

## **Pelican Marsh Elementary School PTO**

General PTO Meeting

February 13, 2024

The meeting began at 8:30 AM in the PTO room.

In Secretary Lindsey Manring's absence, Lindsey Gualdoni asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November meeting. Natalie Norris approved, with a second from Erin Canglin.

Lindsey Gualdoni gave the President's Report. She began with an update on the spending proposal that was presented and approved at the November PTO Board Meeting. The staff team stipends have been dispersed. The PME front doormats for the classrooms have been ordered. And we are working to schedule an event with Mr. Glen for a science enrichment assembly for all students in March. Thank you for the all support and volunteers hours! Could not do the events without all of you. Some thank you notes from staff, students, and other schools we have supported are on the bulletin board in the PTO room for everyone to enjoy.

Dr. Merhar gave the Principal's Report – The Pelican Scoop will be going out today. All testing dates and closed campus days will be listed in the Scoop as we head into a busy Spring. We have an early release day tomorrow and picture day on February 21<sup>st</sup>. A question was asked about the writing test this year and whether we will have it, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will take it but it will be scored separate from reading. It will be a typed test this year on the computer versus handwritten. The boundary decision is on the table for the school board to decide, and as the boundaries are drawn right now, PME families would be affected. They are welcoming feedback, so please submit it. There is a survey and an email address ([boundary@collierschools.com](mailto:boundary@collierschools.com)) where you can ask questions and share your feedback. If you are being moved out of zone but would like to stay at PME, you can apply out of zone next school year, and be sure you apply early. Some people will also apply to proactively start at PME next school year if they will be zoned to come here the following year. They are giving everyone the opportunity to apply and can not make any guarantees about decisions, but applying early usually helps. Kindergarten Round Up and Pre-K Stars on Tour has been scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup>, no need to register and all incoming kindergarten students are invited to attend. A question was asked as to whether anything happened with the question of uniforms for PME. This would have to go through SAC and there is a process that would need to take place, including getting feedback from parents, etc. Thank you to everyone for being here and for being involved! So thankful for our volunteers.

Treasurer's Report given by Yolanda. The current financials were presented. Everything is on track, sponsors and walk and move-a-thon have been great. We are working on fulfilling the spending proposal to use any additional income to ensure everyone's donations are put to good use for the school.

Fundraising Report given by Lindsey and Holly. Big thank you to our Pelican Sponsors! They have been so generous this year. Holiday House was a fun success. Thank you to our volunteers for their help. We just had our second Market at the Marsh and it was a successful week with great opportunities to celebrate students' second quarter success.

School Liaison Report given by Natalie. Working with Mr. Glen to set up the enrichment opportunity next month. Hoping to align it with a spring spirit week. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade committee continues to plan for the end of the school year events. Their gift to the school this year will be the yellow painted columns in the courtyard with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class handprints. The project is in progress and going well! The 5<sup>th</sup> grade class this year has decided to do a give back event and will be working with Meals of Hope at the end of the month. More information about signing up going out to 5<sup>th</sup> grade families. Hoping this can be an annual addition for 5<sup>th</sup> graders, nice to be able to work together and give back. We will have a spring Book Fair April 1-5.

Hospitality Report given by Lindsey. Lisa is in the midst of planning a spring family night. Possibly tied in with the book fair in April. If you are interested in helping to brainstorm some ideas and be part of the planning, feel free to stay after the meeting today! The Brooks Burgers family restaurant night was a big success and always nice to see so many PTO families. The next one will be in March with Felipe's. Our third quarterly Staff Appreciation lunch for staff will be on March 22<sup>nd</sup> during the planning day. Staff Appreciation Week will be April 15-19. More information to come as we get closer.

Enrichment Report given by Holly. Second grade garden lessons just started and excited to see the garden grow over the next couple months! We are hoping to have a spring spirit week leading up to Spring Break, and with Mr. Glen's super science show to kick off the week. More details to come.

The meeting is adjourned at 9:45 AM.