

MIAMI PALMETTO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL PTSA General Meeting & Elections

April 14, 2022

Minutes

- I. Call to Order: 7:02 and start recording of meeting & approval of prior minutes questions or comments on previous minutes please let us know. Any corrections, changes or additions to previous minutes? With no discussion the minutes are accepted into the record.

- II. Principal's Report
 - a. Graduation Updates- June 3rd at 2 pm @ UM: Number of tickets? 6 tickets for each student. Doesn't seem like there will be any constraints at UM. Full capacity
 - b. Construction Updates – full time work on and auditorium should be completed by beginning of next school year as well as estate fencing and other areas being worked on in campus.
 - c. Panther Proud – We've been in the news. Our government students had opportunity to speak to media about Judge Jackson's confirmation. We had a pep rally to celebrate the event. Many news stations at the school and excitement on campus. Heavy testing season coming up. Prom coming up. It's feeling like things are back to normal and students seem excited to be able to participate in all of the activities and sporting events. If there are any questions, please put them in the chat and they will be answered.

- III. Activities, CAP, Counselors Report
 - a. Ms. Valero unable to attend. Prom on April 30th @ UM Student Center from 7-11pm students can park at Pavia Garage. MPSH activities page follow on IG for more information. Dress code is on the website.
 - b. Junior ring ceremony Monday May 18th at 6pm in the gym can pick up tickets on Monday during lunch.
 - c. Graduation June 3rd at 2pm at UM Watsco Center 6 tickets each, general admission.
 - d. End of Year Awards last day to apply is tomorrow April 15th application is on the school website under news. There is a google form to apply.
 - e. Underclass awards May 20th streaming live on You Tube at 6pm and Senior awards will stream live on May 27th on You Tube at 6pm more information to follow
 - f. Questions contact Ms. Valero email esilverio@dadeschools.net or go to Activities Virtual Office on the school website website for more information
 - g. Linda Dwyer contact info lindadwyer@dadeschools.net contact her to make appointments. Please sign up for SCOIR. Attend college visits, follow on IG @MiamiPalmettoCAP and FB Current College Information for Friends and Families from Palmetto for updated information on college questions
 - h. Seniors must decide by May 1st where they will go to college. Seniors update SCOIR by Apr 15th where you will be attending.
 - i. Important info slide
Seniors – Update SCOIR page, celebrate college decision day with us on May 2nd and do something this summer!
Juniors – Start your college list, start working on essays, watch Secret Sauce (date TBD) and do something this summer!
Sophomores – Set up SCOIR, watch Secret Sauce (date TBD), and do something this summer!
Freshmen – Set up SCOIR, watch Secret Sauce (date TBD), and do something this summer!
Be yourself and be the best you, you can be.
 - j. Wednesday, April 27th MDC coming to do an orientation at 8am at MPSH at the cafeteria
 - k. Vocational schools also coming to give presentations to our students
 - l. Thank you Ms. Dwyer for the junior college tour 10 colleges in 3 days. There will be another one this summer June 13-15 that you may sign up for. Registration is open. Grand Tours College 1-877-345-1080 www.grandcollegetours.com email info@grandcollegetours.com Typically 48-50 students for these tours.
 - m. Secret Sauce will take place virtually date TBD. There will be a committee to help choose the seniors that will participate. Graduating seniors will offer advice on college application process.
 - n. College Decision Celebration Day on May 2nd during both lunches have your students wear their college spirit wear. PTSA also has some surprises planned.

IV. President's Report

- a. Meet & Greet with new Superintendent Dotres – Gina and Elyssa were able to attend a breakfast and meet the new superintendent. He is just as committed to maintaining Miami-Dade as one of the best school districts in the country and concentrating on helping students to regain any learning losses as a result of Covid.
- b. Congratulations to our newest Supreme Court Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson! A banner will be hung to acknowledge her accomplishment. She gave a shout out to MPSH in her speech at the WH after her confirmation.
- c. NomCom, Slate Announcement and Election at end of this meeting – Executive board is made up of president, 3 VPs, recording and corresponding secretaries, and treasurer. There are many standing chair positions and there are many opportunities available to participate next year. Please contact us if you are interested.

V. Treasurer Report- Maritza

- a. Budget Review
Checking account beginning balance \$50,025.38, debits \$3,725.35, deposits \$153.29, ending balance \$46,454.35
Money Market ending balance \$79,615.48
- b. Have funded the following items since the last meeting – Staff appreciation, admin costs tax audit paid accountant, website communications paid zoom, club grants, paid for SAT/ACT assistance, special projects. Budget amendment will be proposed at next meeting. Full budget available on website.
- c. ACT/SAT program for at risk seniors that need to pass exams in order to graduate. PTSA pays a private tutor to help these students prepare and pass these tests.
- d. Special projects we lowered the budget during Covid to pay for filters and safety items, we did approve more projects than we budgeted for and we will bring amendment for special projects to the general membership for approval
- e. Where does our PTSA money go? 41% student support, 26% hospitality, 19% Programs and 14% for administration fees. Slide presented.
- f. Auction and cocktail party is last opportunity this year to sponsor PTSA. Teachers will attend for free. There will be an auction. Cocktails on May 6th. Adults only. More information to follow. Please RSVP.

