



## **BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, Oct 5, 2021 9:30am

Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church

### **Welcome and Recap – Alison Meyer**

- Welcome and happy to meet in person
- Past month, we had our first general membership meeting via zoom. The zoom format was successful with no tech glitches.

### **Treasurer's Report-Lexy Schwartz**

- September very strong, 9K of new income
- Grants for September all funded- 24K
- Total grants funded this year to day 26K, includes laptop carts for tech funded last year
- 20K available cash remaining for future grants

### **Membership Update- Janet Knust & Heather Criser**

- Goal made for membership this year
- Up to 119 members so far this year
- Membership list to be updated prior to general membership meeting next week

### **Business Partner Update- Mary Margaret Braddock**

- New member - Mobley Homes
- 17500K raised so far this year
- Giving Suma business partners 3 minutes to speak at November meeting
- University consultants might be given time to speak also
- Reserving 9 minutes of meeting time for partners, considered advertising time
- Coming up with ways to give partners recognition. Shout outs for tutoring partners prior to SAT/ ACT test dates is suggested.
- If someone has a new partner lead, she has standard email to send out.
- Open to any feedback and recommendations

### **PTSA Update- Lorien Johnson (via Alison)**

- PTSA membership is down 50 percent this year. Please encourage people to join.
- Feedback for PTSA from AF board members:
  - link to join is not user friendly
  - should offer family memberships

- communication could be better
- parents unsure where the membership money is going when PTSA solicits funds for each individual event for teachers

### October Grants- Alison Meyer

- Light month, two requests only
- Requests are for classroom books & Ready Player One dvd, player & case
- Question- Thought we weren't funding books anymore? Answer: Teachers were encouraged to check book inventory within school prior to requesting grants. In past, teachers were asking for sets every year. Has been discouraged, but book grant requests are still reviewed/ considered.
- Vote to approve Oct grant requests totaling **\$123.46**
  - Motion to approve by Tina Scott Clark
  - Seconded by Tina Boyer
  - All in favor, none opposed
  - Grants passed as presented

### Principal's Report- Mr. Bush

- Introduced Mrs. Melnick, AP for Administration (Taking over for Mrs. Otero)
- Introduced Mrs. Valerie Fuchs, AP for Student Affairs (Filling Mrs. Melnick's former position)
- Mr. Bush was selected to be a Coro Fellow, a leadership forum in NYC. Visited NYC, Gettysburg this weekend for the fellowship.
- Mrs. Hellenberg is contact for PTSA, Mrs. Melnick for Athletic Foundation.
- Student enrollment- 2520 (400 over capacity)
- 840 students per lunch. Students eating in media center, patio, hallways, football stadium, as well as the cafeteria
- Plant has the smallest campus (building square footage) in Hillsborough county, therefore hallways are very congested.
- Student misbehavior still occurring in bathrooms. Vape pen confiscation continues.
- Meeting with superintendent Oct 6 regarding uptick in discipline issues
- Staff can't supervise bathrooms all the time because they have to prioritize admin duties first
- BB gun found due to tip from student, restorative discipline practices applied. Punishment comes from district level. School doesn't get locked down unless there is an actual shooting.
- Plant has good student behavior relatively speaking compared to other campuses
- Administrators and teachers try to be visible in hallway as a deterrent to bad behavior
- See something say something" is encouraged
- Question- If a student gets caught vaping, what happens? Answer- Mandatory Vape Education program (3 hour course.) They have to be caught with vape pen in hand. Students cannot be searched.
- Mask mandate expires Oct 15. Extension of mandate is tbd
- Compliance of mask mandate varies classroom to classroom. Enforcement is difficult.
- Discipline issue: Tik tok challenges- "Slap a teacher", "expose yourself in public", "destroy your school bathroom" are some examples.

