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# General PTO Meeting

Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 6 p.m.

Zoom



# Agenda

- Partners in Education Update
- Bobcat Bolt
- Fundraising Projects Update
- By-Laws Update
- Elections Process Update
- Upcoming Meetings and Events



# Partners in Education Update

- Bobcat Bags
- Bobcat Bolt Update (water bottles, signs, TFW, and day of)
- Partners Survey



# Bobcat Bolt

- Funds Raised: \$65,555.00
- Elementary Schedule tomorrow (2/10/22)
  - K:11:05-12:00
  - 1:12:55-1:50
  - 2:9:55-10:50
  - 3:12:00-12:55
  - 4:9:00-9:55
  - 5:1:50-2:40
- Middle School Schedule Friday (2/11/22)
  - Group 1 from 1:20 – 2:05
    - 7<sup>th</sup> period teachers in Group 1 include: Bavuso, Brown, Hart, Stofko, Bench, Mann, Lieffers, Torr, Mattheus.
  - Group 2 from 1:55 – 2:45
    - 7<sup>th</sup> period teachers in Group 2 include: Hines, Youmans, Tarsitano, Stiller, Pretorius, Nettles, Leavell, Lacoste, Harris, Fry, Duraiswamy, Braddock, Boynton, Christensen, Alarcon.



# Fundraising Projects Update

- Poster maker for staff
- Landscaping (front, marquee)
- Golf cart waiting area shade structure (for students and staff)
- Landscaping (playground and fields)





# By-Laws Update

- If there are enough people on the call, we will vote on the By-laws changes (Per Bylaws: 14 total PTO members, 4 of which can be board members)
- Biggest changes:
  - Add a President Elect position
  - Add rezoning clause that moves elections up 1 month



# Elections Process Update

- **There is no President for next year.** The current Co-President has stepped down from President next year.
- We have interest at the VP levels if someone steps into the President role. If someone does not, then they will not run because our bylaws state someone in the VP will be elected President.
- We have interest in the recording and corresponding secretary roles.
- We do not have a Partners in Education chair for next year.





# Elections Process Update

- What does this mean overall?
  - There will be a "skeleton crew" on the PTO board. Florida nonprofit law states that there must be a minimum of a Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and one additional member. We will meet this.
  - However, with no President or Vice Presidents, there is no oversight.



# Elections Process Update

- The school relies on the PTO for:
  - \$18,000 in technology
  - \$15,000 in teachers grants
  - \$13,000 in personal/professional development
  - \$15,000 in teacher appreciation, and much more.
  - We have enough to write checks for these next year; however, we will not in the years to come.
- **If there is not a Partners In Education chair, we lose \$45,000 alone in renewal income.**
- If there is no President or Vice President, there is no oversight, thus:
  - The Bobcat Bolt will not take place, and that has generated between \$50,000 and \$100,000 over the last 4 years.
  - Teacher appreciation week will look different as there is no one to oversee it.
  - First day folders will look different or will not happen.
  - There will be no spirit wear or events.



# Elections Process Update

- To summarize:
  - We need a President and President Elect for next year. It works best if there is a duo to work together in this role; however, we at least need a President.
  - We need a Partners in Education chair. This is not an elected board position, but our current Partners in Education chair attends every meeting and has a say in everything. We have considered adding this role to the board.
  - Other committee chair positions (not elected) we need, even with a “skeleton crew:”
    - Volunteer Coordinator
    - Hospitality Co-Chairs
    - Teacher Appreciation Co-Chairs



# Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Thursday, February 10: Bobcat Bolt (Elementary)
- Friday, February 11: Bobcat Bolt (Middle School)
- Thursday, February 17 – Friday, February 25: Book Fair



