

PALM VALLEY ACADEMY PTO GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: December 9, 2019

LOCATION: PVA Cafeteria

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: Jill D'Amato

TIME: 9:07 AM

ATTENDANCE: 7 members, 0 non-members and 7 board members

- 1.) Call to order
- 2.) Establish if quorum is present – no
- 3.) Review of meeting minutes from November meeting
- 4.) Old Business
 - a. Upcoming Events
 - i. Winter Band Concert – December 3
 - ii. Girls' Basketball Tryouts – December 3-4
 - iii. Boys' Basketball Tryouts – December 5-6
 - iv. Spirit Night @ Tijuana Flats – December 4
 - v. PTO General Meeting – December 9
 - vi. 2019 Battle of the Books – December 9, 10, 12
 - vii. Spirit Store – December 13 – new hats/visors available!
 - viii. Teacher/Staff Holiday Luncheon – December 17
 - ix. Teacher/Staff Sweet Treat Exchange – December 18
 - x. Winter Break – December 23 – January 3
 - xi. Urban Air (Spirit Night) – January 6 from 4-9PM (sign waiver to save time)
 - xii. Art Walk + Jazz Band – check for \$5,700 to the art program
 1. Areas for improvement for next year: More checkout volunteers, extended event to 5:30 – 7:30P, choir / concert band performance in addition to jazz band
 2. There is a form to order the artwork from the show if you weren't able to purchase at the event. Cost is \$45.
 3. Art to Remember will be held in the spring (e.g., keychains, mugs with children's artwork) Proceeds from that program will go directly back to the art program as well.
 - xiii. Level library Class Sets for Kindergarten classes distributed to the 4 new teachers
 - xiv. Projector screen / splitter for the gym
 1. To help leverage the gym space for the Back to School and meetings, PTO will purchase a projector screen to allow meetings and other events to be held in the gym
 - xv. Mrs. Richardson was awarded Principal of the Year!!
- 5.) New Business

- a. Committee Updates
 - i. Volunteers – please review the sign ups and let us know if you’re available to help out.
 - ii. Rally in Tally (Christina)
 - 1. Florida Education Association is asking for teachers, parents, community members to come to Tallahassee on January 13 to show our support for public education to help promote funding. Florida ranks 43 for student spending and 46 for teacher pay.
 - 2. St Johns County Teachers Union is providing two buses to Tallahassee, and they can get more buses.
 - 3. Wear red to show support education.
 - iii. Partners in Education – Trasca pizza
 - 1. Worked with them to provide pizza deals for room parents for holiday parties. Orders were due last Friday (December 6).
 - iv. Bobcat Bolt
 - 1. Bolt/Color Run, Prizes, Kickball games, school wide awards days (upper school free / seating lower school double recess & popsicles)
 - a. Prizes are distributed.
 - b. Kickball games went really well and the students had fun.
 - c. Upper school had free seating for the week.
 - d. Lower school had double recess and popsicles.
 - 2. Fundraising / Budget status - \$117,504 raised
 - v. Spending projects status / PPOF
 - a. With moneys raised, we are moving forward with outdoor classroom (8 picnic tables + umbrellas) and 2 laptops/ipads for every classroom.
 - b. PARC group handled landscaping
 - c. Activity court (basketball court with hoops and other activities on the court) will be next priority – funds approved, working through transplant of two trees and relocation of irrigation. The target date is Martin Luther King holiday weekend.
 - d. Working through PPOF process for two sets of water fountains. This will take some time (at least two months or longer) but target date for spring.
 - e. Thank you to all of the families who supported the Bobcat Bolt so we can do all of these amazing projects at our school.
 - vi. Communication
 - 1. Anything for the school newsletter needs to be in by December 13.
 - vii. Treasurers (Purvi/Jilian) – mini grants, general updates
 - 1. 36 teachers have submitted and received their mini grant funds. PTO will do an additional push in January to get more teachers to utilize their

funds. Talk to your teachers and asked them if they've used their mini grant (\$100 per classroom).

- viii. Gala – February 21 – donations, tickets, etc.
 - 1. Adult only function with food, music (DJ), photo booth, auction (theme is Fire and Ice)
 - 2. Looking for volunteers (e.g., getting donations, décor, tear down)
 - 3. If anyone wants to donate towards the silent auction and volunteer, please email Selenia (or Sara) at lighthouse950@gmail.com or sarajohannabolden@gmail.com
 - 4. Tickets will be capped at 226 tickets. Tickets will go on sale on a specific date. Tickets are \$50.
- ix. Mrs. Richardson Update
 - 1. We still have 130 items that need to be purchased for the holiday gift drive. They need helmets and locks along with other wish list items.
 - 2. Lost and Found clothes will be donated to Hugs Across the County
 - 3. Friday, December 20 – school wide pajama day (Polar Express) as a treat for students. Students are in testing starting today.
 - a. K-3 – iReady testing started today
 - b. 4-5 – iReady testing early next week
 - c. Middle schoolers – exams end of this week and next week
 - 4. Friday, December 20 is early release (1:50 p.m.)
 - 5. Elaine Parker, Samantha Baker, and Stacey Gopal gave a presentation that was really well received at the St. Johns County Legislative Delegation meeting to senator and cabinet re: overcrowding with numbers. It was displayed in the positive manner with a positive message and everyone was very impressed.
 - 6. Jingle Grams started today (via Student Council)
 - 7. There are a few open positions (two associate teacher positions, custodial opening, school clerk).
 - 8. We are beginning to prepare for next year.
 - 9. Mr. Price got engaged at the winter concert!! What a special moment for them and all who were there. The kids were so excited for him. Our middle school band is phenomenal.

6.) Questions/Comments:

- a. Spanish classroom can now hear all announcements
- b. Ponte Vedra Recorder has a fundraising option: \$35 for the entire year and \$10 goes back to the school.

Next Meeting / Principal Chat is January 13 at 6:30 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 9:59 AM By Jill D'Amato

MINUTES COMPILED BY: Anne Chance, Recording Secretary