

Governor French PTSO: October 20th, 2021 MINUTES

Start of meeting: 4:36 p.m. by Regina Chiu

Opening Quote: "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." --Helen Keller

Introduction of the officers:

- President— Hold Vote on Ron Herberts for this position
- Treasurer—Regina Chiu
- Secretary—Crista Jamous
- Advocacy Chair—Matt Pidgeon
- Fundraising Committee—Patika Hackleman and Dee Patel
- Student Outreach Committee— (Students interested?)

Held a vote for Ron Herberts for the presidency position. Motion was passed. There was a question if it was ok for the same household to run two positions within the PTSO. It was pointed out that volunteers have not stepped forward and the previous President and secretary/treasurer were from the same household.

It was brought up that we still need students to join the PTSO. Mrs. K Powers and Mrs. Stewart said that they would talk to the upper school.

4:41 pm

Treasurer's Report: Regina Chiu gave an update of the finances after the pumpkin money had come in.

The screenshot shows the FCB Banks website interface. At the top, there is a navigation menu with 'Home', 'Accounts', 'Transfer', and 'Bill Payment'. Below this, the 'Home' section is active, followed by an 'Alerts' section with a 'Stay Alert' notification and an 'Enroll' button. The main section is 'Accounts', displaying details for 'FCB SIMPLIFIED BUS' with account number 'XXXXXX8901' and an available balance of '\$978.36'. A 'Recent' dropdown menu is visible next to the balance. Below the account details is a transaction history table:

| Date | Description | Amount |
|--------------|---------------------------------|--------|
| Oct 19, 2021 | CREDIT | 445.00 |
| Oct 05, 2021 | DELUXE CHECK CHECK/ACC. | -29.95 |
| Oct 04, 2021 | PAYPAL VERIFYBANK 1016036585961 | -0.07 |
| Oct 04, 2021 | PAYPAL VERIFYBANK 1016036585959 | 0.04 |
| Oct 04, 2021 | PAYPAL VERIFYBANK 1016036585960 | 0.03 |
| Sep 27, 2021 | DEPOSIT | 563.31 |

- Opened account at FCB
- Regina Chiu, Crista Jamous, and Mrs. Powers on account
- PayPal has been setup. PTSO@governorfrench.com
- Approval to spend more than \$100?
- Spend \$275 on Bounce House for fall festival?

4:46pm

World Language Club answered questions about the fall festival.

Fall festival will be held Oct. 29th at 3pm.

The WLC president was at the meeting and stated they will have the bounce house (provided by the PTSO) on the playground area and the children will be allowed to have a chance to play on it in timed increments. This will be done according with the schedule that works with the school day. There will be carnival style games. This will be manned by the WLC and the yearbook committee.

4:52 pm

PTSO asked for approval to spend \$275 on the inflatable bounce house for the fall festival. Motion was approved.

4:53 pm

Approval of the September 15th meetings' minutes

Motion brought forward and approved.

It was asked that the PTSO make these minutes available. It was decided that they will be added to the Governor French website under the PTSO section.

4:56pm

Committee Reports

Fundraising committee goals—Teacher's wish list in December, Serve Hot Chocolate on November 5th and November 26th for downtown Belleville parades.

World Language Club would like to do the spirit week. This is generally held during the Founder's Day event.

5:03 pm

- Pumpkin Fundraiser—Pumpkins have been passed out, return on the 25th decorated, need to pick staff members to judge, gift baskets for top winner of each category. Bake Sale at the pickup time (made \$24). Mrs. K Powers and Mrs. Stewart were asked to find faculty among the staff that will be impartial judges.
- Meet and greet for new families? Sponsored by the PTSO-- Dee Patel stated that she would take this project on.
- Paint the High School lunch area? Emily Adams volunteered, need students to connect.
- Fall Festival—Needs of the World Language Club and volunteers to help run the stands. Candy jar contest?
- Shop with Scrip (ask about how cards are delivered), Box Tops apps, Amazon Smile. Link to PTSO found at governorfrench.com at the bottom of the page.
- Setup future fundraisers?

5:15 pm

A Parent was concerned that the PTSO has only helped the World Language Club and the Yearbook committee with this first fundraiser. The parent said that there are other groups that could use the support. Mrs. K Powers mentioned the whole school came together to get the fall festival going and more than one group is helping to run it. President Herberts stated that if there are any groups that are looking for assistance, they will need to contact the PTSO or come to the meetings so the needs can be assessed and how they can be helped.

5:18 pm

Parent concerned new parents aren't active in the PTSO. Before this meeting flyers and emails were sent out, and it was advertised during convocation.

It was suggested to list something on the website about getting involved. President Herberts said that he would work on that.

A second suggestion was to get a list of new parents and reach out to them individually.

A third suggestion was to print flyers to place in the welcome packets for new families.

5:26 pm—Meeting adjourned

Future Meetings:

- November 17th, 2021
- December 15th, 2021
- January 19th, 2021
- February 16th, 2021
- March 23rd, 2021
- April 20th, 2021
- May 11th, 2021