## PALM VALLEY ACADEMY PTO GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** 2/09/2022

**LOCATION:** Zoom

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Anne Chance

**TIME:** 611pm

**ATTENDANCE:** 7 Board Members, 24 PTO Members (31 total)

### MEETING MINUTES:

- 1.) Quorum is present
- 2.) Partners in Education Update
  - a. Bobcat Bags: Way for the sponsors to get some swag and promotional items home to the families. We were able to collect items from 3 partners and the bags were sent home in January. We would like to offer this to our partners in the future. We learned from it and will make some changes, but overall it was very successful.
  - b. Bolt: We were able to make water bottles to go home with all of the kids that lists the Partners names on the back (we were not able to give the table/face time at fall festival since it didn't happen, so this was a make up to get their name out to our families). We will also have signs at the bolt with the benefactor logos and they will be announced at the bobcat bolt.
  - c. Partner Survey: we have sent out a survey to our partners for them to give feedback. We are working on collecting these to be able see what is liked/what they would like changed as we work on the matrix for next years partners.
- 3.) Bobcat Bolt
  - a. We appreciate the community support so far for this event. Thank you to the classroom coordinators and the bolt co-chairs.
  - b. Elementary Bolt has been postponed until 2/15 for field conditions. Middle School bolt will be determined tomorrow if they will postpone it, but plan to keep it Friday 2/11 for now. Middle School Bolt will operate as an extended 7<sup>th</sup> period day. The middle school track will be larger than the elementary school track. If the classroom coordinator cannot make the new date- contact the Bolt committee to let them know.
- 4.) Fundraising Project Update
  - a. The Postermaker for the staff- money was raised from Charleston wrap. Paperwork has been sent in for this.
  - b. Landscaping (front, marquee)- this was already in the budget from previous years
  - c. Golf Cart waiting area shade structure- bolt has raised enough money to cover this. We are working on paperwork. With the hope to get this done over the summer.
  - d. Landscaping (playgrounds and fields)- bolt money will cover the plans for this landscaping improvement. We will continue to work out the details of who will be covering maintenance for this. The plan is Jerry with our Maintenance Dept at the school will be in charge of it.
- 5.) By-Laws Update
  - a. Two Changes to be approved- Changing the 2 co-presidents to a president and president-elect. The president-elect would take the first year to get to know the job before they run it as president the following year. Added a small section regarding re-zoning- so that the election would occur one month earlier.

- b. These changes were approved by vote.
- 6.) Election Update
- a. We are looking for candidates to run for President and President-elect positions. All positions on the board except for Treasurer are up for election.
  - b. If we do not have a president or president-elect, then The Vice President candidates have stated they will not run (they would be voted into the president position and they do not want that). Which means we will operate with a skeleton crew- Treasurer, Recording Secretary and a 3<sup>rd</sup> board member. Without a president- there is no oversight- so there will be no events.
  - c. The school and community rely on the PTO to help cover \$76,000 in expenses for the school. Technology, Teacher Grants, 1st Day Folders, etc. PIE brings in \$45,000 and membership brings in \$20,000. We make up the rest of it in other areas. Without a president though- no events, so the bobcat bolt will not happen. Teacher appreciation will look different, and we will turn 1st day folders back over to the school.
  - d. Contact the board if you are interested in running for a position, a committee position, or would like more information.
- 7.) Dr Reichenberg
- a. Basketball is off to a great start. We've had great turn out at the games.
  - b. Students are very excited for the Bolt! They are so appreciative for all that everyone is doing
  - c. Celebration-she has had opportunities to do teacher observations and there is a lot of great things happening in the classrooms
  - d. Current Issues in the school
    - i. Parent Consent For Health Services
      - 1. Communication started last December. They are working on getting a list of these who still need to complete this and will reach out to parents to make sure they are wanting to not have this on file, or they have also found there was a glitch for some people who did complete it, to make sure to get it on file.
      - 2. St John's County is the only county in the State of FL with licensed nurse in every school. They are held to a higher standard. Legislation is if a licensed nurse is to provide any screening, they need this form on file. Screening includes: Nutrition Screening- if the child has a stomach ache- this allows the nurse to find out if they had a breakfast, what did they eat. If a child is warm- this will allow them to take their temperature.
  - e. PBIS: this is a great program the school uses. The houses, liveschool. She will send out communication from the PBIS team to inform the school more about what they do.
  - f. FTE Week & Budget Projections are coming up to plan for the upcoming year-
  - g. SAC Survey- School Advising Counsel. They will be sending out a survey- they are required to do 1/year. This one will be the required 13 questions from the district. They prefer to do a second survey later in the year to be more PVA Specific.
  - h. MS Students for next year: they will be having an informational night- virtual meeting. Dr Reichenberg and an Assistant Principal will lead the presentation with the other Assistant Principals covering the live chat. This will help give what to expect in Middle School, information on electives and lockers. They are also looking to do an Orientation day for rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders. And they are working with High-Schools for course recommendations for the current 8<sup>th</sup> graders.
  - i. She is going to start communicating more frequently to let us know some of the things going on in the school.



8.) Upcoming Meetings and Events

a. Upcoming events:

- i. Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>- Bobcat Bolt
- ii. Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup>- Middle School Bobcat Bolt
- iii. February 17-25<sup>th</sup> – Book Fair
- iv. Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>- Next General PTO Meeting @6pm

9.) Meeting Adjourned 723pm