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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, February 8, 2022 9:30am
Plant High School Media Center/ Zoom (Hybrid)

Welcome and Introduction – Alison Meyer

- Welcome to those in person and attending via Zoom.
- The December general membership meeting featured Mr. Thomas discussing AP classes.
- Guest Speakers presenting after the meeting today are Leland Schardt, Plant Social Worker, and Dr. Jane Adams, Plant Psychologist.

Business Partner Update –Nelson Bosque

- Thanks to Suma Cum Laude Business Partners-
 - Armstrong Tutoring
 - Brightwater Advisory
 - Burnett Law, PA
 - Huntington Learning Center
 - Mathnasium
- Magna Cum Laude Business Partners-
 - Steven Kanfer, MD, PPA
 - University Consultants of America, Inc
- Cum Laude-
 - Braddock Metallurgical
 - Goodnight Orthodontics
 - Mobley Homes Customs, LLC
 - Mockler Psychology, PA
 - Bell Henderson Team with Keller Williams Realty
 - Nelson Bosque, PA, MBA, Realtor with Smith and Associates Real Estate
- We are grateful for our community partners. Please try to support these businesses as they support us.

Membership - Janet Knust

- Thanks to all Academic Foundation members. Donations have supported grants totaling over \$40K this year.
- There are 132 members and \$35K in membership donations to date.

Treasurer's Report – Lexy Schwartz

- There has been income of \$55K through the end of January, largely due to generous contributions of business partners and members.
- 29K in grants funded so far, with \$12K for additional grants approved in February.
- Grants funded include \$26K for audio visual equipment/ technology, \$10K for department supplies and materials, \$3K for hydroponic garden maintenance, \$3K in teacher training & conference expenses, and \$1K in dues and licenses.
- There is currently a \$14K available cash balance for future grants.

Nominating Committee – Nicole Scivally

- The nominating committee is building the slate for the 2022-2023 Academic Foundation Board.
- If anyone has an interest in serving on next year's board, there will be a Willingness to Serve form posted on the PAF website soon. Please fill out the form and email back to Nicole Scivally or Nelson Bosque. Deadline for submittal will be noted on the form.
- Contact Nicole Scivally with any questions- 214-901-2624

Faculty Honor Roll- May Weber via Alison Meyer

- Our spring fundraiser "Show the Love" Faculty Honor Roll has begun. Mailers were sent to all Plant families two weeks ago.
- With the Faculty Honor Roll fundraiser, families can make a donation in return for the opportunity to have gold Honor Roll cards sent to teachers and/or staff members of their choosing, indicating to teachers that a donation has been made in their honor. Cards can include a handwritten note with a message of the donor's choosing. The donation amount is anonymous/ not revealed. One donation can be applied to as many cards as you wish regardless of amount. (It's not one card per donation.)
- Teachers love receiving gold cards so this is a popular way to recognize your favorite teachers.
- Thank you to those you have donated so far.
- The Faculty Honor Roll committee is attempting to wrap up the delivery of gold cards by end of the month.

PTSA Update- Jen Frier

- There are 441 PTSA members this year.
- PTSA raised money to host the Plant Faculty Christmas party. There was a surplus of funds so which was used to host lunch for the front office staff.
- PTSA Coffee Talks are virtual once a month. Look for Coffee Talk dates and topics in Panther Press and on the PTSA Facebook page.
- Future Talks will address mental health, legislation, College Readiness advice with Mrs. Mosely in March, and test anxiety in April.
- PTSA will be hosting dinner for teachers on conference night.
- Feb 22 is the next PTSA General Membership meeting.

Additional Business- Mr. Penn

- There will be an informational meeting about a free tutoring service called Paper on Feb 28 at 2:30. A representative from Paper will hold a Teams meeting.
- For more information go to the District website, find Clever, then look for "tutor" in subject of choice.
- Paper tutoring is all text-based, not video based.

Principal's Report- Mr. Bush

- Thanks to all Plant parent volunteers for your continued support.
- If any party would like to advertise a business, the proper channel to do this is through the Academic Foundation. Non-PAF Approved advertising such as signs posted on campus is not allowed.
- The Faculty Christmas party hosted by the PTSA was a huge success. Teachers and spouses attended the party at Westshore Yacht Club. Thank you to those that made this event happen.

- Current Enrollment: 2500 students
- Students continue to transfer into Plant from various locations both in state and out of state.
- New Faculty-
 - Mr. Sullivan - guidance counselor replacing Mrs. Mortar.
 - Katie Nelson - ESE teacher.
 - Alison Goldberg - reading teacher.
 - Roy Langford- access point teacher/ special needs
- Interns on campus include biology and social studies interns (both who are blind with guide dogs,) Physics intern, two English interns, and a Spanish intern.
- The blind interns are an example for students that you can succeed with disabilities and the importance of inclusion and diversity in the world.
- The Physics intern is the only one in Hillsborough and Pasco counties, so Plant is lucky to have him.
- 12 people from Leadership Tampa Bay are visiting Plant in the month of February. They will be paired with faculty members to experience a day in the life of a teacher.
- Covid Update- Case numbers are on the decline.
- Panther Preview for public feeder schools will be held on March 28. Ms. Fuques and Ms. Stone are planning the event.
- Safety continues to be a top priority. 60 percent of students have a modified schedule so they leave at various times during the day. Because of this, entry into school is more restricted than leaving school.
- Mr. Bush discourages parents from dropping items to their students at the curb. Items must be taken into Student Affairs where students will be called down to receive them.
- Social Media Concerns- If concerning posts are brought to Plant administration's attention, they will review it. Otherwise, social media is not governed unless directed from the country. Parents are encouraged to talk to their children. Parents and students can report things anonymously on the district website.
- There are on average 300 student sign-outs daily. The sign-out system is antiquated and not sufficient to handle the daily average. The school is reviewing alternatives to streamline the sign-out process.
- Plant is requesting from the district 2 screens to monitor movement on campus.
- Bathrooms - Main Hall bathrooms are always open. Upstairs bathrooms and music building are kept locked due to vandalism and vaping issues.
- Period friendly products will now be available in main bathrooms.
- Progress reports come out this week.
- Virtual Conference Night – February 10th, 4:00-6:30. Reach out to teachers via Canvas to schedule a conference.
- Beta and NHS inductions are coming up soon.
- Current Sports/Events ongoing include Boys & girls soccer, basketball, wrestling, Danceros, chorus and theater, lacrosse, track, flag football, Ricks café.
- All games and events must be attended by a Plant administrator.
- Question: When is the on-campus SAT date for juniors? Answer- March 2
- Mr. Bush states that juniors tend to score higher on the SAT administered in-school.

➤ **Meeting is adjourned.**

The next General Membership meeting is March 8.