

PTO General Meeting February 21, 2023, 6:00pm

Passed on approval for the minutes from the last meeting in November as they were not posted on the PTO website. Will post both sets of minutes, Nov and Feb meetings, and approve them at the May meeting. Amanda Masino will be taking minutes in Lindsey Manning's absence for this meeting.

President's Report – Lindsey Gualdoni

- At the next meeting in May we will be voting on the PTO slate for next school year. Before then a nomination form will go home to parents in Wednesday folders and a nominating committee will be formed to help put together the slate. Be thinking if there is anything you would like to help with next year! And we are always available for any questions.
- Thank you to volunteers: holiday house, market at the marsh. Kudos!
- Question: Did we get odyssey of the mind going? No. Cancelled due to hurricane Ian. Bring back next year? Or maybe roll it into a club. Segal White has a similar club that may be able to help.

Principal's Report - Dr. Merhar

- Kudos to volunteers. Holiday house, Market at the Marsh. So spirited!
- Garden Volunteers, Thank you. Looks so beautiful. I am also a new mangrove parent!
- Question: What is the mangrove parent program? We are working with the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) to adopt a set of mangroves for PME. They are in our garden and the Garden Club is helping to take care of them. We are nurturing them until they can be returned to SCCF and placed along the water to help restore the mangroves that were damaged in the hurricane. We have a few extra seedlings that are available for adoption to PME families. To adopt a set of mangrove seedlings, all you need is a pot, soil, and to continue to keep them watered. Suggestion made to include another note about adoption in the Pelican Scoop.
- PME Shout out on Wink News by Matt Divett following his weather presentation at school to the 5th graders.
- How was the vocabulary parade? Loved the band! Great success.
- How was the prep for parents? Overall easy, lots done at school in the classroom to prepare.
- Media Center book list handed out to review. These are new books that are going to be added to our shelves. If you would like to inquire about any of these books contact Dr. Merhar. All of the books on the list have been approved by CCPS Media Specialists.

Staff Liaison Report

- Thank you for \$500 check to support the purchase of ClassKick (voted on at our last meeting and approved by the PTO Board). It is an online platform that allows teachers to interact with each other, parents, and students. Our check combined with support from SAC allowed for the purchase of the next level of functionality.

Treasurer's Report – Jamie Print

- \$40k in bank. Most we have had in a long time.
- 5th grade will be using their portion from donut sales for the upcoming 5th grade celebration activities.
- Successful market at marsh and holiday house as well.

- This will all help as there are some big end of the year expenses coming up.
- The Walk and Move-A-Thon is also coming up, so we can see where we stand heading into the end of the year at the next meeting.
- Spirit Wear still has inventory, so we will need to decide if we want to try to move some of those shirts at upcoming events.
- We recently purchased new soccer goals for PE! This is an early Walk and Move-A-Thon expense, as a thank you for all the PE coaches do to support us and the event. Thank you so much from Coach Lawhon, we are very grateful. All the students benefit as they head into the soccer curriculum.

Volunteer Report

- Make sure when you check in, please show Robin Springer your badge or driver's license. It has worked well recently for her to check everyone in, and then you can use your badge to check yourself out on the computer as you leave.
- Walk and Move-A-Thon sign up genius will be sent out soon.

Enrichment Report

- 2nd grade garden lessons going on right now.
- Happy to have the addition of the mangroves for students to observe and learn about them.

Fundraising Report – Holly Cunningham

- In the midst of Walk and Move-A-Thon planning. The event is on March 10th (Friday before Spring Break). It is a racing theme and the committee is working on decorations and packet assembly. Packets will be going home with students on 2/22 and will be due the day of the event (3/10). Donations will be able to be made through cash, check, or online through our website.
- One more Market at the Marsh in April to celebrate 3rd quarter success.

School Liaison Report – Amanda Masino

- We made an update to the Walk and Move-A-Thon form on the website for online donations to include a place to put an email for donation receipts. The hope is that this will help students track their online donations.
- 5th Grade Celebration Committee Update: Meeting last Monday with the 5th Grade Committee. Theme for the year – Soaring into 6th. The Moving Up Ceremony will be at Gulf Coast High School in the evening this year, May 30th at 6 PM. The sun and fun celebration will be the next day (May 31), during the school day. The plan for the class gift is mosaic tiles, each student will design their own tile and they will be hung together. The donut sales were very successful this year for 5th grade fundraising and some of the events (like sun and fun) aren't as expensive so there may be some extra money for benches or something that would be helpful around the school.

Hospitality Report

- The final quarterly staff appreciation lunch will be during the planning day on March 27th. The hope is to have a taco food truck.
- Staff Appreciation Week will be the last week of April 24th -28th. The chairs are working on details for that and will reach out or create a sign-up genius about any help needed as the planning begins.

- We are trying some Restaurant Family Nights this year. We are looking at the possibility of two nights this Spring at local places – Felipe’s and Brooks Burgers (Logan Landing). Tentative dates are March 8 for Felipe’s (both locations) and April 27 for Brooks Burgers (Logan Landing). Fun opportunity to see and visit with other PME families, while also supporting the school as a portion of the proceeds from each of the nights will go back to the school.

New Business

- Picture day: 2/22 Class, club and individual spring pictures
- Idea to promote the Remind App at the beginning of next year. Curriculum night and meet the teacher.
- Kinder will be the last musical for the year, in May and during the day. 5th grade will perform a song at their moving up ceremony.
- PME classroom signs are progressing nicely. PTO is helping to paint the very fun wooden signs the school administration designed. They will be hung outside classroom doors once they are finished with teacher names.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.