



## **Academic Foundation Membership Meeting 9/13/2016**

### **President's Report: Kathy Hansen**

The meeting opened with a welcome to all parents and a fantastic presentation by the Plant Color Guard for the Pledge of Allegiance.

President, Kathy Hansen introduced the 2016-2017 Board:

President-Elect: Mindy Taylor

VP Membership – Amy Fitzsimmons

Corresponding Secretary – Jennifer Collins

Recording Secretary – Heather Criser

Treasurer – Lorrie Hamlin

Business Partners – Janet Starkey

Faculty Honor Roll – Meg Carter & Ashley Moran

Technology – Brooke Melendi

Hospitality – Melissa Belmont

Scholarship Liaison – Lori Markman

PTSA Liaison – Julie Sampson

Membership-at-Large – Weatherly Bentley, Greta Brooks, Melissa Moran,

Molly Siegenthaler, Erica Fortin

Introductions of Connie Mayts – President Elect of PTSA and Pamela Jackson Haney – President of the Athletic Foundation. Both described what their organizations provide to Plant and encouraged membership to all three groups. PTSA needs volunteers for events like College Night (9/27) and Conference Night (9/29). Their next meeting is 10/4 at 6:30 pm. You can support the Athletic Foundations by purchasing booster passes, purchasing plant attire at Teamworks and The Paw, and attending Panther Bowl at Splitsville (11/4).

### **VP Membership: Amy Fitzsimmons**

\$30,000 is our membership goal. We are at \$9,000 now.

Bring a friend to the next meeting.

### **Treasure Report: Lorrie Hamlin**

\$61,000 is budgeted income for this school year. 90% will go to faculty/students/the school through grants, the college resource room, scholarships, etc.

We have collected \$21,000 so far this year.

We have approved \$8436 for faculty grants.

### **Business Partners Update: Janet Starkey**

Business Partners provide 1/3 of the funding for the Academic Foundation. Business Partners are recognized at meetings, some in programs, and have marketing opportunities with Plant.

Summa Cum Laude partners: Armstrong Tutoring, Mathnasium, & Community Foundation of Tampa Bay.

Magna Cum Laude partners: Cassidy & Company, LLC, Feinerman Anesthesia PA, and Disciplined Minds, Dr. Patrick Abbey – The maxillofacial Surgery Center, Alphagraphics Westshore, The Bank of Tampa, Electric Supply, Ferman Automotive Management, Stuart Markman – Kynes, Markman, & Felman, PA, Optics SoHo, Sam's Club, SUNcoast Credit Union, Wilkes & McHugh, P.A.

### **Grant Requests & Principal's Update: Rob Nelson**

Request for \$8435.96 granted.

Plant is one of 4 schools in Hillsborough to have an A rating. Even so, there is so much that we can still do to make Plant even better. Only school in Hillsborough mentioned in US News Report.

Last year: 3500 AP Exams. 58% pass rate overall (4s and 5s have increased over the last year). \$19 million in scholarship money offered to Class of 2016. Grad Rate 96-97%. 15 of 575 did not get diploma because due to FSA or GPA below 2.0. Still trying to get them graduated.

Plant wants your involvement. Please go online to sign yourself up with the new online form. If you need help the front office has the link.

Bell Schedule changed. 7 classes with no homeroom. Homeroom will still meet once per week.

Club day September 14<sup>th</sup>.

20<sup>th</sup> day changes will happen this week. Plant will try to not change teachers or lunch period.

Dates:

9/8: Progress Reports came home

9/27 College Night 6 – 9 pm

9/29 Conference Night 3-5 & 6-9 pm

10/7 End of 9 weeks

### **College Resource Update – Lauren Moseley, College & Career Counselor**

100 colleges are coming to College Night so far. List is online. Out-of-State is in the Gym, In-State is in the Cafeteria, UF in Auditorium and FSU in Media Center. UF and FSU will have 3 presentations throughout the evening.

61 college visits planned – go online to sign up

Peers have been matched. 315 mentors and 600 freshmen matched based on interests or preference. Mentors will be trained. Meet & greet breakfast planned

Sr. Notes:

- Difference between Coalition and Common App
- FSU and UF deadlines
- ACT and SAT order information
- Early decision vs early action
- Sr. nomination scholarships deadline is Oct. 1 – turn in essay and resume

9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> will take PSAT on October 19<sup>th</sup>. 11<sup>th</sup> for National Merit. 11<sup>th</sup> graders take free SAT March 1<sup>st</sup>.

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### **Guidance Update – Athena Dicus, Guidance Department Head**

Sr. seminars begin next week. Anyone can use the new Florida Shines link from the Plant website to see GPA, course requirements, and basics for Bright Futures. Go to Resources/Sr. Seminar/Skill 1

After Sr. Seminars guidance will work with 9<sup>th</sup> graders using career clusters to help with choosing courses in December.

There will be a 9<sup>th</sup> grade Parent Information Sessions at 6:15 on Conference Night.

**Closing – thank you for coming. The next meeting is OCTOBER 11<sup>th</sup> in the Media Center**