

Palmetto Middle School PTSA General Meeting Minutes

February 8th, 2018 at 9:00 am

Palmetto Middle School

Call to Order:

- This meeting was called to order in the Media Center by President Katie Abbott at 9:09 am.

Roll Call/Attendance:

- Attendance sheets were present and filled out.

Quorum:

- A quorum was established.

Approval of Prior Minutes:

- The minutes from the last PTSA General Meeting were approved (Agendas and notes will be on the website).

President's Report (Katie Abbott):

- AV Studio Fundraiser (Ms. Sabina)
 - Doing a brand new morning announcement studio. PTSA will fund up to \$4500 dollar match. Goal is a total of \$9000. An artist (Miguel Paredes) will be doing a mural. The children will be doing a website for fundraising.
 - A parent told us about a site where Chevron was able to contribute. She will look into the site.
- PTSA voted on adding a line item to the budget for expense and income for auditorium improvements. A motion was made and seconded. All in favor. The motion was passed.
- Florida Green School Certification Update/Clean Up- Green Up 2/19, 3/23
 - Dana March- We will be the first middle school in the state to be a Green Apple school. We made it through the first round and are now in the second round. We now have bike parking for the kids to bike. A parent brought up concerns with bike safety. We will also have two electric car charging station designated spots. You will buy a pass for \$10. We have a solar classroom.
 - We will have two Clean Up-Green Up days. 2/19 and 3/23. The kids will do painting and clean up. They will receive service hours.
 - Our goal is to launch around Earth Day.
- Vote: Sports Funding Line Item to Budget (Expense and Income)
 - Our sports teams need money for uniforms/upgrades on jerseys. We received \$500 towards track and field. There were also sales to raise money. We have about \$740 raised for track and field. Started first meet with new jerseys.
 - The goal is to raise money and the vendors can be paid with these funds.
 - Please sign up for the sports committee.

- A motion was made to add a line item to the general budget for sports funding (expense and income). The motion was seconded. All were in favor and the motion was passed.
- Email Erica Watts pmsports2018@gmail.com
- Valentine Grams
 - Sales 2/5-2/13
 - Sorting on 2/13. We will also distribute the bands for the dance.
 - Delivery 2/14
 - Thank You volunteers
 - We need volunteers to help sell pizza, set up, make decorations. We need gift cards for games and contests.
 - Sign up
 - <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d45acaa2da46-valentine1>
- PTSA Nomination Committee & Board Search for 2018-2019
 - We are looking for board positions. We are looking for President and other spots. The active search will begin next month.

Treasure's Report (Amy Jellson):

- Budget Status
 - Our budget is the same as last month.
- Reimbursement Procedures
 - We made a new policy that you have to turn in reimbursement request (check request form) with receipts within 60 days, otherwise you will not be reimbursed. You can get the forms online and submit the forms in the office.

Vice President Reports

- **1st VP-Operations (Tara Hudson)**
 - Teacher Appreciation Week- 5/7-5/11
 - We are in early stages of planning. Our chair is Anna Hochkammer.
- **2nd VP-Programs (Gina Vinueza)**
 - Valentine's Dance 2/14 at 3:15-5:00
 - Sign ups: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d45acaa2da46-valentines>
 - Career Day
 - We only have 3 people respond to a request for chair and none of them are able to chair that date. We need a chair in order to have career day.
 - A suggestion was made to do a career day every three years, instead of every year.
 - The date is scheduled for April 2nd. We can move the date if needed. Erica Watts said she can chair Career Day if it is moved to May.
- **3rd VP-Ways and Means (Adela Bryant- reported by Katie Abbott)**
 - Brick Fundraiser Update

- We are working on front of school so project is on hold.
- **Legislative Chair (Elizabeth Heise and Francesca Puga- reported by Katie Abbott)**
 - March is Go Vote Miami Month
 - Many people are not registered to vote. Hopefully we will have a register-to-vote drive at March meeting.
- **Membership and Donation Report (Nicole Zimelman)**
 - No new business reported.

Principal's Report (Mr. Gonzalez)

- Handouts: Available MDCPS Testing Calendars (DRAFTS)
 - Starting with ESOL testing today.
 - Calendar was handed out to parents.
 - There are changes to testing coming up. There will be changes starting next year moving away from computer based testing.
- **GOB**
 - Former Mayor Lerner is helping us. The auditorium is going to get a major renovation. We hope to put money into the music room, as well.
- **The Front Garden**
 - A concerned parent wrote in asking about the front garden. There is a meeting today to address these concerns.
- Science competition this weekend on Saturday at Miami Dade North with Ms. Ortiz. The PMS Cheerleaders will also be there cheering on the science teams. We are so grateful for everything that she does for Palmetto Middle School.
- Drama came back from competition on Saturday with superiors.
- Teachers voted on block scheduling. It needed to be passed by 62% in favor for all that were present. The vote was 62%, so it did not pass for next year.

New Business

- Mr. Dixon reported about EASAC meeting.
 - Now able to do iReady on ipad.
 - Discussed motivation for the students to do more iReady. Feels that more iReady will transfer to better grades.
 - Suggested meeting with teacher to understand what they are teaching when children doing class selection.
 - Katie Abbott- Ms. Kinchens has set up incentive programs.
- A parent brought up concerns with bike safety.
- A parent suggested we have a meeting at night for parents to gather to talk about "middle school" topics (changes, advice, etc.).
- 2/27 @ 6:15 pm Palmetto Senior High school having a parent workshop about how to keep your child safe online and how to parent in the internet world.

Attachments:

- Agenda
- MDCPS Testing Calendars (DRAFTS)

Important Upcoming Dates:

- 2/5-2/13 Valentine Gram Sales Before School in the Breezeway
- 2/8 PTSA General Meeting at 9:00 am in Media Center
- 2/13 Valentine Gram Last Day of Sales and Sorting
- 2/14 Valentine's Day Dance and Gram Delivery in Homeroom
- 2/19 NO SCHOOL
- 3/1 PTSA Board Meeting at 9:00 am
- 3/8 PTSA General Meeting at 9:00 am in Media Center

Upcoming Board Meetings:

- 3/1 at 9 am

Upcoming General Assembly Meetings:

- 3/8 at 9 am

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.

*** As always: Please turn-in BOX TOPS and purchase Amazon goods at no cost to you through <https://www.amazon.com/?tag=palmettomiddlepts-20> ***

Lisa Gitlin

Approved as:

Written 2/8/18