

Miami Palmetto Senior High School PTSA General Meeting

September 9, 2021

Minutes-CORRECTED AT OCT 14TH MEETING

- I. Call to Order: 7:04 pm

- II. President's Report- Gina
 - a. Minutes from last general meeting on May 13, 2021 to be presented and reviewed as first order of business. If no corrections, discussion or questions, Katie Abbott moved to approve and hereby approved.
 - b. Poll conducted online about doing Zoom or in person meetings once we have a positivity rate of under 10%. All participants voted and evening Zoom meetings were most popular and in person in the mornings. If conditions improve will have at least 2 meetings in person in order to conduct voting. Presented agenda on-screen for tonight's meeting.
 - c. Welcome to returning and new Families! Review of the first few weeks of school.
 - i. HUGE SHOUT OUT TO Katie Abbott, Communications Chair, for doing an amazing job of putting out information with **Tatiana Hernandez who is our new e-blast Chair** working with Katie & I.
 - ii. SHOUT OUT TO Francisca Puga – for application process to receive the School of Excellence Award
 - d. Open Chairs positions available
 - i. 1st VP Staff Holiday Luncheon
 - ii. 1st VP Staff Appreciation
 - iii. 1st VP End of Year Luncheon
 - iv. 2nd VP Reflections - National PTA Program that recognizes students in the arts
 - v. 2nd VP Copy Room - approval for volunteers in school on hold
 - vi. 3rd VP Sponsorship Banners - coordinating banners for families/organizations that sponsor PTSA
 - vii. 3rd VP Silent Auction – annual event
 - viii. if interested in volunteering please contact Tara Hudson at hudsonfamilymiami@gmail.com
 - e. Field Update – submitted for NFL grant (250K) decision to be announced in October. District has agreed to match any funds received from NFL. Would still need to raise \$1,000,000 to complete stadium field. Jen Gould spearheading fundraising efforts. Project would include goal posts, covered bleachers, electronic scoreboard, for all sports not just football. If anyone interested in helping please reach out.

- III. Principal's Report- Ms. Dobbs_unable to attend Mr. Barreras presenting on her behalf. Welcome parents and students to a new school year. Thank PTSA for all that they do for the school.
 - a. Schedule changes – core classes and leveling took place during the first two weeks. Currently doing elective classes started this week and hope to change by September 17th. Counselors working diligently, please be patient.
 - b. Construction Updates – auditorium and band room hopefully will be completed in December/January. Working on punch lists. Construction trailer still taking up 150 parking spaces and hopefully they will vacate by end of September and 150 spaces will become available.
 - c. Ms. Valero will provide more information on students painting parking spaces.
 - d. Quarantine – teachers were all made aware that students need to have online access to the class if they need to quarantine and passively participate in classes. They can always email teachers for questions or issues.
 - e. Homecoming is Oct. 16th and Ms. Valero will provide more information on that.
 - f. Parent Volunteer Updates – as of now volunteers still cannot be on campus. Will keep updated if anything changes.
 - g. Crowding – we are at over 100% enrollment capacity this year making it difficult to have one-way stairwells. Have opened all stairwells and are doing staggered dismissal to alleviate the crowding in the hallways.
 - h. Questions from the chat
 - i. Open House any information? There will be a live and a virtual open house on the 27th of September and the 28th will be the live Open House. More information will be forthcoming. No students and just one parent per family due to social distancing.

- ii. Will there be pep rallies again? Ms. Valero will provide more information.
- iii. Quarantine protocol? This year once a student informs us, we go back 48 hours from positive test and determine with teachers through use of seating charts who were the students in 6 foot proximity and those students will be asked to quarantine. Students who do not have to quarantine are those who are at least two weeks fully vaccinated or if they have a positive antibody test or have had COVID in the last 3 months, UNLESS showing symptoms.
- iv. Issue in the student parking lot. Parents are waiting for their students there and there are obstructing traffic. Security guards will be advised of the situation and stop parents from entering the student parking lot.
- v. Traffic map shown on-screen. Please do not drop off or drive through teacher parking lot and please be aware that there are one-way streets during school times, and many streets are no left turns. Please make sure you know traffic patterns and follow them.
- vi. Any update on parking wait list? All spaces have been sold and awaiting the spaces being taken up by construction trailer. Once they open up those on WL will be notified.
- vii. School issued devices, who can be contacted? Mr. Tellechea, he is located in the attendance office and he would be the person that would distribute devices. Please feel free to email him.
- viii. How much police presence on school campuses? We have a dedicated resource officer, Officer Diaz, who is on campus full-time.

