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**General Membership Meeting**

**Tuesday November 12th 2019, 9:15am Media Center**

**President’s Report**: Michele Molinelli

* 9:21am call to order

**College & Career Counselor Update**: Lauren Moseley

* Seniors – Bright Futures information is available now, underclassmen apply after October 1st, the process has been streamlined online.
* Financial aid – if you need help with FAFSA there’s a meeting Nov 21 at 6:00pm at Jefferson High.
* We have some new scholarships opening soon. Hillsborough   
  Education Foundation scholarships open Nov 15th, due at end of January, search online educationfoundation.com/scholarships.
* Everything is posted to EDSBY - please look there for details.
* For colleges with January 1-15th deadlines for applications, PHS has Dec 1st deadline to request transcripts to colleges from the office.
* Underclassmen – Juniors - free SAT is set for March 4th. Scores will ultimately post in College Board accounts. There is no free ACT test given by the district.
* PSAT – planned score release date Dec 9th. Students should link those scores to Khan Academy.
* Bank of America Student Leaders Program – 8 week summer internship,.. Info is posted on EDSBY regarding applications.

**Membership Update:** Janet Knust

* 128 members and over $28,000 raised. If you know anyone who’s not a member yet, please encourage them to support us. Any amount is appreciated and will make them a member.

**Business Partner Update:** Greta Brooks

* Thanks to our Summa Cum Laude sponsors: Mathnasium, Burnett Law, P.A., Disciplined Minds Tutoring, Huntington Learning Center and Armstrong Tutoring.
* Business sponsorships are a full year long, no matter when they start sponsorship.

**Treasurer’s Budget Update:** Dale Guenther

* The budget is on the sheets on table. Please let us know if you have any questions.
* The annual FL Dept of Agriculture report has been filed and we are in compliance.
* Taxes have been filed and Foundation is in compliance.

**Education & Advocacy Update:** Teresa Potter

* Hillsborough County Commission voted to pass a vaping resolution raising the purchase age to 21 from 18, and it has teeth – there is another vaping bill before the state.
* Nov. 1 Parkland Commission released their report. Hoping senator Lauren Book will file legislation to implement the recommendations. Frequency of drills be less, content age appropriate, and leeway provided to special needs classrooms .
* There was a citizens advisory commission meeting. Growth management was there and spoke about capacity of Hillsborough County schools. Impact fees do not meet needs of school district to add new schools. County commission is talking about increasing impact fees to help pay for the needed new schools. Looking into what is happening with the interest collected on these fees and how they are spent.

**PTSA Update:** Monica Chandler

* PTSA is asking for you to go online and fill out a questionnaire about the school to keep school of excellence designation. Deadline to complete it is Nov. 13th.
* There are still a limited number of PDQ cards available in the office.
* General membership meeting tonight at 6:30 – talking about Sandy Hook Promise.
* Student volunteer fair is this Thursday, Nov. 14th.

**Faculty Grants & PHS Update:** Johnny Bush

* Thank you so much for everything you do.
* First 9 weeks is over, well into the second 9 weeks. First 9 week grades do not go on official transcripts.
* Please know that your teachers are the custodians of the grades. If you have concerns please contact your teachers – EDSBY is the best channel for this communication.
* Homecoming was a successful evening and very uneventful. We are wondering why so many families plan parties as an alternative to homecoming instead of encouraging the students to attend the dance and support Homecoming as an event. This is a trend in schools around the region.
* PHS is the top performing high school in FL without a magnet program. We are a top school, and we want to continue to be at this level, and we would like all students to have school pride.
* Lots of great things happening on campus. Theatre show was a success last week. We finished up all summer/fall sports except swimming. Winter sports are happening. Please encourage the community to participate. Teacher Holiday Dinner sponsored by the PTSA is coming up, the faculty, staff and significant others really appreciate this event.
* 6 new grants approved for this month. If you have any questions please reach out with questions.
* Feeder school visits are happening.
* We continue to focus on safety and school security.
* Q & A – Transcript grades? – First and second 9 weeks grades are averaged with the exam grade to get the semester grade, and only the semester grade is posted on the transcript.

**New Business/Announcement:**

* Volunteer fair is this Thursday, Nov. 14th. It is a PTSA function. Please support our PTSA.
* PTSA is sponsoring a practice ACT on Jan 11th 9am-1pm for $20 as a fundraiser and way for our kids to practice the test. More info on that to come.

**Adjournment:** 10:13am

**Attendance:** 55

**Presentation:** Transforming Lives Through College Access

Special Guest Speaker: Becky Gilmore, Program Coordinator, LEAP Tampa Bay College Access Network

Go to Volunteersuncoast.org/fafsa for help filling out FAFSA forms. Even if you don’t intend to volunteer, there is a lot of helpful information on the site.

For more info go to [www.leaptampabay.org](http://www.leaptampabay.org) or @leap4college on twitter.