

Pelican Marsh Elementary School

General PTO Meeting

November 2nd, 2021

Meeting began at 6:00pm with a warm welcome from President Lindsey Gualdoni.

Lindsey Manring motioned to approve last PTO meeting minutes. Heather and Lindsey G approved.

President's Report –Lindsey Gualdoni

A special thank you for your support collecting books for the Believe N Books drive. We collected over 1500 books to go to the Guadalupe Center. We visited their center and everyone was so thankful. We would like to do this again and tie it into another book fair. Staff appreciation on the last teaching planning day - thank you for those that helped!

PME Spirit wear week is November 15-19th. Spirit wear is off to a great start. Let's keep spreading the word! Feel free to email me if you have any input on how we can encourage involvement/incentives etc. Maybe students can help track their own class involvement. Ideas students would like - Extra recess, hat day, popsicles, popcorn snack. Want to keep it easy and fun to help build spirit.

Volunteer committee - we are beginning to form a committee to help fill this position. Emails have gone out to ask for help. If you are new and would like more information on an event or have questions please don't hesitate to email Lindsey G. Idea came up to build a program to partner up with a new student/new family to answer questions or feel like they have someone to ask. This reminds us of the reading buddies program. Also an idea came in to have a virtual room mom position to help teachers and getting information out to other parents.

Principals Report – Mrs. Alamo

What was talked about in SAC meeting. Quarter benchmark 1 - results were so great! ELA 3rd graders 2nd in the district, 4th graders 1st, 5th grade 2ndplace

Math- 3rd grade is 3rd in the District, 4th grade is 1st in the District, 5th is 2nd in the District

Science- Tied for 2nd in the District with Lake Park Elementary

Any areas that had a decrease we are working on supporting those teachers and classes. We are also looking at science vocabulary and math fact fluency. Spread the word in the community please.

New acceleration lab is open for 4th and 5th grade students in the mornings - thank you to Heather and Christianne. At the lab students use their own laptops to work on ALEX in both grades and USA Test Prep in 5th grade.

Morning clubs will begin shortly beginning with math for 4th and 5th grade. Working with 4th graders to become peer tutors to help with their leadership skills. Of course there will be teachers monitoring that they are using their strategies correctly and there to support them.

Volunteers on campus are now allowed as long as its academic related. We will plan an academic fair on January 28th with math, reading and science. Tickets earned by students and volunteers will help.

A school celebration plan is in the works. One of the ideas is maybe a picnic outside. Yay!

Sharpen the Saw Day - committee is meeting to plan future celebrations to celebrate how hard the students and teachers are working. (Work hard play hard). Feedback from this last week's sharpen the saw party was all positive. It coincided with their fall class celebration. The students had a choice of where they wanted to go for their 30 minute block for fun. If the student has a referral then they don't get to participate but instead they go to the school counselor's office for a PBIS activity. Overall vision is to eventually have a school-wide block of time for all students to choose and for grades to interact.

We are having trouble with students buying snacks but not wanting to eat their lunch first. This was reminded to parents in the Pelican Scoop. Assistants in the cafeteria are encouraging the kids to eat their whole lunch first. Still a work in progress but would love to have your support at home.

Staff Liaison -Mrs. Bolock absent

Staff stipend reminders were sent out. All is going great collecting that. Teachers give a big THANK YOU and for how much they appreciate it.

PTO is working on a staff information template to get to know the teachers. Birthday/favorite snacks/top favorites etc. Maybe not uploaded onto the website due to privacy, what about if it was emailed from the room parent or what about posted on CANVAS?

Treasurer's Report - Josh Sharlow absent

Income and expenses as they come in printed for your review.

Big THANK YOU to our Pelican Sponsors! We will keep going as we budgeted even though we still don't know if we can do all the things listed.

Volunteers Report - volunteer training packet was handed out and is updated. Since we are virtual please in the meantime update your volunteer status, check out the handbook and ask any questions you may have. Currently over 100 volunteers are getting the information we send out. Everyone has to update their volunteer application online at the Collier County school website. Steps to how-to will be added onto our PME website.

Enrichment Report - Christianne Arthur

Morning labs will be held Monday through Thursday for 4th and 5th graders. We are looking for substitutes 7:45-8:20am. Sign-up sheet will be in the lab for when you arrive. Let's hang a sign up to remind students in the hallway. If you are interested in being a sub please contact Christianne.

Garden helpers will now be a new 5th grade job. If you are interested in helping update the garden please let me know. We replaced the shed in the school garden. We are excited to be able to do these things thanks to our donations.

Fundraising Report – Jamie Print and Heather Adams

Jamie Print – We had a great spirit wear sale, over 400 t-shirts were purchased. Kindergarten had the most purchases. Safety patrols received their spirit shirt as a gift. Great feedback! We just received the shirts that were ordered today. The school will pass them out this week to students. We hope to have another sale soon for those who didn't order or would like something more. We had money donated to the website and we used it to buy a t-shirt for each teacher to use as an incentive to give to a student.

Holiday house has been approved and ultimately a great opportunity for students to buy gifts for their family. If you are interested in helping with this please let Lindsey know to join the committee. A preview will be available for students to see items ahead of time. Then students can buy December 6-10 in the evening for shopping. There is still a lot of planning to do. Wonderland Workshops is a great company that other schools use and even though we give up some of our profit to the company we will benefit from their help and how easy they make it to meet our needs. Heather spoke about maybe adding in a complimentary photo booth opportunity for families to get their photo taken with a polaroid, hot cocoa in the courtyard. More information to come!

Amanda Masino - website is up and running and working great. Thank you to Mrs. Fike and the school team working on the yearbook. Since we don't have volunteers taking photos throughout the year for the yearbook would it help to have a checklist of types of photos that are needed?

Hospitality Report – Heather Adams and Jamie Print

January 14th is our next end of quarter teacher planning day. Do teachers prefer lunches, dropped off snacks/smoothies, or even breakfast? It was decided teachers would appreciate a variety to accommodate all. Looking forward to celebrating our wonderful staff.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm

Next PTO meeting is February 1st at 6:00pm in the Cafeteria