IV. Student Services, CAP, and Activities Linda Dwyer lindadwyer@dadeschools.net

- a. Your students are great and all seem to be doing well and happy to be back on campus.
- b. Students all need to be in SCOIR a district provided platform to prepare for the college application process. Linda will visit all senior and junior classes to present information on platform and make sure everyone is signed up. Organizational and communication tool. Parents should also sign up.
- c. College visits will all be virtual except for Alabama. Sign up in on SCOIR. Meetings during 1st lunch. Have students speak with teachers to arrange to attend the meetings they wish to attend. All grades can attend.
- d. College Fair still in person as of now. To take place Oct. 4th from 6:30-8pm. 60 colleges attending and students will sign up Seniors first, then Juniors, etc. in order to be able to socially distance to attend the fair. COVID guidelines will be followed. If not comfortable attending in person please contact Linda.
- e. Meetings will be for Seniors until Nov. 1st and before school and during lunch for others who may have questions.
- f. Social Media IG @MiamiPalmettoCAP and FB Scholarships and Information for Families at Palmetto

V. Activities Director – Ms. Valero

- a. School website www.palmettopanthers.org please check the news section or visit the Virtual Activities Office linked in “Impawtant Links” all interactive. Twitter and IG @palmettoshs and/or @mpshactivities
- b. PTSA student member introductions; Allie Gould, Angelina Astic, Matt Martinez.
- c. Activities Fair – September 22 & 23 in the gym. 60 clubs represented. 9th and 11th grade go with English classes and 11th and 12th grade go during their lunch. Get information and sign up for clubs you’re interested in. Meetings start in October. Full calendar of meetings will be published in October.
- d. Homecoming 2021- theme is Hocooween October 11th – 16th as of September 9th Homecoming will take place. Panther Prowl pep rally lip sync battle between classes and clubs will take place on Oct 14th in school at the gym tickets will be sold and all proceeds will be donated to United Way. Hallway décor, dress up days 11th-15th Monday – Decade Day, Tuesday – Throwback Day, Wednesday – Costume Day will have trick or treating during lunch, Thursday – Class Color Day (Seniors – Red, Juniors – Orange, Sophomores – Yellow, Freshmen – Purple) can purchase tickets to go to Panther Prowl, Friday is Panther Spirit Day. Homecoming Game on Oct 15th vs Southridge. Dance on the 16th in the gym. Tickets first come first serve for Palmetto students for first week and then it will open to off campus guests. All grade levels can attend.
- e. Fun activities planned for the year; Harvest Festival, pep rallies in the courtyard during lunches, courtyard lighting for the holidays, Fall Show in black box theater as an outdoor concert. Links to watch TV production will be made available through PTSA.

VI. Students Services

- a. Student Academic Advisors assigned by last name. Information available on school web site under Students. Appointments are made by emailing counselors directly or calling the school and leaving a message with Olga.

VII. Treasurer Report - Maritza

- a. Statement of activity presented on-screen. Fiscal year from July 1st to June 30th.
- b. Revenues \$35,805.42 in donations, memberships & contributions.
- c. Total expenses \$12,555,04
- d. PTA Annual Audit presented on screen, required by FL PTA was submitted declared in compliance and accepted. Move to accept 2020-2021 audit report. Motion to approve and second.
Are there any objections? If no objections audit approved.
- e. 2021-2022 proposed budget presented on-screen; Total gross revenues \$67,550 & total expenses \$67,350
- f. Science grant money and special fund called PAWS for Panthers donations that are earmarked for most in need students. These funds are in a money market.
- g. Floor open for questions or concerns on the chat. If no questions, concerns or corrections, proposed budget 2021-2022 is approved.