- Plant keeps bathrooms to bare minimum supply-wise due to vandalism.
- Plant students are generally great students with great parents, with only a few bad apples (relatively low considering size of student population)
- Communicate via Canvas with teacher directly is encouraged for both parents and students. Try communicating with teacher first before reaching out to Mr. Bush.
- Teacher flexibility is encouraged due to hardships of covid times
- Friday is last day of 9 weeks
- Plant 101 and brag sheet updated online.
- Prospective Student Visits are arranged for families coming from out of area, not incoming 8<sup>th</sup> graders already being fed through district system
- Graduation date- May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 pm, at the fairgrounds
- Encourages everyone to support Fall sports, football, volleyball, cross country, golf, swimming
- Middle school students at football games- Message coming out that they cannot come unless supervised by parents. (Unsupervised middle schoolers a discipline problem at football games)
- Sept 25 homecoming delayed to December 4<sup>th</sup>. Student government replacing it with winter formal on school grounds. Event plans include tents in parking lots, photo opportunities, VIP bathrooms, 1000 tickets to be sold. Budget for event has been approved.
- Question- Will overcrowding at Plant lead to shifting students to another school? Answer- Not at this time. Class capacity for AP courses is 40 students. Many of plant students take multiple AP classes, which contributes to being able to fit in the extra 400 students (along with students leaving campus for dual enrollment.)
- Students at Plant on school choice- only 7 or 8 students
- Is district looking at rezoning Plant? Answer- They have been saying that for years, but it has not been done. He thinks they are looking at our numbers, but they are weighing all factors mentioned above.
- Does a school get attributed funds based on enrollment? Answer: Get paid per FTE (full time equivalent), no funds for FLVS class enrollment
- Question- How is teacher morale? Answer- Seems to be better, although this year seems tougher than last year. Teacher events are appreciated and important for morale. They are looking forward to this Friday's happy hour. Treats given to teachers make a difference and are appreciated.
- Student-led activities are allowed and encouraged, but teachers remain neutral on opinions such as vaccines, politics or religion, etc
- Tardies are biggest problem because of crowding and 4-minute passing time between classes
- Question- Are AEDs on campus. Answer- Yes, all over campus. State law.
- Question- Are EOCs going away? No, only the FSAs

### **Guest Speaker Ideas Discussion (update)**

- Officer Filer, school resource officer, will be speaker next week- Oct meeting. Talking points to include what he sees/hears at plant, his experiences with discipline issues, relay ideas on how parents can help him. (Comment- Parents feel more detached than usual, so this information is appreciated.)

- Suggestion for Officer Filer to speak on what safety procedures/ measures are in place at Plant to protect students. Parents are unaware of the details of these procedures.
- Guidance counselors will speak at the November meeting

## **New Business/ Announcements**

- n/a

## ***Adjournment***

## **Upcoming AF Events:**

- General Membership Meeting - October 12 via Zoom  
Speaker: Officer Filer, School Resource Officer

## **Attendance**

Present:

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NAME</b>
President	Alison Meyer
President-Elect	Dana Kanfer
Treasurer	Lexy Schwartz
Asst Treasurer	Tina Scott-Clark
VP Membership	Janet Knust
VP Business Partners	Mary Margaret Braddock
Recording Secretary	Nicole Scivally
Social Media	Laurel Riffey
Faculty Honor Roll	May Weber
Membership At Large	Heather Criser
Business Partners At Large	Nelson Bosque
Marketing At Large	Jennifer Moreman
Hospitality At Large	Tina Boyer
Hospitality At Large	Trang Burnett
Hospitality At Large	Greta Brooks
Faculty Honor Roll At Large	Katie Maddux
Ex Officia	Kristen Morris
Principal	Johnny Bush

Not Present:

POSITION	NAME
Corresponding Secretary	Weatherly Bentley
Website	Monica Chandler
Scholarship	Brittany Rustman
PTSA Liaison	Lorien Johnson
Business Partners At Large	Jennifer Mockler
Business Partners At Large	Melissa Belmont
Faculty Honor Roll At Large	Catie Witherspoon