



# Palm Valley Academy PTO

## General Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday September 20th, 2023 at 6:05 p.m.

### Parent Representatives

President Beth Gessner	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

Angie Horsey	Tiffany Fisher	Janelle Fornasier
Tammy Greco	Amanda Davidson	Alison Schumpp
Bethany Rowbottom	Amanda Green	Lan Yeung
Angela Denchenko	Amy Stellwagon	

[Meeting Called to Order by Beth Gessner at 6:05 p.m.](#)

### Principal's Comments: Mr. Zachary Strom

- Fundraising and involvement:
  - Money is appreciated and drives beautification to the school and the campus.
  - We are 2 signatures away from the AV updates.
  - Involvement is pushed because it helps students reach their educational potential. Parents that are more involved and present gives kids what they need to succeed.
  - Keeping open lines of communication helps keep the relationship continue to grow.
  - Flags will be going up outside before fall festival.
  - "Build a happy place and you build happy kids and everything will flourish".
  - Lunch duty will open up after first quarter.

### President's Comments: Beth Gessner

- Call meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
- Establish if quorum is present.
- Review of August 18, 2023 General Board Meeting minutes:
  - Motion to approve minutes made by Beth Gassner.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion – Jessica Darneau.
  - All in favor.
  - Board Meeting Minutes Approved.
- We are always looking for volunteers and parent involvement.
- Stock the Staff lounge is going very well!
- Fall Festival:
  - Save the date is posted along with sign up genius
  - Pumpkins for painting is \$3
  - Activities will be free
  - Hay rides, corn maze, pumpkin tic tact toe, photo booth

- Popcorn and cotton candy donated
- Pizza planet, 904, Mr Softy and Frios
- Bottle water donations from room parents
- Incentives for all ages
- VIP for early entry and sign up for membership levels
- Trunk or tret at 3pm using far elementary field with roped off area around the outside

#### VP Middle School: Jessica Darneau

- Tailgate update:
  - Huge success!
  - Volleyball definitely had more attendance from kids
- MS Dance:
  - Nov 9<sup>th</sup> at the Pavilion outside at 5pm
  - Theme is Hollywood
- 23<sup>rd</sup> is 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion at Nease
- Bobcat Brigade:
  - Everyone has signed up and teachers are very thankful.
  - This takes place of having a room parent.
  - This is secretly done until the end of the year when their Brigader is unveiled.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Semi-Formal:
  - April 19<sup>th</sup> to be held at the Link

#### Treasure's Comments: Brittany Hulsey

- Fall Fundraising:
  - 2023 Fall Fundraising Goal: \$12,000 at \$15,609.80
  - Dome Hats: \$6,230.00 (1<sup>st</sup> grade was pizza party winner)
  - Spirit Nights: The Loop and Panera: \$165.10
- Charleston Wrap
  - Goal: \$7,000
  - As of Today: \$9,214.40
    - Students in the Lead for winning Slow Pokey!
    - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Student – Mrs. Shaw – 36 Items
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Student – Mrs. Ridout – 36 Items
    - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Student – Mrs. Nettles – 30 Items
  - Charleston Wrap runs through September 25<sup>th</sup>!!
- Next Spirit Night – Dicks Wings: October 12<sup>th</sup> 5-10PM
- Book Fair:
  - October 4-13<sup>th</sup>
  - We need Volunteers!
  - Sign Up for Members with VIP Access- Bobcats and Platinum: Thursday September 21<sup>st</sup>
  - General Sign Up- Monday September 25<sup>th</sup>!
  - E-wallet Information Coming Home Soon!

#### Upcoming Event Dates:

- Stock the Staff Lounge ends September 25<sup>th</sup>
- Charleston Wraps ends September 27<sup>th</sup>
- Character Counts Awards September 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Next Wed morning breakfast will be 7:30-8am for kids being awarded “fairness”
- Book Fair October 4-13
- Picture Day is the 10<sup>th</sup> of October

- Sign up genius will go out for parent volunteers
- Middle School Pic Day is the 11<sup>th</sup>
- Spirit Night at Dick's October 12<sup>th</sup>
- Fall Festival October 22<sup>nd</sup>

New Business:

- Friday Oct 13<sup>th</sup> at 9am is next general meeting in cafeteria

Adjourn Meeting @ 7:07 p.m.

