

MIAMI PALMETTO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL PTSA General Meeting
November 10, 2021
Minutes

I. Called to order 7:08 PM

Principal's Report

Encouraging kids to get to school on-time and reacclimate to school (knows many families have been negatively impacted by the pandemic)

Mask Opt-Out:

- 20% of Students (530) have opted out, more expected to have opted out, not as many as predicted
- Procedure: Form (issued by district) can be found on website (insert website here) which can be filled out by parent electronically and is inputted into a district database and will show up on their gradebook (will make sure that students who did not opt out continue to wear their mask)
- Trying to keep distance at schools (keep events at a specific capacity).
- Student can only access bottle refill stations, other school safety protocols still being kept in place, students with health concerns are advised to wear masks and maintain social distancing
- Field trips continue to adhere to district guidelines
 - Guidance from District
- I have to check what she just said (will fact-check) Guidance from the district regarding elementary schools may also have changed.
 - COVID-19 Cases
- COVID-19 cases have gone down. Some weeks there are no positives.
- Quarantine rules have changed (only for those directly next to those who tested positive)
 - Students are able to bring in proof of vaccination and no symptoms in order to avoid a quarantine period.
 - Staff is not allowed to keep/make copies of vaccination information.
- Teachers will continue to work with seating charts as COVID-19 guidelines change.
 - Students will NOT be segregated within their classrooms based on mask or unmasked.
- The district strongly suggests that those who are unvaccinated wear a mask and that those who are unmasked imply that they are vaccinated.
 - Events
- Had band/orchestra performance at Palmetto Middle in the past weeks
- Construction/Grants
- Construction Update - Basketball Courts almost finished, Meeting on Friday with construction workers to establish final dates for auditorium

President's Report:

NFL grant results will be released in November

Activities Report:

- Canned Goods -> SO many goods were collected for the canned food drive. Student council was able to make a sizable organization.
- Holiday Charity -> Toy collection and distribution will occur in the holiday season, new, unwrapped toys, NO stuffed animals, think about older children, not just toddlers

- For toy drives, not allowed to collect gift cards. For Paws for Panthers, they are doing a gift card drive (helps students in school who require extra assistance) (Include sign up genius link in post
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e4caaa62aa31-paws1>)
- Fall Festival- 22nd- Students have option to go to courtyard to take photos, write down what they are thankful for
- Winter Festival/Performing and Visual Arts showcase, 15th of December, 1st Event since covid of whole department, lighting a christmas tree in courtyard, artwork will be showcased
- Tours are starting for younger students who are interested in getting info about MPSH. Tues. 16, 30, Dec. 16? Tours sign up can be found on the school website.
- 2 Fundraisers- Magazine and Cake sale, fully funds junior's senior year, look out for juniors raising money for class selling
- Sophomore Class will host an online fundraiser selling - to help raise money for their own class
- Junior Parent Night- This coming Tuesday On zoom, link on school website, touching on getting mentally prepared for college application process.
- United Way -> Close to \$4,000 raised for United Way, half was just raised in panther prowl tickets.

CAP Counselor

- Candy donations are so great!!! Encourage families to bring in candy.
- Seniors have done a lot of their applications (Nov. 1st)
- Juniors will be meeting Dwyer next week in classes
- NO appointments available for Dwyer next week
- Junior Parent Night (Nov. 16 @6:30 p.m.) → preregister
- Gradtrack → Available in multiple languages, resource for students?
- Students can contact counselors during lunchtime and email appointments
 - Communications/Fundraisers
- JOIN PTSA!! Will have more membership contests soon
- 921 Members, 79 Away from having 1,000, would love to reach goal, reach out to friends/ family
- Over 45,000 in Sponsorships, reason for more banners, all family/business sponsors are accounted for
 - Almost to \$47k; sponsor event in December. Will be an exclusive in-school experience!
- Annual Cocktail event will be in person, sponsors at certain levels will receive free tickets, other tickets will be available for sale

Legislation:

- PTSA position statement on expectations of civility (lots of discourse)
- Currently, Athletics is working on athletic gear → more updates soon!!

First VP-Lynn- December-

Staff and Teacher Luncheon on december 16th, winter break meal for teacher and staff, hoping to gain school wide support, PTSA dropbox will be available after the thanksgiving holiday, asking for \$25 gift cards of any type for the teachers+staff, gift cards should remain anonymous

Third VP- Elyssa

- Paws will begin to be publicized again on memberhub

Special Projects- Met With Principal Dobbs, went through a list of requests, total amount \$1500 but total amount coming through is \$17,000 for Arts (equipment and lighting for all of our Arts Programs).

Student Reports-

- Had a good activities week, new mask policy

New Business, Reminders, and Dates-

Amazon smile reminder, Teen talk roundtable reminder, social services reminder
Have a wonderful winter break!

Next PTSA General Meeting- Thursday, January 13th at 7pm