

Pelican Marsh Elementary School PTO

General PTO Meeting

May 9, 2023

The meeting began at 6:10pm in the school PTO room.

President Lindsey Gualdoni welcomes and thanks everyone for attending.

Secretary Report –given by Lindsey Manring- Please be reminded that the minutes will be posted on our PTO website to review. Thank you to Amanda Masino for her help with the website. Amanda Masino and Jamie Print approve and second the minutes from two meetings; November 2022 and February 2023.

President's Report – given by Lindsey Gualdoni – Lindsey presents the nominating committee. Welcome and thank you Erin, Stephanie and Chabely. Stephanie Harris speaks for the committee and is proud to announce all committee chairs and board positions and officers are all filled. We are excited to vote on the board and officer positions. The two additions are a new Treasurer and a new Co-School Liaison position. There will be a transition meeting for old and new positions at the end of this school year. The general PTO votes and is all in favor for the approval of the new board and officers. *List of 2023-2024 PTO Officers and Committee Chairs documented at the end of the meeting minutes.*

Principal's Report – given by Mrs. Kavis – Mrs. Kavis is standing in for Dr. Merhar and she reminds every one of the upcoming volunteer appreciation breakfast and to RSVP on the link provided in the Pelican Scoop. It will be May 22nd 8:30-9:15 am in the cafeteria. May is a busy testing month for our students. The days of testing we have a quiet campus which means we are not allowing visitors or volunteers. Testing dates are listed for all the grade levels and we try and keep it Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays with makeups on Mondays and Fridays. May 24th we will host an in-house Noetic Math Competition since this year the district had to cancel the district-wide competition. Look for the upcoming Pelican Scoop newsletter coming out. Next year our school's theme will be Leaders are Built at PME. Can't wait to have this fun building/Lego theme for our students and staff.

Treasurer's Report – given by Jamie Print – We are looking for ideas on how we will spend some of the extra funds this year if there are any needs for teachers or the school please let us know. The board voted YES at the last meeting to begin the process of purchasing a school book vending machine. . Teachers will work on finding a way for it to be an academic incentive for our students. We will hope to use some of the fundraising monies from the walk-a-thon and book fairs to keep the vending machine stocked with books. It will be nice for the new treasurer to review the budget next year and make sure things are all adjusted and up to date. It is our goal to keep about the same amount of monies at the

end of each school year so that we can begin the new school year and cover beginning of year costs/fees.

Fundraising Report –given by Holly Cunningham – We raised \$1,240 at the dinner fundraising night at Brooks Burgers. Everyone had a great time and thank you all who came out and participated. Our walk-a-thon prizes finally arrived and will be passed out on Friday to those winning students. The Related Arts teacher of the day and Principal of the day prizes will take place after school testing is over after March 22. Markets at the Marsh sales were amazing again. In July I'll begin working on Pelican Sponsorships for the new school year.

School Liaison Report –given by Amanda Masino – At the upcoming transition meeting we can go over a lot of the new ideas we have for making the PTO website the one stop place for information. Our priority is to have it updated and ready to go before the first day of school. Fifth grade committee is doing great. Certificates are complete and ready to be picked up, programs are finished and need to go to printing, cupcakes have been ordered and volunteers will hopefully sign up to help for the graduation events. The fifth grade class gift is going to be a set of mosaic tiles to hang on the wall outside the cafeteria. They chose to use a company to make the mosaic painted tiles last in the heat and humidity. Monies raised by the fifth graders goes towards the Eagle Lakes water day for all fifth grade students, covers the moving- up ceremony and a class gift to the school. The PTO will gift all fifth graders with a year book. Ideas were discussed about purchasing a yearbook for a student in need? Supply pack links for ordering will go out very soon. Book fair is the last week of May with a new company. Remember volunteers get a 20%discount.

Hospitality – given by Lindsey Gualdoni – last musical of the year will be Kindergarten on May 24 at 9 AM. They will receive cookies instead of ice cream as their post-musical refreshment and will enjoy it in their classrooms while reviewing their memory books with their family.

Staff Liaison – Mrs. White was in attendance and thanked PTO for a WONDERFUL teacher appreciation week. We really enjoyed! Thank you to our staff appreciation chairs and committee for all their hard work making the fun week happen.

Enrichment Report – given by Lindsey Gualdoni – second graders just finished their garden lessons.

Volunteer Report – given by Lindsey Gualdoni – Please sign up for the upcoming volunteer opportunities on the sign up genius links or on this paper here at tonight's meeting. May 30th is the fifth grade moving-up celebration at Gulf Coast High School from 5-8pm.

Volunteers are needed to help set up, hand out programs and help with refreshments. An idea for rising fifth graders to help was discussed. May 26th is an early release day and a

reading celebration for students. If you can come and help bag popcorn for this event in the afternoon on May 25th please let us know. The final volunteer opportunity is to help verify books in classroom libraries. Teachers who have signed up to have our help are so appreciative. You can bring your own computer or use the teacher's computer and Lindsey will help give directions on the process. Thank you!

New Business – A question is asked of how the PTO can help/show support to the family of the PME third grader that sadly passed away. A garden statue for the school garden was discussed by the student's family but we are taking their lead in how/when we can help. PTO would like to help somehow. The district has offered extra staff to those students who wanted to talk during this difficult time. Lastly the Remind App was discussed with the grade level liaison positions. Let's begin this during curriculum night to get everyone connected. If you are already a grade-level liaison and would like to continue or you are interested in becoming one please let us know. A parent asks if there is a central place to look where we can see individual teacher/classroom needs for supplies. This would be a great addition to have on our PTO website.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm.

2023-2024 PME PTO Board and Committee Chairs

Board Officers	President	Lindsey Gualdoni
	Vice President	Holly Cunningham
	Secretary	Lindsey Manring
	Treasurer	Yolanda Shebert
Board Chairs	Enrichment	Holly Cunningham
	Hospitality	Christy Ullo
	Fundraising	Susie Vanenburg
	co-School Liaison	Amanda Masino
	co-School Liaison	Natalie Norris
	Staff Liaison	Julie Bolock
Committee Chairs	co-Book Fair	Ashley Stacell
	co-Book Fair	Layne Waltbillig
	co-Bulletin Boards	Stephanie Harris
	co-Bulletin Boards	Chabely Marsh
	co-Fifth Grade Celebration	Patricia Nye-Schmitz
	co-Fifth Grade Celebration	Kristina Johnson
	Health Screening	Noele Walker
	Holiday House	Susie Vanenburg

	co-Market at the Marsh	Sara Weichand
	co-Market at the Marsh	Hallie Lundon
	Musical Refreshments	Erin Canglin
	co-Pelican Planters	Kristina Johnson
	co-Pelican Planters	Sandy Turner
	co-Pelican Planters	Erin Canglin
	Pelican Sponsors	Holly Cunningham
	Restaurant Family Nights	Kelly Cushing
	School Spirit	Jillian Grimm
	Spirit Wear	Kerri Kobakof
	Spring Fundraiser	Lisa Radlovacki
	co-Staff Appreciation	Chabely Marsh
	co-Staff Appreciation	Stephanie Harris
	Supply Packs	Galadriel Host
	Walk and Move-a-thon	Jamie Print
	Web Coordinator	Amanda Masino