

Palmetto Middle School PTSA General Meeting Minutes
November 9' 2017 at 9:10am
Palmetto Middle School

Call to Order:

*This meeting was called to order in the Media Center by President Katie Abbott at 9:10am.

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 by Francisca Puga; seconded by Lisette Perez. (Agendas and notes will be on the website.)

President's Report (Katie Abbott):

*Cocktail Party—Wonderful party...thank you for all who attended. Nice to see Teachers, Administrators, Dads, and no kids.

*Boo Grams—Thank you for those who participated in the program...buying them, selling them, and distributing them. We made a few hundred dollars.

*Give Miami Program—It's a one day program on 11/16/17 where non-profits ask the community for money. We are advertising for PMS especially alumni to help with money donations for the school auditorium. Membership numbers are down. Business memberships have helped, but we don't have enough money. Corporations can company match.

*Revised School Calendar—Some half-days are now full days. MDCPS has already changed the calendar on their website.

*Life Time, Inc. Volunteer Request—Katie wants water table at Miami Marathon Mile 18 sponsored by PMS and staffed by PMS parents and students. Nobody has volunteered yet. Volunteers would need to get there at 4am and stay through 10am.

* Silent Auction items—There are items from the Cocktail Party left over. Mathnasium (\$200) being sold for \$50.

--Whole Foods donated some food for the cocktail party. They have a holiday menu. Sneak preview at new place on 104th St.

*Swimming Team Tryouts—Friday, 11/17 5-6pm Miami-Dade Community Pool

*Dr. Greg Ross—He is a PTSA sponsor with Rothenberg & Ross Orthodontics and takes out an 8th grade yearbook ad. He spoke at the meeting and showed a powerpoint of problems that may occur which need orthodontic treatment.

Treasurer's Report (Amy Jellson):

*PTSA is doing okay financially.

*If you need to be reimbursed for items purchased for the school, you must submit a form and attach the receipt for the treasurer to write you a check for reimbursement.

Vice President Reports

**1st VP-Operations (Tara Hudson):

*Teacher Luncheon Update—It will be on 12/21. Volunteers are needed.

The sign up will be posted soon. It will be catered by A Fare To Remember.

**2nd VP-Programs (Gina Vinueza):

*Red Ribbon Week—Thank you for the help.

*Turkey Bowl—It will be on 11/17/17. Kids rotate around the school with teachers. Mr. Cromer needs help with keeping it organized. There usually is a tent set up to sell water.

**3rd VP-Ways and Means (Adela Bryant):

* Book Fair—It is going on 11/13-11/17. Volunteers are needed and can sign up on the Sign Up Genius site. Volunteers can sign up for the specific day and time that their child's English class visits the Book Fair. It opens at 8:30am. Although there are 4 hour time slots, a volunteer can show up for less time. Parents can send money with students to use at the book fair.

*Pizza Sales—They occur every Thursday after school.

Membership and Donation Report (Nicole Zimelman):

*Only 18% of Palmetto Families have become members...sad!

EESAC Representative (Ainsley Dixon):

*Ainsley Dixon was not at the meeting. Wants to discuss the School Improvement Plan and ideas about tutoring students...will discuss at a later time.

Principal's Report:

*Panther For A Day—There was a last minute meeting about a date change, but the date is staying at 11/29/17.

*I-Ready Test is being given during the first 2 weeks of December. The report will be provided the last week of December or first week of January.

*Give Miami Day—11/16. The TV room is old...want better Broadcasting system (like Pinecrest Elementary).

*Turkey Bowl—11/17. Turkey Bowl is a football game. There are different activities for the students to walk to and watch—football game, auditorium with drama/dance program, etc. Students go with their grade levels...in waves. It will be on 11/17, because the last week of school (Thanksgiving Week) there is low attendance.

*Garden Update—The front bricks placement will be moved to December. They will be placed within that month.

*Lancer For A Day—12/5. For the first time, the 5th grade students will be able to walk around the building. Main schools are Pinecrest Elementary, Palmetto Elementary, and Howard Drive Elementary. Because Mr. Gonzalez presented the PMS program at Coral Reef Elementary, some of those students will also be touring. The Fine Arts teachers will show Winter Showcase rehearsals during the visit.

New Business:

*Katie Abbott spoke about the AP Talk the night before. She will post topics discussed at that meeting on Facebook. If any parents have any questions about AP classes and/or Palmetto Senior, they can contact Katie.

Village Updates:

*Anna Hockhammer said the Village is okay. They want to do something around March 10th with all Village schools...thinking about a Bike/Run/Walk Day. They want the Pinecrest Parks and Recreation to sponsor it and link all of the Village Parks together.

*MPSH info.—HB7069—She said it needs to be abolished and to vote NO. Good news—MPSH was able to keep the \$42 billion to rebuild/refurbish the school. It's now ready to go and start the building process. We should congratulate Cindy Lerner for being an advocate and helping the process along. The groundbreaking is soon. All money and plans are ready to go. It has taken a long time to make this

happen...about 7-10 years. Although the process is long, it is worth it to keep at it for future students and people in the Village.

*The 5 Village schools joined together to put out a pamphlet. It's not ready yet. Some terminology isn't right and needs to be changed. The Village of Pinecrest is thinking of a decision to eliminate MDCPS from the pamphlet and just make the pamphlet a Village initiative.

*The Education Advisory Committee wants a public school expo for the 5 schools, but the district said no. The elementary school principals want the expo specifically to showcase their Pre-K programs.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- *11/10 Veterans Day—NO SCHOOL
- *11/13-17 Book Fair
- *11/16 Give Miami Day
- *11/17 Turkey Bowl
- *11/20 School Tour 9:15am
- *11/23-24 Thanksgiving Recess—NO SCHOOL
- *11/29 Panther for a Day
- *No General PTSA Meeting in December.
- *12/5 Lancer for a Day
- *12/6-7 Winter Showcase—Drama, Dance, Music
- *12/18 School Tour 9:15am
- *12/21 PTSA Staff Holiday Luncheon
- *12/25-1/5 Winter Recess—NO SCHOOL
- *1/22 School Tour 9:15am
- *1/18 PTSA General Meeting

Upcoming Board Meetings:

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Upcoming General Assembly:

*1/18 at 9:00am

Adjournment:

*The meeting was adjourned at 10:20am