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**General Membership Meeting**

**Tuesday September 10th 2019, 9:15am Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church**

**Welcome & President’s report** – Michele Molinelli

* Call to order – 9:18am
* Thank you for being flexible on the change of venue (due to testing in the media center).

**Membership update** Dana Kanfer & Janet Knust

* Thank you for joining, we can always use more membership, please encourage people you know to join.
* Any amount makes you a member $1 and up. Links are on FB and the PHS academic foundation website

**Presidents Report** – Mr. Bush

* Thank you for your support of PHS, we would not be as great as we are without such strong parental involvement.
* 30 Faculty Grant Requests have been approved this month
  + We give more AP courses than any other school in the district, so many of our teachers take APSI courses over the summer, you see that reflected on the grants.
* Graduation - Hillsborough County Schools graduate in clusters. Plant, Gather, Bloomingdale and Steinbrenner are in our cluster and we are last to choose a date this year. Possible dates are 1. May 21st 8pm 2. May 22nd 8pm or 3. May 23 at 12:30pm
* Please communicate through EDSBY! Utilizing it will make all parent to school communication smoother.
* Conference Night is Sept 25th 3:30 – 4:45 PM and then again from 6:00 -9:00 PM, with a break from 5:00-5:45 for dinner.
* Nothing official about make up for hurricane day yet.
* Safety is going well, the hallways are calm and our year has started off smoothly. Please continue to talk to your students about their (and their peers’) behavior and what is happening at school.
  + Social media continues to be a challenge, the school has made a few interventions already this year. Please talk to your child about what they post on social media and about appropriate behavior.
  + Vaping is still an issue, we monitor the bathrooms to try and keep an eye on this at school. Officer Holloway will present about vaping at our next meeting.

**Business Partner Update** - Weatherly Bentley

* Jim Haughey from Armstrong Tutoring – a message from Ellen Armstrong. This is our 11th year of tutoring in South Tampa. All of our tutors are either current or former classroom teachers (except one, Jim, who has a masters degree in Math and worked in IT). We are not just for struggling students, we assist with studying and understanding subject matter.
* Thank you to all of our business partners for supporting our students. Please thank all of our sponsors by using them when possible and letting them know we appreciate it.
* Please let us know if you have any leads for additional business sponsors.

**Budget Update** - Dale

* As of August 31st, a snapshot budget is presented. Not much changing right now.
* Questions please see Dale

**New Business/Announcements** -

Education and Advocacy announcement – Teresa Potter

* For seniors –SAT and ACT requirements for Bright Futures are
  + top tier ACT at 29, SAT at 1330
  + second tier ACT at 25 and SAT 1170 to 1210
* These numbers are required to be released before school starts.
* Active Shooter Drills – state statute says they must be held as often as every other drill – advocates are pushing to have that changed – there is a committee to study drills effect and possible changes and lower the number of required drills.
* Whenever you have a decision maker in front of you please advocate for our schools to make a difference in subjects that matter to schools

**PTSA Update** – Monica Chandler

* Next meeting Oct 15th 6:30 in media center, please join to help us have enough members to maintain PTSA

**College & Career Update** – Lauren Mosley

* Senior night happened. If your student missed it I have their book for them in my office, have them come see Ms. Mosley
* There are lots of early action deadlines, please be aware that the date to get transcript and letters of recommendation from office is Sept 30th
* FSU and UF application platform. Common Form or Coalition Applications are acceptable. 1. Submit (before Nov 1) 2. Supply test scores 3. SSAR where you enter all student grades (look up on Bright Futures course coding) 4. Link SSAR to each application that requires it 5. Space to upload essay and resume is on portal from FSU as well.
* *Pro Tip:* It makes sense to keep track of all of this information on a spreadsheet (to assist your child with organization)
* Bright Futures Scholarship opens Oct 1, apply as soon as possible, PHS is pushing to have every eligible student apply.
* Instant decision day is Nov 6 at PHS, students signed up will have an appointment scheduled.
* September 24th 6-8pm college night , check the guidance website for details on schools who will be here
* School day visits in Sept – check the website for list of participating schools, if student is interested have them Sign up on Naviance for an appointment.

**Adjournment**

* 10:15am - moved by Tran Burnett, 2nd Michelle Schapiro

**Special Guests** – Leland Schardt and Jim Landers

* Things PHS has been working on – District is mandating all schools participate with Sandy Hook Promise initiative – to decrease school violence.
* Eight leaders have been chosen to go to training and work on the initiative on Sept 18th.
* Oct 10th the documentary **Angst** will be shown at 6:00pm in the auditorium. This movie addresses the issue of anxiety. Anxiety in the past 5 years has risen tremendously, we are trying to address underlying issues and help our students deal with mental health
* Act Now is a county wide initiative to address talking about mental health, and who to reach out to if necessary,
* Unity Days – Once every 9 weeks students are pulled together to do group activities and break out groups to work on awareness of mental health, diversity, bullying, and any other issues at school.
* September is Suicide prevention month
* The guidance counseling office addresses a wide range of issues. The primary focus is working with students to support mental health and being involved if our students need other assistance.
* There was a large mental health forum and we were told a “road map’ of support services is in place. The guidance/counseling office can give you that information if you would like it. Information will be posted on the website.

Attendance - ~95

**Next PHS Academic Foundation Meeting Tuesday October 8th at 9:15am in the Media Center**