VIII. Membership and Donations - MemberHub Nicole Zimelman

- a. What does PTSA do? www.palmettohighptsa.org
 - i. provide open and frequent communication on social media and via weekly newsletter
 - ii. provide additional funding for programs for our students
 - iii. advocate for students, teachers and parents locally and legislatively in Tallahassee
- b. 575 members as of now, goal is \$50,000 and so far, we have \$32,525
- c. If you donate you automatically get membership for up to 4 people. Please sign up for PTSA through Memberhub or send a check with your student.
- d. First fundraiser of the year raised \$473.90 at Chipotle Welcome back night
- e. Amazon Smile please sign up through your Amazon account with MPSHPTSA as your charity and we receive a percentage of sales.
- f. Banners will line the fence for our sponsors who donated last year and for those who donated this year those banners are being ordered.

IX. Legislative & Advocacy Report – Nancy Lawther and Angelina Astic

- a. PTA is non-partisan organization but PTA does take a stand and has a position as they relate to public education and children and we advocate for them.
- b. Will send calls to action at certain times for issues that affect schools and/or students.
- c. FOCUS will be led by Angelina our student advocacy chair working with student groups addressing inclusion, diversity and advocacy and updating us so we can better support our students on their goals. Focusing on student involvement and representation.

X. Athletics Liaison Chair – Jen Gould

- a. If children participating in sports need to fill out forms and provide insurance can be found on website.
- b. In discussions to have athletic gear to sell.
- c. Conducting fundraising throughout year for the field project.
- d. Best way to keep updated is to follow teams' social media accounts.
- e. Lacrosse club will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:00-5:00 at Suniland Park starting September 14th and runs until Thanksgiving.

XI. Student Report – Allie Gould

- a. Hallways very crowded a concern for many students
- b. Students having a good time adjusting and looking forward to Homecoming

XII. Important Dates & Upcoming Events

Sept 9 & 10	School Picture Day
Sept 14	EESAC Meeting 2:20pm Room 5107
Sept 16	No School (Teacher Planning Day)
Sept 20	Silver Knight Meeting
Sept 21	Village of Pinecrest EAC 9:15am (Virtual)
Sept 21	Senior parent Night 6:30-8:00pm (Virtual)
Sept 22 & 23	Activities Fair
Oct 4	College Fair 6:30pm MPSH Gym
Oct 11	Financial Aid Night via Zoom
Oct 13	PSAT free for sophomores and juniors and freshmen \$18 avalencia@dadeschools.net
Oct 14	Panther Prowl
Oct 14	General PTSA Meeting time/place TBD
Oct 15	Homecoming game 7:30pm @ Tropical Park vs. Southridge
Oct 16	Homecoming Dance

XIII. For Students

- a. Seniors must make appointments with Fox-Mar to get their senior pictures taken. Even if not purchasing photos, will not appear in yearbook unless they take picture.
- b. 1st Wednesday of every month from 2:20-3:30pm in MPSH Media Center Teen Talk Round Table open to all students facilitated by Trust Counselor to discuss mental health issues.
- c. Yearbooks on sale now. Prices increase as year progresses. Go to www.thepalmecho.com to purchase for questions email a.huffman.thepalmecho@gmail.com
- d. Sign up for SCOIR on app or via web
- e. School spirit wear can purchase at <http://sharingwear.org> Part of proceeds go to PTSA and a portion to a different charity each month.
- f. Follow your class on IG mpsh.2022, mpsh2023, mpsh2024, mpsh2025
- g. Opt-in to MDCPS app for important alerts and to access the portal
- h. Questions? Email ptsa.mpsh@gmail.com or visit www.palmettohighptsa.org

XIV. Adjournment: 8:40pm

**Next General Meeting
Thursday, October 14th, 2021 Time/Place TBD**