



Palm Valley Academy PTO

General Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday November 8th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Parent Representatives

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

PTO Members

Andrea Kirkland	Bonnie Curan	Samantha Baker
Katie Harley	James Puckett	Jesus Ayala
Tiffany Fischer	Brittany Dunnie	Catlin Read
Angie Horsley	D'Niessa Slocum	Erin Verdern

[Meeting Called to Order by Beth Gessner at 6:07 p.m.](#)

Principal's Comments: Mr. Zachary Strom

- Spoke about our two student losses last year and how we are going to honor them
- Spoke about Veterans Heroes Wall
 - o Will open building one night so family members can see the wall
- Went over Fall Fest and how cake walk came about and had teachers decorate the cakes then took vote best cake
 - o Trunks filled up quick
 - o Live banjo player went well
 - o Had over 1200 attend including many not from our school making it a community event

President's Comments: Beth Gassner

- Call meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.
- Establish if quorum is present.
 - o Review of September 20, 2023 General Board Meeting minutes from failed quorum and October 13th General Board Meeting.
 - o Motion to approve made by Beth.
 - o Second Motion made by Honesty.
 - o All in favor and minutes are approved.
- Fall Fest recap
 - o Event went very well
 - o Will look at layout of trunk or treat next time to make smooth

President Elect Comments: Honesty Harless

- Holiday shop/Candy Cane Lane opens November 29th
 - o Nov 29th-Dec 8th
 - o Volunteer Signups going out next week
- Staff Christmas Luncheon and Staff Gift/Cookie's

- Cookie bar for staff at Dec 20th meeting
- Staff lunch Dec 21st
- Small gift for staff
- Need vote to increase budget by \$1,545.88 from \$4,000 to \$5,545.88
- Motion to approve increase made by Honesty
- Second made by Brittany
- All in favor and increase passes

VP Elementary: Anne Powers:

- Bobcat Bolt is March 1st
 - Looking for volunteers to help with planning the pep rally, decorating, day of event as well as handing out prizes in the morning during the fundraising.
 - Please email ypelementary@pvapto.org if interested in helping

VP Middle School: Jessica Darneau

- MS Dance November 9th
 - 200 RSVP
 - Hollywood theme with DJ and balloons, candy bar, 360 photo booth, mini donuts food truck, pizza, drink station, outside PE pavilion
- Glow Bolts Feb 23rd
 - Need Volunteers for that for set up and clean up
- April 18th is 8th grade Semi-Formal
 - To be held at the Link

Treasure's Comments: Brittany Hulse

- Increase in budget for yearbook's
 - We had projected a certain amount in membership and ended up with a much higher rate than we expected.
 - Due to having more members, we need to purchase more yearbooks for the levels that get one free
 - Price of yearbooks also increased

Upcoming Event Dates:

- Middle School Dance November 9th
- No school in observance of Veteran's Day Nov 10th
- Yearbook cover contest submissions due by Nov 13th
- Thanksgiving Break November 22nd
- Holiday Shop open November 29th-December 12th
- Next General Meeting December 15th at 9:00 am
- December 8th Executive Board meeting at 8:45am.
- December 15th at 9:00 am is next general meeting in cafeteria

New Business:

Dean Pucket:

- **PBIS program (Positive Behavior Intervention System):**
 - Has been in place with Live School for a while
 - Needs help and partnership from the PTO to support initiatives in school and help kids grow
 - Earned by Live School Points
 - Bobcat cub carts begin Dec 6th

- Two weeks of every month
- Carts will be organized in baskets for prizes
- Will make brochures in advance so kids can see what they can pick from
- Carts are mobile
- Purchase one item, they start at 10 live school points up to 25
- Will have class roster where we say how much each kids spent and teachers will update the agendas to reflect points used.
- Will need most help during first 2, once we get rolling should only need 1-2 PTO members help out.
- Bobcat store for MS reward system.
 - Roll out Dec 1st
 - Kids have 2 times to buy stuff from store, every 2 Friday's
 - Kids save stamps and buy things from the store
 - How do kids get stamps:
 - Reflecting pillars of character counts
 - What the CC of the month needs to do, are the things they can earn stamps from
 - Stamps come from teacher or staff member
 - Store open during lunches and end at clean-up time (will always be on a Friday)
 - Tables set up stage, separated by stamp amounts to buy items
 - Items place by price from right to left lowest to highest in different baskets and containers so they are visible to kids
 - Starts with 5 stamps up to 25 to 75 stamps
 - PTO volunteers set up lunch before lunch starts and break down after lunch and will run the store
 - PTO will have permission to remove stamps for purchases by marking them off (lost stamps from buying items)
 - Kids will be called by table, three tables at a time with cards marked on tables (2-5 minutes limit)
 - Items for purchase would be items such as stickers, finger skateboards, sticky hands, mini hands, potato chips, full sized candy, mini microphones, mini sodas, GC, place different to eat lunch, all access pass. PTO can also come up with some suggestions.

[Adjourn Meeting @ 7:18 p.m.](#)

