

## Pelican Marsh Elementary School PTO Board Meeting

August 19, 2022 1:00pm

The following board members were present; Amanda Masino, Lindsey Gualdoni, Lindsey Manring, Jamie Print, Mrs. Bolock, Dr. Merhar, Susie Vanenburg, Holly Cunningham, Christy Ullo. Monique Frost and Heather Adams were absent.

Secretary Lindsey Manring made a motion for the past minutes to be approved. Jamie Print approved and Lindsey Gualdoni was a second.

A welcome message was given by President Lindsey Gualdoni. I am so excited to kick off another new school year. We have worked on the budget and can't wait to review it with the rest of the board. Thank you Jamie for helping me put together this new informational overview for PTO things this school year. Next we reviewed the events list on the overview. Mrs. Bolock suggests selling school spirit shirts in the courtyard during curriculum night. Lindsey G will ask the shirt company if they can be ready in time for that night. PTO will set up a table for information in the courtyard during the curriculum night. The board suggested having a separate order for spirit shirts for volunteers. This lead to Dr. Merhar recommending volunteers wear the leftover white polo spirit shirts that were previously miss ordered for staff. The board continued to revise the event list and decided to combine spirit week with the walk a thon the last week in October. Holiday house will be inside the PTO meeting room on campus and the classroom next door. We will host the holiday house as we did in the past when classes come through at their assigned time during the school day to shop. We edited the events list to combine the spring fundraiser with family night on March 9<sup>th</sup>. A committee will be formed to generate ideas and volunteers to make this event one to remember. The fifth grade committee will hold a Krispy Kreme donut sale again this November. The fifth graders will attend Sun N Fun Water Park as a celebration during the school day along with other fifth graders from other elementary schools. The board decided to keep doing quarterly staff appreciation celebrations on teacher planning days.

A principal's report was given by Dr. Merhar. Meet the Teacher went smooth and was so exciting to see parents and students here on campus. We thought it was helpful having it the day before the first day of school. Curriculum night is August 30<sup>th</sup> and we will have staggered times for the grade levels to reduce parking issues. I am very happy with how simple and clear the Pelican Scoop is. It went out to all families with helpful, important tips for our school. A new first grade classroom is opening up. We are looking for an assistant for two hours a day for preschool. The timing can be flexible.

Mrs. Bolock gave her staff liaison report. Thank you for the special lunch from The Local and Chic-Fil-A. Team budgets are cut almost in half and costs of supplies have all gone up. When we review the budget I would like to discuss adding \$1,000 to each grade level team (K-5 and RA) and allow teachers to have the supplies they need to help their students be successful. Board decided they would vote on this via email or in-person at a future meeting after the budget is approved. Jamie will print the teacher stipend forms which will go out to teachers soon. CCPS has a subscription for Generations Genius for science but now there is a math component that we could buy for a school wide subscription. (mostly for grades 3-5) Board will discuss this as a great option! The subject of SSR came up and students are encouraged to

donate their books when they finish reading to both their classrooms and the school library. How can the PTO help those classrooms that are in need of books?

The treasurer's report was given by Jamie Print. She is proud that we ended last school year with a surplus. The budget can be adjusted as the year goes on. Thanks to Lindsey G, Jamie and Holly for the many hours they spent reviewing the budget. Please let me know if you have any concerns. Let's vote on how much we think should stay in the PTO account that won't be spent and let's also create a procedure to know how to give more funds to needs when they come up.

The following reports will be given at the next meeting due to time constraints. (fundraising, hospitality, School liaison)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm.