

Palms PTO Meeting 9/5/2018 Minutes

Principal report By Dr. Scheibenhofer & Mr. Spearing

Start of school a little rough, some immunization reports missing causing parent upset.

6th grades a little like deer in headlights, getting lockers sorted out.

Went over school policies and expectations.

More smiling faces today than yesterday.

Building – positive behavior intervention new for this year. Kick off on 9/25/2018 for students.

Behavior in bathrooms, cafeteria, and bus

Reward for good behavior called pirate patch. Kids will sign a ledger and school is planning on making a pirate ship to display the students that get a pirate patch.

Start of School to watch program is to be a leader for other schools

No place for hate – all grades included

New grading policy starting this school year. To pass all students need a 65% next year will be a 70%. This is to get the students ready for high school passing grade is a 70%

New website www.palisd.org

PTO – correction to meeting times. Meetings will be held the first Wednesday of the month, 5:30 to 6:30, school board meeting is at 7pm. This was done to help the principals make the meetings and not have to be out another night of the week.

Need officers – anyone that would like to join the PTO board please contact one of the PTO board members, Carrie Winters, Jen Keller and Diana Santoro welcome aboard.

Secretary's Day – April – PTO gives small gifts to the 3 building secretaries, Sandy Aikey, Deb Fleck and Karen Chadwick

8th grade party – need chair and start planning early February - 8th grade parents, needs a team of parents to work with the 8th grade student counsel.

Teacher/staff appreciation – Staff, Bus drivers, custodian dinner done in May – staff appreciation is a luncheon, bus drivers is a breakfast and custodians is a night dinner. Need a team of parents. Need organizer to get donations of food and need supplies for the events. Dates are chosen by the organizer and verified with the building.

Musical/band/orchestra events bake sale – need a team of parents to organize donations and snack purchases and staffing the event.

Volunteers for field day & popsicles - Mr. Spearing requests some volunteers to help out on field day. It's held at the end of the school year. PTO purchases the popsicles.

Teen night out Volunteers –Mr. Spearing would like to have a few parents to help out. Typical 4 to 6 a school year.

School store – team of parents needed to run the school store. Principals would like to see the store open 1-2 days per week during resource. 7:30 – 8:10am

Spirit wear – typically run a sale 2 times per year. Carrie Winters has run this in the past but always looking for new ideas and anyone that would like to help

Script account – would like to run monthly – it's a pre purchase gift card program. Waiting to get the information from the former chairperson. Have a parent that is interested in getting more information on this program.

Vending machine status – we have one vending machine in the building that sells Gatorade & water after school hours. We were given 2 more and looking to have one in the Palms staff lunch room and possibly one in the high school staff lunch room. Waiting for them to be put in place by the director of food services.

Box top – need a parent (s) to take over this program.

Giant rewards – waiting for more info from the prior chairperson

Amazon smile account – a possible idea for fundraising. However we believe Palisades community foundation has one. We wouldn't want to do this if they already have account.

Suggestion made to attached the meeting minutes to either something the PTO has or to the pirate reminder.

Newsletter was asked about. Typical we tell Dr. Scheibenhofer to add to the pirate reminder that goes out weekly.

A parent at the meeting suggested possibly using sign up genius for chair people and helpers.