VI. VP/Chair Reports & Any Upcoming Events

- a. 1st VP Report- Lynn
 - i. Teacher Appreciation have events planned, SPED event in May and end of year celebration for the teachers to wrap up the year.
- b. 2nd VP Report- Shannon
 - i. Have not had any events since last meeting
- c. 3rd VP Report- Elyssa
 - i. Have sent invitations to our bronze+ sponsors to attend the Love Our Panthers cocktail contact for any questions loveourpanthers@gmail.com Will be hosted by the Zimmelman family. Please considering taking Uber. Link purchase www.ticketstinyurl.com/loveourpanthers22 Auction, there will be two graduation packages, parking spots, restaurant gift cards, jewelry. Our goal for year was 40K and we are almost at 50K. Thank everyone for donating so generously all year. Mens' Warehouse has donated tuxedo rentals for our students. We encourage you to support them in appreciation for supporting our school.
- d. Membership- Nicole
 - i. Nothing new. Fell short of 1,000 member goal but hope we can reach it next year
- e. Communications- Katie
 - i. Contact Katie at katielabbott@comcast.net to include anything in the weekly newsletter as well as announcements and pictures to be featured on social media. We want to hear from everyone!
- f. Athletics- Jen

- i. Athletics are doing very well. Badminton won GMACs, boys and girls Lacrosse did well in districts, Tennis. Our teams are doing very well.
- g. Special Projects- Dionne
 - i. Approved 17K in equipment for fine arts department this year such as lighting for blackbox theater
- h. Legislative Report- Nancy
 - i. Slide on PTSA legislative updates presented – highlighted that FL Bright Futures Scholarship changes. Last year they took away \$600 book stipend. This year they will allow you to use work hours toward volunteer hour requirement.
 - ii. We are nonpartisan but we hold opinions and push for bills that we feel are supportive of our students and public education in FL.
 - iii. www.votervoice.net/MDCCPTA/home sign up for updates on advocacy
 - iv. Election dates - Primary FL Election August 23rd and General Election November 8th
- i. Student Reports- Allie, Angelina, and Matt – Panther Leadership Day and get all presidents and soon to be presidents to increase participation of more student body clubs and organizations to increase more diverse and inclusive participation. PTSA is happy to support that with food or snacks. This will take place later this month. Another initiative taking place having our students express their views to Congress. AP exams starting, last issue of The Panther coming out highlighting women in our school and community making a difference, looking for staff for next school year if you know of anyone please refer them to us.
- j. Additional Reports – questions or concerns? None
- k. Shout out to Sharing Wear <http://sharingwear.org/> show support for your school and support local charities
- l. Slide on upcoming dates presented (see dates below)

VII. New Business

- a. Presentation of the Slate of 2022-23 Executive Board and Elections – if you are not a PTSA member you may leave meeting. Articles read by the recording secretary, nominating committee slate was read out. All candidates have agreed to accept these positions.
 - President – Elyssa Lewis
 - 1st VP – Krank Berlowe
 - 2nd VP – Courtney Hoffman
 - 3rd VP - Lynn Goldenberg
 - Recording Secretary – Francisca Puga
 - Treasurer – Maritza Shapiro
 - Corresponding Secretary – Fatima Chaiken-Gomberg
 Nominations accepted from the floor for all positions. No nominations. Since there are no nominations from the floor the chair closes the floor for nominations. Digital vote presented, vote taken and the chair published the results. Unanimously elected the new board for 2022-20223. Thank you to the nominating committee. Thank you to board members for accepting to serve. Thank you to our sponsors. We invite you to attend our final general PTSA meeting of the year on May 12th at 7pm.

VIII. Dates:

April 19-20: Blood Drive
 May 2: AP Exams Begin
 May 2-11: 9th/10th Grade FSA ELA Reading Test (two days only)
 May 2-6: Teacher Appreciation Week
 May 2-13: AP Exams
 May 4: Teen Talk Roundtable, 2:20-3:30PM
May 6: ANNUAL LOVE OUR PANTHERS COCKTAIL PARTY
May 12: LAST General PTSA Meeting, 7 pm Zoom
 May 12-17: Geometry Test (two days only)

May 16-19: Algebra 1 Test (two days only)
 May 17-20: AP Exams Make-Ups
 May 20-23: US History Test (one day only)
 May 23-25: Biology Test (one day only)
 May 25: Yearbook Distribution Day
 May 26: Silver Knight Awards Ceremony, 7 pm
 May 31: ESE Parent Survey Due Date
 June 3: Class of 2022 Graduation, 2:00PM

IX. Adjournment 7:45pm

LAST PTSA General Meeting Meeting
Thursday, May 12th, 2022 @ 7pm