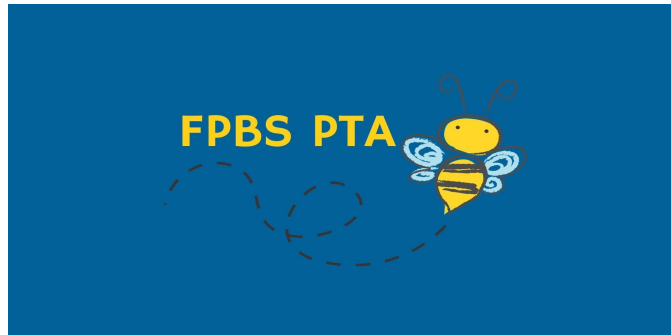
May Events

- May 1st Brain Show assembly
 - Brain Show Family Night 6pm FREE Event!
- May 8th Plant sale preorder pick up
- May 9th-10th In School Plant Sale
- May 17th Staff Appreciation Lunch
 - Need Volunteers
- May 21st Special Persons Day
- May 21st Art Walk
- May 22nd PreK Teddy Bear Picnic (rain date May 23)

Open Forum

Mets game was event of the year!

Next year-maybe have chorus or Mr. DeKams throw first pitch



Question regarding Popsicle and Playground event

Working out PreK and K orientation-idea is to have two events, registration, then second event will have parents look at classroom and meet all the teachers

Popsicle and Playground is a PTA social event

Next PTA meeting May 16th. Food Sponsored by Tony's Tacos

Meeting adjourned 7:52pm