Flagg Street PTG Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 13, 2026

Attendees: Leah Gregoire, Kelly Kach, Shawna Sylvia, Britt Petty, Colleen Dyer, Grace Sliwoski, Megan Thompson, Briana Gibson, Jen Komenos, Amie Rocha, Pam Brezniak, Patti Donavan, Nicole Rawdon, Angella Lavallee (Virtual attendees not recorded)

The meeting began at 6:00pm.

Welcome……....Grace Sliwoski, Co-President
Due to the small group size, Grace asked attendees to go around the room and introduce themselves.

Principal's Update ……....Ms. Colleen Dyer, Principal
Mrs. Dyer started her update with data, informing the group that last year's MCAS data showed that FSS improved its accountability score from 80% to 85% accountability; Mrs. Dyer congratulated parents, teachers, and past principal, Mrs. Genese, on their excellent work explaining that when scores are already high, it is very impressive to have a 5% improvement.
Mrs. Dyer also shared that the Halloween parade will be Friday Oct. 30th at 1:30. More information is coming. School dismissal will be the same as usual that day, unless parents inform the teachers otherwise.
Mrs. Dyer shared that the whole district is pushing an "Attendance Matters Campaign", to encourage better school attendance. At FSS, each class has a tracking paper in the cafe. Each class with perfect attendance for the day receives a star. At the end of the month, the class with the most stars receives an ice cream party. Contest resets every month.

Minutes of September 8, 2026……..……..Nicole Rawdon, Co-Clerk
Nicole Rawdon explained that the minutes from last month's PTG meeting were shared through the PTG email list, as well as posted on the PTG website. She requested a motion to approve the minutes. **Angella Lavallee motioned to approve the minutes, Kelly Kach seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.** View them on the website.

Update to Bylaws……..……..…….....Megan Thompson, Co-Clerk
Megan Thompson explained that at last month's meeting, she had reviewed the process for the proposed revisions to the bylaws, last updated in 2019. The proposed bylaws were shared through email to the PTG members on Tuesday, September 29th and then again on Thursday, October 8 for review. Megan provided a high level overview of the key changes to the bylaws and then motioned for approval. Prior to the vote, there was discussion around adding a teacher/staff position to the board. All executive board positions are open to parents, caregivers, teachers, and school staff. There is a possibility to add a teacher representative as a new board position, but Grace asked the group to approve the proposed bylaws first. She explained that a new position would require an amendment to the bylaws, a two week waiting period for review, and another vote. **Grace motioned to approve the bylaws** and **Leah Gregoire seconded.** The bylaws were passed unanimously. View them on the website.

Treasurer's Report……..Jen Komenos & Grace Sliwoski
Grace shared a printed report of the current spending that showed two sections: 1) What the PTG has in the bank and the month's transaction and 2) The budget versus actuals. If you would like to view it, email treasurer@flaggstptg.org. The PTG bank statement is reviewed at the end of the month and coded based on its spending category as outlined in the 26-27 budget. The actual spending is lower to date than budgeted due to donations, sponsorships, and use of Scholastic Dollars. Unplanned expenses that the PTG Board has voted to support are the Grade 6 field trip to *A Christmas Carol* at The Hanover Theater and Grades 4, 5, 6 field trip to a Railers hockey game. The PTG received an old unpaid invoice for T-shirts from last year's Boosterthon, which had

not been factored into this year's budget. It is not an issue, but the PTG wanted to share it. The PTG also purchased gift cards for the two custodians for National Custodian Day and flowers for Mr. D's family to congratulate him and his wife on their new baby. The PTG also set up a nonprofit BJ's and Walmart membership.

Teacher mini-grant applications will be sent out in the next few weeks. This is an opportunity for any teacher or staff member to propose a project to administration and apply for PTG funds. There will also be an option to apply for Scholastic Dollars to support classroom libraries.

Committee Updates
Fall Family Night and Scholastic Book Fair…….Briana Gibson
Briana Gibson shared that Fall Family Night was another successful event. She thanked the volunteers who helped out and the families who supported the event by attending–with a special thank you to Joe Abramoff and Property & Lifestyle Advisors for sponsoring the event. The PTG has heard positive feedback about having the food trucks and face painting. She also shared that the Scholastic Book Fair was up $1000 from last year and $2000 from two years ago. The PTG had set aside the toys and trinkets to be sold at Family Fall Night, rather than during the school day, so there was an increased spending on books. Ms. Jean-Pierre (virtual attendee) said from a teacher perspective it was good having less access to toys during the school day. Anything over $4,000 in sales can be converted to cash or Scholastic Dollars. The total was $11,990.81. In prior years, we have converted all to Scholastic Dollars. We did that this year, converting $5995.20 to Scholastic dollars, which can be used to purchase books for Read-a-Thon-prizes, Bingo for Books, and school library and classroom libraries. We do have an option to host a spring book fair if desired. Next year, there will be an option for families to purchase books for classroom libraries.

Storywalk……..…….Nicole Rawdon
Nicole reported that the October guest reader event was well-attended. Dozens of kids and parents and even Mayor Petty attended. She thanked FSS mom and therapist Britt Petty who did a fantastic job as the reader. Nicole said there will be more information coming about a November event and asked anyone interested in being a guest reader or helping with the Storywalk to contact her at clerk@flaggstptg.org.

6th Grade Fundraising…….Jen Komenos
Jen reported that the PTG voted to support the 6th grade experience with funding a portion of costs. If any 6th grade parent is interested in helping out to organize special events or create the yearbook, please contact her at jkomenos5@gmail.com.

Gardening……..…….Grace Sliwoski
Grace reminded meeting attendees that FSS has multiple garden spaces with opportunities for students to work on gardening projects that complement the curriculum via free programs sponsored by the Worcester REC. Interested teachers should contact Mrs. Belisle. She told parents & caregivers to keep an eye out for an upcoming planting day.

Grace reminded attendees that the next PTG Meeting is on Tuesday, Nov 10, 2026 at 6pm (doors open at 5:45pm) Children are welcome.

During the time for questions and comments, Leah Gregoire asked about creating a playground equipment lending library that is left for community use. Other meeting attendees and school admin expressed concerns about theft based on prior experience with such initiatives. No decisions were made.
Shawna Sylvia asked about an opportunity to send grant opportunities to the PTG, such as the pending grants from the Meta settlement. Any grants would need to be sought in conjunction with the school district, so should be directed to Ms. Dyer.

Amie Rocha asked to review safe touch expectations with the students. Ms. Dyer, Ms. Donovan, and Miss Brezniak reviewed the different ways in which FSS supports student dialogue and reflection about safe choices and boundaries. Britt Petty brought up a pro-social approach, teaching consent, and helping kids to navigate how boundaries and feelings change over the course of a K-6 tenure. Leah Gregoire mentioned that the kindergarten playground needs mulch to ensure student safety. Mrs. Dyer is going to explore options and the PTG offered to pay for mulch if needed. Shawna Sylvia also recommended that meeting attendees attend the Citywide Parent Planning Advisory Council (CPPAC) meetings. The next meeting is on December 3rd. Information can be found here: https://worcestercppac.weebly.com/
The meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm.