



Palm Valley Academy PTO General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday March 20, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Parent Representatives

President Beth Gassner Pres Elect Honesty Harless VP Elementary Anne Powers
VP Middle Jessica Doreneau Treasurer Brittany Hulsey Recording Secretary Nicole Callis
Corresponding Secretary Brooke Connors

PTO Members

Emily Britt Mara Pinno Sam Baker
Cori Bridges Jessie Rausch Amy Stellwagon
Casey Monti Elaine Vulcano-Parker Brittany Dunning
Barbara Hager

[Meeting Called to Order by Beth Gessner at 9:09 a.m.](#)

[Principal's Comments: Mr. Zachary Strom](#)

- Not present.

[President's Comments: Beth Gassner](#)

- Establish if quorum is present.
 - No.
 - Review of **January 19th** Meeting minutes and February 15th not approved (Not enough for quorum).
- Election Process:
 - Present Ballot for 2024-2025 School Year Elections
 - April 17th at 9:00am in person meeting to vote
- Updated Bylaws:
 - Bylaws updated and discussed during March 4th Executive Meeting
 - Looking at making general meeting less frequently due to low attendance:
 - "Regular meetings of the full membership (General PTO) shall be held at a minimum twice per year, with one meeting should be held at a minimum per half of the school year (August-December and then January-May)."
- Motion to amend bylaws made by Anne; second by Honesty; all in favor and passed to present updated bylaws at General PTO Meeting.
- Some concern over members not coming to the meetings if they are less frequent.
 - Can try it this way and see if it works or doesn't work
 - Can always re-adjust in the future

[President Elect Comments: Honesty Harless](#)

- MS Events Update below

VP Elementary: Anne Powers:

- 5th Grade Promotion yard signs
 - On sale now and close April 3rd
 - Link on social
 - \$15/each and pick up locations will be announced
- 5th Grade Promotion ceremony
 - Save the Date May 21st
 - PVA Cafeteria 5:30-7pm
 - 2 guests per student
 - Sign Up genius going out mid-April for RSVP
- 5th Grade Celebration
 - May 22nd
 - "Escape to Middle School"
 - Students only during school day
- Bobcat Bolt was March 1st
 - Class Winner:
 - K – Beatty
 - 1st – Ridout (class that raises the most money get to silly string admin)
 - 2nd – Harkness
 - 3rd – Guerra
 - 4th – Kearns
 - 5th – Arcuri
 - Raised \$91,652 for School Improvements
 - First winners for each grade level gets Kona ice and extra recess
 - Camden Gassner was individual leader is Principal for a day
 - Money will be for school communication and improvements
 - April 28th Mr. Strom gets Slimed (at family fun day will have time announced so people can see)
 - Will use Boosterthon next year as well

VP Middle School: Jessica Dareneau (given by Honesty)

- Glow Bolt
 - Huge success
 - \$14,512 raised by MS only which was higher than prior year
- 8th grade Semi-Formal April 12th
 - 6:30-8:30 at the Link
 - Theme is Greatest Show
 - All students must be picked up by an adult so they are not roaming around town center
 - Tickets can be purchased for \$15 on Sign Up Genius
- 8th grade promotion May 23rd
 - 6pm at Nease High
 - Working out logistics on how to do tickets, looking at three per family
 - Extra tickets may be obtained if needed
 - More info to come around end of March/early April

Treasure's Comments: Brittany Hulsey

- Spring Book Fair
 - April 1st – 10th
 - Info on eWallets will come home next week
 - SignUp genius for this coming out next week
 - April 2nd will be parent night and take place after SAC meeting

- April 28th Family Fun Day:
 - Backyard carnivals coming for inflatables
 - Marvin the DJ
 - Party-Hardy balloons and face painting
 - Pizza food truck and Mr. Softee
 - Can use outdoor games we have
 - Mr. Strom will get slimed
 - Time 1pm-4pm on April 28th

Upcoming Event Dates:

- Spring Book Fair April 1st – 10th
- 8th Grade Semi-Formal April 12th
- Executive Board Elections April 17th
- Spring Family Fun Day April 28th
- 5th Grade Promotion May 21st
- 5th Grade Celebration May 22nd
- 8th Grade Promotion May 23rd at 6pm

Upcoming Board/PTO Dates:

- PTO Executive Board Meeting April 12th at 9:00 am
- PTO General Meeting April 17th at 9:00 am in person

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

- None.

Adjourn Meeting @ 9:25 a.m.

