

FAST Meeting
April 17, 2024 @ 6:30 pm
FASD Board Room

Attendance: President Missy Kearchner, Treasurer Laura Fisher, Secretary Meredith Lawler, Athletic Director (AD) Keith Bruck, Janet Jones, Candace Ferguson-Miller, John Horrell, Beth Weishaar, and Jack Liller

- **Meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm**
- **March 2024 meeting minutes were approved**

Treasurer's report and other financial matters

- Treasurer Fisher gave out printed statements of the treasurer's report. Report was reviewed and approved. Total balance is \$44,162.75 (\$13,251.29 in checking, \$27,911.46 in savings, and \$3,000 in scholarship funds).
- There is still one outstanding scholarship check. FAST will contact this student recipient to let them know they have until June 1, 2024, to cash the check.
- Treasurer Fisher gave an overview of FAST scholarships. Each year, a total of six students receives a FAST scholarship (each at \$500). The due date for applications from students for next year's scholarships is April 22, 2024. Students chosen will be notified/recognized at the senior academic night in May 2024.

Old Business

- Winter district T-shirts (1 wrestling, 20 basketball)—
 - They have been ordered.
 - T-shirts will say "Districts" with the sport and year.
 - FAST pays 100% of district T-shirts cost.
- Apparel fundraiser—
 - Treasurer Fisher previously asked the school board for permission to use the school logo on apparel that is part of future fundraiser. The school board asked FAST to provide documentation with more information and details.
 - Treasurer Fisher says that she talked to Doug at Olympian for preliminary information and estimated costs. If the sale is started at the beginning of the school year (around August 19th), orders would be due September 9th and delivery would take two weeks (September 20th). Estimated cost for a hoodie is \$32 (1 color on front, 2 colors on back, 1 color on sleeve). Olympian said there is not a minimum order requirement.

- Ms. Ferguson-Miller mentioned that the PTO does their fundraiser in the fall. Further discussion resulted in agreement that the PTO fundraiser would focus on elementary students/families, the FAST apparel would focus on middle/high school students/families.
- Ms. Jones requested that all coaches are made aware of the FAST apparel fundraiser
- Mr. Liller suggested that FAST make “letterman” hoodies. President Kearchner asked Treasurer Fisher to contact Olympian to see if they can make these hoodies. President Kearchner said that FAST could possibly pay for a hoodie the first letter that a student athlete receives. AD Bruck suggested that the school get pins to distribute to student athletes who have already lettered (to avoid getting multiple letters).
- Powder Puff Game—
 - Moved from the Fall
 - It is 3 to 6 pm (date TBD)
 - NHS wanted to use concession stand for game; instead, FAST will recommend that NHS get food trucks, pizza, and drinks; NHS will be able to use FAST’s coolers and pizza discount.
- Emails for Coaches—
 - FAST is collecting all coaches’ emails. Please spread the word and have coaches forward email addresses.
 - AD Bruck said he will have updated information on coaches on the school district website within a week or two.
- Senior gifts—
 - Senior athletes will be given green Fairfield lanyards and a photo ID pouch.
 - FAST was given permission to purchase and give medals to all senior who competed in 12 seasons of sports.
- Other—
 - NHS made \$412 at their 3v3 fundraiser using the FAST concession stand.
 - There was general discussion about letters and how to get them to students. President Kearchner said all teams have handed out letters to seniors except basketball and volleyball. Soccer also has not because all seniors lettered in prior years.
 - There was general discussion about having an awards banquet after each season (fall, winter, and spring).

New Business

- FAST information discussion (what we do, what we provide, etc.) led by President Kearchner and Treasurer Fisher

- 2021-2022
 - Fundraisers included Chicken BBQ and Phippenfest parking
 - Requests fulfilled by FAST—
 - Boys' soccer shirts
 - Football ipads (2)
 - Field hockey warm-up apparel
 - Hall of fame plaque
 - District shirts
 - Audio upgrade in gym
 - Graduation snacks
 - Award night gifts and snacks
 - Baseball/softball drainage dirt
 - scholarships
 - FAST requested to also assist with the following (but were either denied or were never responded to) —
 - Upgrading scoreboards
 - Remodel locker rooms
 - Softball fence (outfields)
 - Carts for moving hurdles
- 2022-2023
 - Fundraisers included Chicken BBQ and Phippenfest parking
 - Requests fulfilled by FAST—
 - Football headphones
 - Track/field jackets for states
 - Golf bags
 - District shirts
 - scholarships
 - FAST requested to also assist with the following (but were either denied or were never responded to) —
 - Gym banners
 - Signing ceremony improvement
 - Media Day
- 2022-2023
 - Fundraisers included Phippenfest parking
 - Requests fulfilled by FAST—
 - Permit/insurance
 - Ruth Harvest donation

- Soccer apparel
 - District t-shirts
 - Jr. class donation
 - Drinks/snacks for invitational track meet
 - Waters for various sports teams
 - scholarships
- Banners for the gym
 - Treasurer Fisher made a motion that FAST pay \$3,500 towards redoing the banners in the gym. After further discussion, President Kearcher amended the motion to add that, in addition to redoing the banners, FAST would also pay for the senior posters that are displayed. Secretary Lawler seconded the amended motion. Motion passed.
 - Senior pictures will be taken prior to each sports season.
- Fund requests
 - FAST has had no specific fund requests.
 - Treasurer Fisher suggested that FAST pay \$8,000 for a new scoring table. Treasurer Fisher asked AD Bruck what was included in the \$8,000 cost for the scoring table. AD Bruck showed a picture of what he had in mind.
 - Treasurer Fisher suggested that FAST consider paying \$6,000 to the middle school gym floor.
 - Ms. Ferguson-Miller said that the scoring table and new middle school gym floor are items that are already in the budget that the school board expects to pass soon. As a result, she suggested that FAST pay for other needed items.
 - FAST board said that it would contact AD Bruck for a wish list of needed items.
- Fundraisers
 - Mr. Liller said that money fundraised by FAST during events associated with the school could be subject to Title 9. Mr. Liller is going to get further clarification from the school solicitor.
 - Mr. Liller suggested that FAST not compete with any other school groups that are also fundraising.
 - There was discussion about FAST no longer doing Pippenfest parking as a fundraiser. In place of it, President Kearchner suggested doing bingo since FAST has a small games of chance license. Treasurer Fisher also suggested a “a-thon” type of event.

- Award night
 - AD Bruck thinks the date for this is May 15.
 - Scholarships
 - Due date for applications from students is April 22, 2024.
 - Other—
 - There was discussion about the request submittal form to get payment from FAST. The form must be from a coach describing the need of a Fairfield sports team OR someone who justifies a personal hardship/need.
 - There was general discussion about FAST needing to advertise and communicate more with the coaches and teams.
 - Because the FAST board members do not have access to the current FAST Facebook page, Mr. Liller suggested that the old FAST Facebook page be deleted and that a new one be created.
 - There was general discussion about needing a post office box. President Kearchner made a motion for FAST to get a post office box for 12 months at the cost of \$72. Secretary Lawler second the motion. Motion passed.
 - President Kearchner suggested that FAST resurrect the homecoming parade that Fairfield did years ago (usually done the Thursday before the homecoming Friday). Fairfield borough told President Kearchner that the parade could use the same route that baseball uses for their opening day parade. However, permission for the parade will have to be granted by the school board.
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- **The next FAST meeting will be held on May 22, 2024, at 6:30 pm in the Board Room.**
 - **The meeting was concluded at 8:53 pm**